

Welford Keith (Energy Development)

From: Windfarms <Windfarms.Windfarms@caa.co.uk>
Sent: 26 March 2015 14:29
To: Welford Keith (Energy Development)
Subject: RE: Heckington Fen Wind Farm - Request for Variation of Consent

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your email inviting comments on the application to vary the S36 consent for Heckington Fen.

Given that the overall tip height of the turbines (125m), the maximum number of turbines (22) and the locations of the turbines have not changed with the variation of consent application, the CAA have no additional comments at this time.

The CAA does, however, note that a radar mitigation scheme was required under the original proposal. The CAA would therefore recommend that existing aviation stakeholders are consulted on the variation as the proposed increase in rotor diameter may affect their radar modelling calculations.

Regards,

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Sent: 26 March 2015 13:32
To: Windfarms
Subject: Heckington Fen Wind Farm - Request for Variation of Consent

Mr [REDACTED],

Please find attached, a letter seeking comments on the proposed variation of the section 36 consent (and section 90 direction) issued in respect of the Heckington Fen Wind Farm. Grateful, for your response by 28 May 2015.

Regards,

Keith


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From: [REDACTED]@ecotricity.co.uk>
Sent: 20 March 2015 14:43
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Welford Keith (Energy Development)
Subject: RE: Heckington Fen Wind Park, Heckington Fen, near East Heckington - Ref:4038_P0202_01

Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your comments. Keith Welford at the Department of Energy and Climate Change will be writing to you shortly to ask for any comments you may have to be made to the DECC rather than us as the Developer.

However, I have cc'd Keith to this email so he is aware of your representation.

Kind regards

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Project Manager

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Subject: Heckington Fen Wind Park, Heckington Fen, near East Heckington - Ref:4038_P0202_01

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your letter of 18 March about the above. Due to its distance from the nearest part of the Strategic Road Network, the A1 near Newark-on-Trent, we have no comments to make.

Regards

[REDACTED], **Asset Manager**
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Welford Keith (Energy Development)

From: Windfarms Team <windfarms.team@jrc.co.uk>
Sent: 20 March 2015 14:16
To: Welford Keith (Energy Development)
Subject: WPD (EM) -- Heckington Fen, East Heckington, Boston, Lincs - Variation of Consent

Dear Sir/Madam,

Site Name: Heckington Fen

Total 22 Turbines at NGR:

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T1
Grid ref OSGB 519572 346370

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T2
Grid ref OSGB 519586 346048

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T3
Grid ref OSGB 519600 345643

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T4
Grid ref OSGB 519920 345963

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T5
Grid ref OSGB 519933 345564

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T6
Grid ref OSGB 519983 345205

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T7
Grid ref OSGB 520210 346312

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T8
Grid ref OSGB 520237 345901

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T9
Grid ref OSGB 520257 345556

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T10
Grid ref OSGB 520260 345116

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T11
Grid ref OSGB 520622 346522

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T12
Grid ref OSGB 520609 346171

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T13

Grid ref OSGB 520631 345770

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T14
Grid ref OSGB 520597 345416

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T15
Grid ref OSGB 520596 345008

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T16
Grid ref OSGB 520981 346391

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T17
Grid ref OSGB 520979 346055

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T18
Grid ref OSGB 521052 345766

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T19
Grid ref OSGB 520933 345357

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T20
Grid ref OSGB 520902 344899

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T21
Grid ref OSGB 521420 345863

Heckington Fen, Lincolnshire T22
Grid ref OSGB 521297 345450

Hub Height:73m Rotor Radius:52m

Turbine micro-siting Allowance: 10m maximum

Cleared with respect to radio link infrastructure operated by:-

Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) and National Grid Gas Networks

JRC analyses proposals for wind farms on behalf of the UK Fuel & Power Industry together with the Water Industry in north-west England. This is to assess their potential to interfere with radio systems operated by utility companies in support of their regulatory operational requirements.

In the case of this proposed wind energy development, JRC does not foresee any potential problems based on known interference scenarios and the data you have provided. However, if any details of the wind farm change, particularly the disposition or scale of any turbine(s), it will be necessary to re-evaluate the proposal.

In making this judgement, JRC has used its best endeavours with the available data, although we recognise that there may be effects which are as yet unknown or inadequately predicted. JRC cannot therefore be held liable if subsequently problems arise that we have not predicted.

