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Shetland Charitable Trust Chairman Bobby Hunter responded to the news that Sustainable Shetland will now attempt an appeal to the Supreme Court.

Mr Hunter stated:

"We are really disappointed that Sustainable Shetland hasn't accepted the very clear judgement from the senior Scottish judges back in July, when they ruled that the Viking windfarm could go ahead.

This should have been the time that Shetlanders started coming together, to work towards successful completion of this project, with all the jobs, economic security and social benefits it will bring.

Instead, Sustainable Shetland's decision to appeal means we face many more months – perhaps years - of unnecessary delay before we know that Shetland's financial future is secure".

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Notes for editors:-

Shetland Charitable Trust is an independent organisation set up in 1976 to manage income from Sullom Voe oil terminal on behalf of the community.

Its funds are currently worth around £220m, with £180m invested on the world markets and £40m in the local economy.

Each year it distributes around £10m to local groups and projects, including Shetland Recreational Trust, Shetland Amenity Trust, Shetland Arts Development Agency, the rural care centres, and voluntary groups.

It owns Shetland Leasing and Property Developments Ltd (SLAP), Shetland Heat Energy and Power Ltd (SHEAP) and SCT Renewables Ltd.

SCT's policy is to pass on the oil funds to future generations by investing them in a self sustaining way.

More details about Shetland Charitable Trust can be found at www.shetlandcharitabletrust.co.uk