<u>Appeal to the Shetland Charitable Trust</u> <u>from the local business community</u>

Whatever our personal feelings about Viking Energy we have to face facts. The windfarm has been approved by the Scottish Government. It will be built with or without the Charitable Trust. Shetland can't afford to sit back and lose this opportunity.

The prospect of a new industry for the islands, new jobs and expertise and substantial income to the Charitable Trust and the whole community offers us a great opportunity which we would be foolish to reject. After the coming of oil we are incredibly lucky to have the second chance offered by renewable energy.

The vision that created the Charitable Trust has enabled it to fund $\pounds 11 - 14$ million annually into the community. It is important that this work can continue.

We urge Trustees to approve the investment of a further £6.3 million to take the windfarm forward and to remain a partner for the benefit of the Shetland community.

To back out now the windfarm has received Government permission would mean throwing away any control over the development and see the potential profits lost to the community along with an increasing number of young people who will leave to look for work.

Please email support@windfarmsupporters.org saying you agree to put your name to the public letter to Trustees and give your name and business or company. Thanks for your help.