It should be noted that this clearance pertains ONLY to the date of its issue. As the use of the spectrum is dynamic, the use of the band is changing on an ongoing basis and consequently, you are advised to seek re-coordination IMMEDIATELY prior to submitting a planning application, as this will negate the possibility of an objection being raised at that time as a consequence of any links assigned between your enquiry and the finalisation of your project.

JRC offers a range of radio planning and analysis services. If you require any assistance, please contact us by phone or email.

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]@lincolnshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 23 April 2015 14:18
To: Welford Keith (Energy Development)
Cc: National Infrastructure Consents
Subject: RE: Heckington Fen Wind Farm - Request for Variation of Consent

Dear Keith,

I am using a forwarded email letter from North Kesteven as Lincolnshire County Council does not appear to have received such a notification. LCC objects on the following grounds:

"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."

Regards,

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Strategic Planning Manager

From: Welford Keith (Energy Development) [<mailto:Keith.Welford@decc.gsi.gov.uk>]
Sent: 26 March 2015 13:31
To: Alan Oliver
Subject: Heckington Fen Wind Farm - Request for Variation of Consent

Mr Oliver

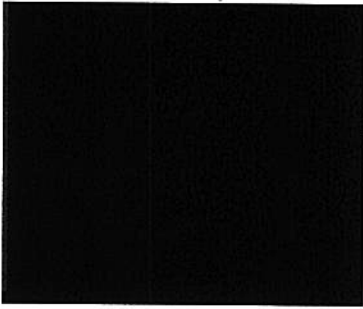
Please find attached, a letter seeking comments on the proposed variation of the section 36 consent (and section 90 direction) issued in respect of the Heckington Fen Wind Farm. Grateful, for your response by 28 May 2015.

Regards,

Keith Welford


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Mr Keith Welford
Department of Energy & Climate Change

20th May 2015

Dear Mr Welford

Heckington Fen Wind Farm

Electricity Act 1989 Section 36 (as amended) ("the Act")
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 90 (as amended) ("the Section 90 direction")

Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) on the application made on behalf of Ecotricity (Next Generation) Limited to vary the consent in respect of the Heckington Fen Wind Farm in your communication dated 26th March 2015.

In light of the proposed variations to the existing consent, the MOD has reassessed the application and has no objection to the following variations:

Condition 1.

Amend the turbine rotor diameter from 90m to a maximum rotor diameter of up to 103m and allow a 10 meter radius micro-siting allowance around each turbine location where onsite constraints allow, as set out in Figure 3.1;

Condition 5. Amend the wording of the condition to read:

"No construction of a wind turbine shall commence unless and until a Radar Mitigation Scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Secretary of State, having consulted with the Ministry of Defence and NATS (En Route) plc, to address the impact of the wind farm upon air safety"; and

Condition 7.

Amend the wording of the condition to remove the words "shown on Figure 4.1" at the end of the second sentence.

In respect of the variation proposed to Condition 5, it should be noted the MOD has commenced discussions with Ecotricity (Next Generation) Limited regarding radar mitigation and it is understood that all parties are in agreement regarding the requirement for mitigation. It is on this basis that the MOD has no objection to the proposed variation to Condition 5.

The MOD has no comment to make on the remaining variations proposed.

The application is for up to 22 turbines at a maximum overall height of 125 metres to blade tip. This has been assessed using the grid references below as submitted in the application.

Turbine	100km Square letter	Easting	Northing
1	TF	19572	46370
2	TF	19586	46048
3	TF	19600	45643
4	TF	19920	45963
5	TF	19933	45564
6	TF	19983	45205
7	TF	20210	46312
8	TF	20237	45901
9	TF	20257	45556
10	TF	20260	45116
11	TF	20622	46522
12	TF	20609	46171
13	TF	20631	45770
14	TF	20597	45416
15	TF	20596	45008
16	TF	20981	46391
17	TF	20979	46055
18	TF	21052	45766
19	TF	20933	45357
20	TF	20902	44899
21	TF	21420	45863
22	TF	21297	45450

I hope this adequately explains our position on the matter. If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Assistant Safeguarding Officer – Wind Energy
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Welford Keith (Energy Development)

From: [REDACTED] > on behalf of NATS Safeguarding
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Sent: 26 March 2015 13:48
To: Welford Keith (Energy Development)
Subject: RE: Heckington Fen Wind Farm - Request for Variation of Consent (SG9846)

Good Afternoon,

I can confirm that we have no issues with the variation – no objection remains.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]
NATS Safeguarding

From: Welford Keith (Energy Development) [<mailto:Keith.Welford@decc.gsi.gov.uk>]
Sent: 26 March 2015 13:32
To: NATS Safeguarding
Subject: Heckington Fen Wind Farm - Request for Variation of Consent

Dear Safeguarding Team [REDACTED]

Please find attached, a letter seeking comments on the proposed variation of the section 36 consent (and section 90 direction) issued in respect of the Heckington Fen Wind Farm. Grateful, for your response by 28 May 2015.

