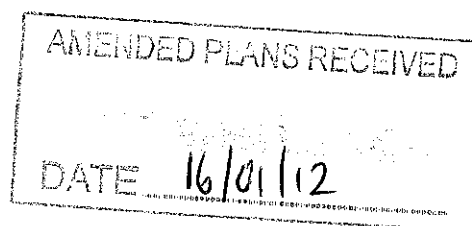


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DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT
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For the erection of two wind turbines for Mr John Proctor at

BROWS FARM, HIGHER ROAD, LONGRIDGE, PRESTON, PR3 2XY



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Revisions

- A - Changes to the manufacturer and model of the wind turbines. 01/11/2011
- B - Change to the location and the shadow flicker zone of the proposed wind turbines.
Changes made to Design and Access Statement; Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 11. 03/01/12

INTRODUCTION

This statement aims to demonstrate that the proposed turbines provides environmental economic and social benefits to the farm and the wider community whilst any social impacts have been minimised, through careful consideration of location, scale, design and various other site specific circumstances, which provide the special circumstances to outweigh any perceived harm to the Countryside

This statement should be read in conjunction with all other documentation and, whilst there is a level of repetition within the main body of text, this statement sets out national and regional policy directly relating to Green Belt and openness to ensure clarity to the issues involved.

This document moves through the following relevant sections to demonstrate the appropriateness of the turbines at the Farm:

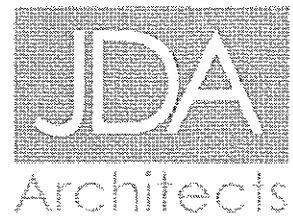
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The Applicant

The applicant is Mr John Proctor, the landowner of Brows Farm, Higher Road, Longridge, Preston, PR3 2XY. The Turbines provider "Kinetica" have made this application on their behalf with "JDA Architects acting as agents.

Reasons for the Application

The applicant has occupied and owned the farm for a number of years, and due to the recession and rising costs the family are looking for more financially viable ways to sustain the farm and its surrounding areas, and are therefore looking to diversify and achieve long term stability. The family are also concerned about the on-going rise in cost for energy.

The applicant wishes to use the locally abundant winds to generate electricity for domestic and agricultural use and in doing so assist in meeting the regional and national targets for increasing the proportion of energy from renewable sources.

The applicant is proposing to install two "Evoco 10KW" wind turbines in a field to the North East of the Farm. Any surplus electric generated at times when the turbines are operational would be exported to the National Grid for public distribution via the District Network Operator for the benefit of the community.

Summary of reasons:-

- To lower the farms carbon footprint
- To break away from on-going rising energy costs
- To achieve a steady, sustainable future for the holding
- To achieve savings in revenue that can be re-invested into the farm.
- To assist in the "greening" of the farm and its local environment.

Installing one wind turbines on the farm is considered the best option of providing renewable energy production on the farm. The primary reason being that the wind speed on the farm have recorded at 5.8 m/s which is excellent for micro generation wind turbines

As an alternative to wind energy the family have looked at Photovoltaic cells. However these are based on complex technology and require a large surface area to create the same amount of electricity. They also have a potentially greater visual impact on the landscape than wind turbines.

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DESIGN and ACCESS STATEMENT

Location and Situation

The Location Plan is shown in Appendix 1 at 1:10,000 scale to allow the full envelope of land owned by the applicant which surrounds the proposed site to be shown, including the location of the proposed turbines in relation to other local properties.

A Site Plan at 1:2500 and 1:1250 scale is shown in Appendix 2. This is the lowest possible scale to clearly identify the proposed location field and its boundaries. The site plan shows the proposed position of the wind turbines edged in red.

Scale and Appearance

The turbines will be installed on a 15m tall tower with 9.7m diameter blades. Please see Appendices 3 and 4 for elevation drawings and specification of the wind turbines. The tower to be installed is a tapered self-supporting galvanised steel structure. The turbines nacelle and blades are white. This design is specifically to minimise the visibility of the structure by blending in with the skyline.

Technical aspects of the site

Please note that Paragraph 20 of the Supplement to PPS1, in referring to LPAs developing their core strategy and supporting local development documents, indicates that LPAs should not require applicants for energy development to demonstrate either the overall need for renewable energy and its distribution, nor question the energy justification for why a proposal for such development must be sited in a particular location.

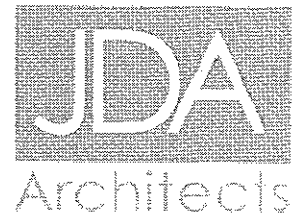
Notwithstanding, careful consideration has been taken to site the wind turbines ensuring that the positioning will not cause any significant detriment to the landscape or wildlife in the area as discussed in "impacts" below, but also ensuring that the position of the turbines are in an area that maximises the potential energy capture from 'clean' wind available across the site.

