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## Welford Keith (Energy Development)

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**From:** Marc Willis <Marc.Willis@lincolnshire.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 25 January 2017 11:06  
**To:** Welford Keith (Energy Development)  
**Cc:** CllrC Davie; Neil McBride; Andy Gutherson  
**Subject:** FW: Heckington Fen Onshore Wind Farm - Request for Variation of Electricity Act Consent  
**Attachments:** Heckington Fen Wind Farm Letter re Local Concerns to Lincolnshire CC of 19 January 2016.pdf

Dear Mr Welford

I write in connection with the above and further to our previous response dated 4 February 2016.

The County Council notes the reports submitted by Dr Yelland and the response from the applicant's acoustic consultants regarding the variation application. The County Council does not have in-house expertise to assess the noise impact of wind turbines but the two reports/statements submitted are authored by specialists in the field and it is clear that there are conflicting views on the potential impacts of the proposed revised development.

In light of these conflicting technical noise reports, the County Council supports the views of North Kesteven District Council and the Heckington Fen Wind Turbine Action Group (Heck Off) and consequently also strongly advise that the Secretary of State commission his own fully independent Noise Impact Assessment before determining the application and that consent should not therefore be granted unless the Secretary of State is fully satisfied that noise impacts from the proposed revised development will not have an adverse impact upon the residential amenity of nearby residents. It is requested that the commissioning of any such independent Noise Impact Assessment should be undertaken with the oversight of both Dr Yelland and the applicants noise consultant in order to ensure that the locations and methodology adopted are agreed by both parties.

Your sincerely

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**From:** Marc Willis  
**Sent:** 04 February 2016 14:16

**To:** 'keith.welford@decc.gsi.gov.uk'

**Subject:** FW: Heckington Fen Onshore Wind Farm - Request for Variation of Electricity Act Consent

Dear Mr Welford

I have been forwarded your email and letter dated 19 January 2016 (attached) in connection with the above.

I can confirm that the County Council's views on the proposed variation remains unchanged and therefore our response and comments as contained in the email from the County Council's Strategic Planning Manager dated 23 April 2015 remain. For ease of reference this was as follows:

LCC objects to the proposed variation as the increase in blade length implies a 30% increase in swept area, which would:

- a) cause a greater landscape and visual impact;
- b) invalidate any previous noise assessment; and,
- c) cause a significant increase in risk to radar.

This is in effect a new proposal, and should not be subject to an attempt to vary conditions. The SoS should refuse this application, on the grounds that it would not be appropriate to approve without a full and proper assessment of the substantial increase in environmental impacts and other impacts (i.e. radar), for which a new application would be required, with full re-consultation with all relevant parties.

We would request that the SoS has regard to the views of the County Council and any other representations received, including those from the local community, in their consideration of the application.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** Phil Hughes

**Sent:** 20 January 2016 10:51

**To:** Marc Willis

**Subject:** FW: Heckington Fen Onshore Wind Farm - Request for Variation of Electricity Act Consent

Marc,

Over to you. I attach LCC's original response.

Phil

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**From:** Welford Keith (Energy Development) [<mailto:Keith.Welford@decc.gsi.gov.uk>]  
**Sent:** 19 January 2016 17:02  
**To:** Phil Hughes  
**Subject:** Heckington Fen Onshore Wind Farm - Request for Variation of Electricity Act Consent

Dear Mr Hughes

Please find attached, a letter seeking further comments on the request by Ecotricity for the existing section 36 consent for the Heckington Fen onshore wind farm to be varied. Grateful for any comments by close of play on 10 February 2016. Thanks.

Regards,

Keith Welford



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