Regards,

Keith Welford



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Dear Mr Welford

Planning consultation: Variation to consent under Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) ("the Act") and Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 90 (as amended) ("the section 90 direction")

Location: Heckington Fen Wind Farm, Lincolnshire

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 26 March 2015 which was received by Natural England on 26 March 2015.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (as amended) 2010

Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) 1981

National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949

Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

Internationally and nationally designated sites

The application site is within sufficient proximity to a European designated site (also commonly referred to as Natura 2000 sites), and therefore has the potential to affect its mobile interest features. European sites are afforded protection under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010, as amended (the 'Habitats Regulations'). The application site is within 17km of The Wash Special Protection Area (SPA) which is a European site. The site is also listed as The Wash Ramsar site¹ and also notified at a national level as The Wash Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Please see the subsequent sections of this letter for our advice relating to SSSI features.

In considering the European site interest, Natural England advises that you, as a competent authority under the provisions of the Habitats Regulations, should have regard for any potential impacts that a plan or project may have². The Conservation objectives for each European site

¹ Listed or proposed Wetlands of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention (Ramsar) sites are protected as a matter of Government policy. Paragraph 118 of the National Planning Policy Framework applies the same protection measures as those in place for European sites.

² Requirements are set out within Regulations 61 and 62 of the Habitats Regulations, where a series of steps and tests are followed for plans or projects that could potentially affect a European site. The steps and tests set out within Regulations 61 and 62 are commonly referred to as the 'Habitats Regulations Assessment' process.



explain how the site should be restored and/or maintained and may be helpful in assessing what, if any, potential impacts a plan or project may have.

The Wash SPA, Ramsar - No objection

The consultation documents provided by your authority do not include information to demonstrate that the requirements of Regulations 61 and 62 of the Habitats Regulations have been considered by your authority, i.e. the consultation does not include a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).

In advising your authority on the requirements relating to Habitats Regulations Assessment, and to assist you in screening for the likelihood of significant effects, based on the information provided, Natural England offers the following advice:

- the proposal is not necessary for the management of the European site
- that the proposal is **unlikely to have a significant effect on any European site**, and can therefore be screened out from any requirement for further assessment

When recording your HRA we recommend you refer to the following information to justify your conclusions regarding the likelihood of significant effects:

Natural England HRA advice

Although the proposal site is c. 17km from The Wash SPA and Ramsar, mobile notified species such as golden plover and lapwing can forage on farmland up to 20km from roosts sites within and surrounding The Wash SPA, Ramsar. However, given the reduced sensitivity of these species greater than 10km from the site, the availability of similar farmland in Lincolnshire and the updated assessment that has been provided in Chapter 8 (of the *Variation of consent Environment Statement*), Natural England is satisfied there will not be a likely significant effect on the bird species notified under The Wash SPA, Ramsar.

We welcome the applicant's intention to agree to the programme of works detailed under proposed conditions 16, 17 and 18 which relate to nature conservation. This includes an 'ecological enhancement plan' (as written in condition 18) which should include measures for mitigating the impacts upon golden plover and marsh harrier. These species were recorded as using the site in most significant number and as such would be impacted upon greatest.

The RSPB may be able to provide further advice on the mitigation and enhancement for marsh harrier and we recommend that they should be consulted accordingly.

The Wash SSSI - No objection

This application is within c.17km of the The Wash Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and therefore has the potential to affect its mobile interest features. Natural England is satisfied that the proposed development being carried out in strict accordance with the details of the application, as submitted, will not damage or destroy the interest features for which the site has been notified. We therefore advise your authority that this SSSI does not represent a constraint in determining this application. Should the details of this application change, Natural England draws your attention to Section 28(1) of the *Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981* (as amended), requiring your authority to re-consult Natural England.

