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Dear Sir

**Ref: Planning Application S11/1922/FULL/PWM/PC11**

To assess local opinion with regard to both the above proposed application, and the previous Screening Applications, S11/1468, and S11/1828, Carlton Scroop and Normanton Parish Council have held two formal public meetings of residents to assess attitudes to the proposed developments.

An initial meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> was attended by 31 residents, 30 of whom opposed consideration of any such wind turbine installations. The second, on October 10<sup>th</sup>, was attended by over 60 residents, approx 90% of whom opposed the formal Planning application now submitted.

**The Parish Council hereby registers its formal objection to planning application, S11/1922, and requests the Planning Committee to formally reject the application.**

The Councils objection is based on a wide range of issues the most significant of which are outlined hereunder.

1. The current application has not been subject to an application for screening approval. The previous application for screening approval for the Lodge Farm development – S11/1468 - having been situated over 600 m from the site of the current proposal.
2. The noise 'model' attached to the application is of a generic nature and as with all simulation based models is unlikely to accurately reflect all variation terrain, time of day, or ambient noise levels in the vicinity.
3. The agent sponsoring the proposal has confirmed in a conversation ( Robinson / Mc Allister ) with the Parish Council that the proposed installation has not been the subject of a detailed on-site sound survey which would determine the precise aural disturbance footprint generated by the proposed turbines. The agent further claimed that they had not been requested to do so by SKDC and that such a survey would only be undertaken if requested by SKDC's environmental health team.  
As residents and ratepayers to SKDC we believe that SKDC should reject any consideration of this planning application until such time as a real world on site noise evaluation has taken place with the involvement of CS & N Parish Council Representatives.
4. Section 13 of the formal Planning Application misrepresents the impact of the development on bio-diversity. The negative response to Item B – designated sites and habitats - ignores the importance of significant bat roosting locations in the adjacent areas. We consider that before any consideration is given to this proposal a formal bat roosting survey should be undertaken, and that this should fully reflect seasonal variations in bat habituation.

5. Section 15 provides a negative response in respect of the need for a tree survey . There are significant trees on land adjacent to this site and a tree survey should be undertaken.
6. The photographic representations of visibility are clearly selected to be deliberately misleading.
  - The view from Carlton Scroop taken from a point in the village where visibility is minimal.
  - No image of the visibility from Normanton is provided which will be one of the areas in which turbine visibility will be most intrusive.
  - The image from Barkston would appear to have deliberately selected a viewpoint where the visible housing development completely masks the view of the turbines. Had the image been taken at the eastern A607 edge of the village, turbine visibility would have been significant, as it would from the back gardens of many of the houses in the photo.
7. SKDC currently designates the Carlton Scroop and Normanton as being situated in a landscape of natural beauty. We would be interested to understand how the Council propose defending this declaration in view of the visual impact wind turbines will have on the landscape.
8. An equestrian centre is located within one Km of the site and routes used by both able bodied and disabled riders are situated within 100 metres of the proposed turbine locations. This is of particular concern as horses can be easily disturbed by intermittent noise such as that generated by wind turbines.
9. The Viking Way, an ancient trade route used by many walkers and riders, follows Howdale Lane which is situated within 350 metres of the proposed site.
10. Lodge Farm has over recent years been a recipient of significant Defra / Natural England grant funding to encourage the bio-diversity of and habitation by both wildlife and rare bird species. Grass margins have laid down and wet grassland created for wading birds and hedges restored under the Countryside Stewardship Scheme Proceeding with this wind turbine proposal will result in this investment having been wasted.

As a Council we are united in our objection to this proposal and consider that the SKDC Planning Committee should reject this Planning Application until such time as satisfactory responses, supported by appropriate technical reports, are provided in respect of all of the above detailed items.

Yours sincerely

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Carlton Scroop and Normanton Parish Council.