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Andrew Bruce (Founder of Far North Aviation) submission of 30 October 2020

It would appear that H.I.A.L are trying to pull the wool over who they can in order to accomplish, what I believe, is their ulterior motive which is to downgrade Wick and Benbecula at any cost which of course will ultimately lead to the demise of Caithness and the Western Isles economy and will crucially effect essential Air Ambulance lifeline services which would be unforgivable not to mention Job losses and the subsequent loss of local businesses that have thrived on airport business for some 30 years viz: Hotels, Restaurants, Transport providers and Airport infrastructure services .

It appears even at this late stage in the “supposed “ consultative process that in regard to the intention to downgrade Air Traffic Services at both Wick and Benbecula would categorically result in future airline scheduled services and all other general aviation flights requiring an instrument approach being unable to operate to or from these airports for more than 6 months of the year given the ambient weather conditions experienced at both these airports .