Protected species

Natural England has published [Standing Advice](#) (archived) on protected species. The Standing Advice includes a habitat decision tree which provides advice to planners on deciding if there is a

The Government has produced core guidance for competent authorities and developers to assist with the Habitats Regulations Assessment process. This can be found on the Defra website. <http://www.defra.gov.uk/habitats-review/implementation/process-guidance/guidance/sites/>

'reasonable likelihood' of protected species being present. It also provides detailed advice on the protected species most often affected by development, including a flow chart for each species to enable an assessment to be made of a protected species survey and mitigation strategy.

You should apply our Standing Advice to this application.

As Standing Advice it is a material consideration in the determination of applications in the same way as any individual response received from Natural England following consultation. If you have any specific questions not covered by our Standing Advice or have difficulty in applying it to this application please contact us at consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Natural England welcomes proposed conditions 16, 17 and 18 (which relate to nature conservation) and the biodiversity enhancement measures proposed in paragraphs 7.76 and 7.77 of the *Variation of Consent Environmental Statement*. This will ensure that the identified impacts upon species (such as bats and breeding birds) are mitigated during construction and operation of the wind farm. Your authority should ensure that these measures are secured (via the conditions) as part of any revised consent for the proposal.

We also refer your authority to our previous response (our ref 30091, dated 18th January 2012) which includes advice on mitigating impacts on bats.

Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – no objection

Having assessed this application Natural England does not believe that this proposed development would impact significantly on the purposes of designation of the Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Soils and Land Quality

From the documents accompanying the consultation we consider this application falls outside the scope of the Development Management Procedure Order (as amended) consultation arrangements, as the proposed development would not appear to lead to the loss of over 20 ha 'best and most versatile' agricultural land (paragraph 112 of the National Planning Policy Framework).

For this reason we do not propose to make any detailed comments in relation to agricultural land quality and soils, although more general guidance is available in Defra *Construction Code of Practice for the Sustainable Use of Soils on Construction Sites*, and we recommend that this is followed. If, however, you consider the proposal has significant implications for further loss of 'best and most versatile' agricultural land, we would be pleased to discuss the matter further.

Other advice

We would expect your authority to assess and consider the other possible impacts resulting from this proposal on the following when determining this application:

- local sites (biodiversity and geodiversity)
- local landscape character
- local or national biodiversity priority habitats and species.

Natural England does not hold locally specific information relating to the above. These remain material considerations in the determination of this planning application and we recommend that you seek further information from the appropriate bodies (which may include the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership) in order to ensure the LPA has sufficient information to fully understand the impact of the proposal before it determines the application. A more comprehensive list of local groups can be found at [Wildlife and Countryside link](#).

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely

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Welford Keith (Energy Development)

Subject: Heckington Fen Wind Farm - Request for Variation of Consent GRID SQUARE TF

From: Spectrum Licensing [mailto:Spectrum.Licensing@ofcom.org.uk]

Sent: 12 May 2015 00:10

To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Cc: Welford Keith (Energy Development)

Subject: RE: Heckington Fen Wind Farm - Request for Variation of Consent GRID SQUARE TF

FIXED LINK REPORT FOR WINDFARM CO-ORDINATION AREA:

Dear Sir/Madam

Since this was a multiple search request – a single search was carried out from 1500m metres from the site centre.

Search Radius 1000m at Centre NGR TF2046245745. Sear

<i>Links</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Contact</i>
	#N/A	#N/A

No Links found.

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Our response to your co-ordination request is only in respect of microwave fixed links managed and assigned by Ofcom within the bands and frequency ranges specified in the table below. The analysis identifies all fixed links with either one link leg in the coordination range or those which intercept with the coordination range. The coordination range is a circle centred on your provided national grid reference. We add an additional 500 metres to the coordination range that you request. Therefore if you have specified 500 metres the coordination range will be 1km.

If you should need further information regarding link deployments and their operation then you will need to contact the fixed link operator(s) identified in the table above directly.

Additional coordination is also necessary with the band managers for the water, electricity and utilities industries which operate in the frequency ranges 457-458 MHz paired with 463-464 MHz band. You should contact both the following:

- Atkins Ltd at windfarms@atkinsglobal.com.
- Joint Radio Company (JRC) at windfarms@jrc.co.uk. Additionally, you can call the JRC Wind Farm Team on 020 7706 5197.

