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My reference: MJW/2/SKDC

SECOND LETTER

Dear Mr Moore

PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE S11/1922

Further to my earlier letter of today's date confirming my formal objection to the above application I now set out further reasons for my objection:

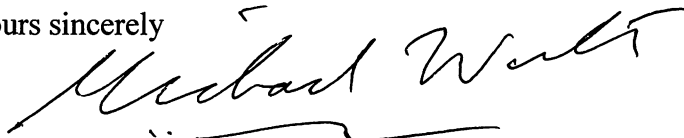
- Noise Levels. EN1 of the South Kesteven Adopted Core Strategy (MJW-A) states "All development proposals and site allocations will be assessed in relation to: ... 11. noise and light pollution".

Planning Policy Statement 22, Renewable Energy was issued by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister in August 2004. Paragraph 22 deals specifically with noise and acknowledges that renewable technologies may generate small increases in noise levels. It emphasises that local planning authorities should ensure that renewable energy developments have been located and designed in such a way as to minimise increases in ambient noise levels. It states that "The 1997 report by ETSU for the Department of Trade and Industry should be used to assess and rate noise from wind energy development". Before approval was granted I would expect the council to confirm that all statutory procedures in relation to noise levels had been carried out.

- Footpaths. The application includes a Design and Access Statement prepared by Entrust. This statement (MJW-B1) states "There are no known recreational routes used by the public in close proximity to the site." and that "Howdale Lane[is] to the south (approx 250m". As you will see from the plan attached (MJW-B2) this statement is erroneous. The plan clearly shows the extensive network of footpaths around the site and Howdale Lane is a Restricted Byway.

- Impact on birds and wildlife. The Planning Policy Statement 22 issued by the Office of Deputy Prime Minister at Point 61 in the Technical Annex (MJW-C) states “Early consultation between the developer and English Nature/RSPB is important. Most sites will require at least a breeding bird survey (between late March and early June) and a winter bird survey (November to February).” As far as I am aware this consultation and recommended surveys have not been carried out.
- Existing Restricted Byway (Howdale Lane). This is used extensively by the public and I believe the turbines will reduce their quiet enjoyment of this Byway.
- Road Safety and Horses. The Planning Policy Statement 22 issued by the Office of Deputy Prime Minister at point 56 in the Technical Annex (MJW-D) states “The British Horse Society, following internal consultations, has suggested a 200 metre exclusion zones around bridle paths to avoid wind turbines frightening horses”. There are roads within 200m of the proposed Wind Farm which are used by riders. Entrust clearly state in their Design and Access Statement (MJW-B1) that Carlton Road is 150m away from the Wind Farm site.
- Bats. They love the shelter of my trees and the bats can be seen there. No bats survey was completed prior to the application.
- Wind. No anemometer was used at, say hub height, before the application was submitted.
- General issues. I do not believe that all recommended consultations and procedures have been complied with by the applicant. For instance one of the key principles in the Planning Policy Statement 22 issued by the Office of Deputy Prime Minister (MJW-E) states “Developers of renewable energy projects should engage in active consultation and discussion with local communities at an early stage in the planning process, and before any planning application is formally submitted.” I am the owner of one of the properties closest to the development and have not been approached at all by the applicant. Particular reference should be taken on the number of listed properties situated in Hough on the Hill (8 in all) and amongst others Belton House (National Trust) in the distance near Grantham.
- Access to Site. I am unable to provide you with the necessary evidence of the visual effect on the surrounding countryside from the site as Mr. Baines has refused me entry to the site.

Yours sincerely



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