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Mr P Moore  
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My reference: MJW/1/SKDC

Dear Mr Moore

**PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE S11/1922**

I am responding to the planning application submitted by Mr Baines of Carlton Scroop as above. For information I live within 700 metres of the proposed Wind Farm site.

This letter is a formal objection to the proposal as submitted.

I object to the application on the following grounds:

- The proposal received by the SKDC was incomplete and lacking much information that should have been included in such an important proposition.
- I believe the proposed Wind Farm site would have a devastating visual impact on the landscape. In the South Kesteven Landscape Character Assessment carried out in January 2007 the area was designated as part of the "Trent and Belvoir Vale Character Area". Section 4.47 (MJW1) of that document states that this area "contains no power stations or major areas of mineral extraction, helping to maintain a rural feel". No prior consultation took place with local residents or visitors prior to the application being submitted. I believe that, if the proposed Wind Farm is developed, this will no longer be the case and so part of the character of this area will be destroyed.

Section 4.55 (MJW2) of the South Kesteven Landscape Character Assessment takes the point further and specifically recommends against "wind energy proposals" stating "Landscape sensitivity to wind energy proposals is likely to be medium . Whilst there are few features of intrinsic landscape sensitivity the open visual character of the landscape would ensure extensive visibility. Locations away from sensitive settlements, and close to existing human influences such as the A1 and power lines are likely to offer the more appropriate locations. The open nature of the landscape would mean that the cumulative impact of any proposals should be considered so that the character of the landscape does not become dominated by any wind energy proposals". I believe that this "speaks for itself" and supports my view that a Wind Farm would have a devastating visual effect on the landscape. I also attach a copy of the plan showing Landscape Sensivity for Wind Energy Proposals (MJW3).

- South Kesteven District Council policy number EN1 (MJW4) states "Development must be appropriate to the character and significant natural, historic and cultural

attributes and features of the landscape within which it is situated, and contribute to its conservation, enhancement or restoration". I believe that if this application is successful this will not comply with this policy.

- Policy EN1 also states that "All development proposals and site allocations will be assessed in relation to: .... 6. the condition of the landscape and .... 10. visual intrusion" and I believe that if approval is granted for this application the Wind Farm will pose an enormous "visual intrusion" and will be a blight on the unspoilt condition of the landscape.
- Enclosures (MJW5). I have taken a number of photographs from various vantage points to highlight this point. The photographs have been taken in positions adjacent to and some distance away from the proposed site. I have superimposed onto those photographs two wind turbines. These photographs are enclosed and I hope will help you, your planning committee and members of the public viewing this letter in making up their minds and coming to the conclusion that the development is thoroughly inappropriate. I have also included a contour drawing to accompany the photographs and an overall plan. The plan clearly shows the extensive network of footpaths around the site and Howdale Lane clearly marked 250m also from the site. It shows that the wind turbines will obscure the wonderful "big skies" of South Lincolnshire.
- Enclosure MJW6 shows the residences that would be most badly affected by the wind turbines, i.e. within 500m, 1000m and 1500m radius.
- I also enclose the site map with direct line of sight lines shown in red from my vantage points to the Wind Farm site to further highlight the "visual intrusion" that the Wind Farm will make. You will clearly see that the Wind Farm site will be visible from the full 360 degrees.

If you would like to meet me and visit the sites from which I have taken the photographs I would be delighted to show you and/or any of your colleagues around this quiet and unspoiled area that I believe should be preserved forever. I am unable to provide you with the necessary evidence of the visual effect on the surrounding countryside **from** the site itself as Mr. Baines has refused me entry. Could you provide me with photographs taken from the site, of the surrounding countryside at 360 degrees as my objection is incomplete without them or get them taken professionally (colour please) and I will pay for the cost.

There are other issues on which I will be commenting in additional correspondence but I did not wish these issues to detract attention from the major area of concern for so many residents this being the visual impact of wind turbines on the area as a whole. Amongst these issues are Noise levels, impact on bird life, Footpaths, Road Safety, the Existing Byway, safety issues for horses, their riders and road users amongst other specialised interested parties who have come to live in this area or who have lived here for many years.

I believe the planning committee should refuse this application because of the impact on the landscape and the other matters I have highlighted. The applicant will still be able to pursue other green energy power sources which may in fact be more economically and environmentally viable for him. However, if the application were to return to the use of wind power, he will find that there is a suitable wind funnelling effect close to his farmyard that would provide a suitable source of power from a 15m turbine such as the one situated at the Vehicle Testing Station at Spittlegate, Grantham.

I have passed this letter, photographs and contour drawings to the Carlton Scroop and Normanton Action Group.

Yours sincerely

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