For self-coordinated links operating in the 64 - 66GHz, 73.375 - 75.875GHz and 83.375 - 85.875GHz bands a list of current links can be found at: <http://licensing.ofcom.org.uk/radiocommunication-licences/fixed-terrestrial-links/forms/>

Regarding assessment with respect to TV reception, the BBC has an online tool available on their website: http://www.bbc.co.uk/reception/info/windfarm_tool.html. Ofcom do not forward enquiries to the BBC.

Please note other organisations may require coordination with regard to your request. More information regarding windfarm planning is available on the British Wind Energy Association website <http://www.britishwindenergy.co.uk/>.

Table of assessed fixed links bands and frequency ranges

Band (GHz)	Frequency Range (MHz)
1.4/1.5	1350 -1375 1450 -1452 1492 -1530
1.6	1672 – 1690
1.7	1764 – 1900
2	1900 – 2690
4	3600 – 4200
6	5925 – 7110
7.5	7425 – 7900
11	10700 – 11700
13	12750 – 13250
14	14250 – 14620
15	14650 – 15350
18	17300 – 19700
22	22000 – 23600
25	24500 – 26500
28	27500 – 29500
38	37000 – 39500
50	49200 – 50200
55	55780 – 57000

Regards

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20th April 2015

REF: 15/0416/S36
ECOTRICITY - HECKINGTON WIND FARM APPLICATION TO VARY DCO
CONDITIONS AT SIX HUNDRED FARM.

Dear Mr. Welford

RW 27/4

I am writing to object most strongly to the proposed amendments to the Development Consent order application by Ecotricity. Every aspect of the original application (09/1067S36) was discussed in the 6 day inquiry lead by Mr Phillip Major which opened on the 31st July 2012. The concerns of the residents of Heckington Fen and South Kyme about the visual impact a development of this large size would have on the Fenlands, as were concerns about the noise from the turbines, the flicker effect, the effect on the wildlife in this area were all dismissed by the inquiry as irrelevant. Everything Ecotricity applied for in their original application was granted by the Secretary of State, one proviso was the RADAR Mitigation Scheme. Ecotricity were given 5 years for this issue to be addressed and no work was to be carried out until this had been solved to the satisfaction of the MOD and RAF. No solution has been found so no construction at all should begin on the wind farm.

Their application to amend the blade diameter size from 90 metres to 103 metres, to re-locate and enlarge the sub-station and to commence development prior to the Radar Mitigation scheme being solved is totally unacceptable. Ecotricity were granted all they asked for in the original application and no changes should be made at all.

As Ecotricity has applied for changes to the original application some of which I have mention above then a new public inquiry should be convened or it should be flatly refused.

Yours sincerely

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20th April 2015

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CONDITIONS AT SIX HUNDRED FARM

Dear Mr. ^WWelford, 27/4

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed changes to Ecotricity's Heckington Fen wind farm application. Having attended the Public Inquiry for the 6 days in July/August 2012 Ecotricity got everything they asked for approved, it is totally wrong that they now want to start all the ground work before they have got approval from the MOD and RAF for the RADAR, which must be fully tested and operational before any groundwork begins.

I also object to amending the turbine blade size, at the inquiry it was proposed the blades would be between 82 and 90 metres which for the amount of turbines is plenty big enough to ruin our beautiful flat fenland.

Another big concern is the relocation and increase in size of the sub-station, if this ground work does go ahead before the RADAR is tested and operational and the turbines can't be installed we could be left with ruined fields.

This needs another inquiry or outright refusal.

~~Yours~~ sincerely

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Dear Mr. ~~Welford~~ ^{Kw 27/4},

I wish to strongly object to the proposed Planning Application made by Ecotricity.

I attended the 6 day enquiry held in July/August 2012 headed by the Planning Inspector Mr. Phillip Major, to which the outcome was that no works, ground or otherwise be carried out until the Radar Mitigation Scheme has been fully tested, approved, and is operational, until it has the original planning application should be adhered to. On that ground alone the new application should be refused.

The new application has varied so much from the original, boundries have changed, the sub station has grown considerably in size, and will be sited in a different position, the turbines are in different positions, and the blades will be 42 feet longer, surely this would suggest that another enquiry should take place, or the application refused.

The proposed blade length is going to be that much longer, this will have a greater visual impact on the surrounding area.

Yours sincerely

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