The proposed site location has been selected for a variety of reasons:

- A) The wind speed; the site has an average wind speed of 5.8 m/s at 10m above ground level.
- B) The absence of wind barriers; the wind turbines on this site will experience no hindrance from obstacles such as buildings and trees, which could set up wind eddies and vortices and limit efficient energy production.
- C) The limited impact on the landscape; wildlife and surrounding residential dwellings – is covered later in the planning application documentation.

The wind turbines installed here will be able to work efficiently to produce electricity for the farm and associated properties with the potential capacity of producing excess electricity that can be fed into the National Grid.

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Construction

The Turbines

The application area that will be disturbed during the construction of the base and tower will be 9m². On completion of construction any disturbed area will be reinstated to full agricultural use. The final base, including the control box, will occupy an area of less than two metres by three metres.

Access for Construction Works

The dotted line on the Location and Site map indicates the access route for delivery of the turbines, tower and foundations. This temporary access route across the location field will not require any permanent hard surface or change in the makeup of the ground surface. There are no plans to excavate any soils other than for the turbine's foundations. Conditions and routes across the field are suitable for heavy equipment and are well understood. It should be noted that there is no requirement for a regular vehicle access to the turbines site other than for delivery and installation of the foundations and wind turbines itself.

Highway safety safeguards

The proposed wind turbines site will not require any changes to the local highways for access or maintenance.

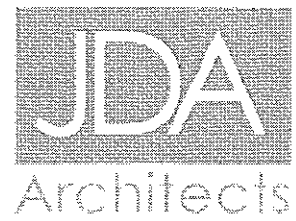
No extra traffic will be generated as a result of the installation of the wind turbines, other than for the initial delivery of the equipment and an annual routine maintenance visit. Transportation of the wind turbines, blades and tower to the farm will be via lorry, using standard transport planning procedures to comply with highway safety standards.

Technology suppliers and installers

The turbine's manufacturer is Evoco Energy Ltd, St Pegs Mill, Thornhill Beck Lane, Brighouse, West Yorkshire, HD6 4AH and details of the turbine's specification can be viewed in the Appendices.

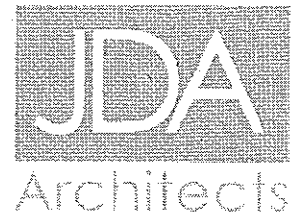
The wind turbines will be installed and commissioned by a Micro-generation Certified Scheme (MCS) certified installer.

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3. National Policy

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3. NATIONAL POLICY

Making the case for wind turbines / promoting energy recycling

The Stern report 2006 clearly demonstrated that climate change must be managed if we are to avoid catastrophic social and environmental effects. Planning is identified as an important tool to combat climate change. Climate change and sustainable development have been firmly placed at the heart of the planning system, which must make a fundamental contribution to reducing carbon dioxide emissions, stabilising climate change and advancing a low-carbon economy.

The UK has a target for 10% of electricity to come from renewable sources by 2010, and 15% by 2015. In addition the UK has agreed to a binding target that 20% of the EU's energy consumption must come from renewable sources by 2020, with a proposed UK contribution of 15% by 2020. The bulk of these targets are expected to be delivered locally, through the planning system.

Onshore wind farms are identified as having a vital role in meeting renewable energy targets there is less clarity over the impact of individual / domestic wind turbines.

The benefits of wind electricity

- **Wind is a plentiful energy source:** the UK has 40 per cent of Europe's total wind energy.
- **Cuts carbon footprint:** wind electricity is renewable energy.
- **Lower Fuel Bills:** the Energy Saving Trust is reporting on a range of micro wind systems to discover how much energy they can save. However at the moment there is not enough data from existing wind turbine installations to provide a figure.
- **Feed-In Tariffs (FITs):** Micro and small wind turbines are eligible for FITs <50kW, and above 50kW for both FITs and ROCs <5 MW from 2010.

Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 1 – Delivering Sustainable Development (January 2005)

PPS1 sets out the Government's approach to delivering sustainable development through the Planning system, and indicates that planning should facilitate and promote sustainable and inclusive patterns of urban and rural development by:

- Making suitable land available for development in line with economic, social and environmental objectives to improve people's quality of life;
- Contributing to sustainable development;
- Ensuring high quality development through good and inclusive design and the efficient use of resources; and
- Ensuring that development supports existing communities and contributes to the creation of safe, sustainable, liveable and mixed communities with good access to jobs and key services for all members of the community.

Response

The proposal for two wind turbines to generate electrical power for the farm and its associated agricultural usage is wholly consistent with PPS1, and its suggestion of sustainable and inclusive development.

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Planning Policy Statement: Planning and Climate Change – Supplement to Planning Policy Statement 1 (December 2007)

The supplement to PPS1 further reinforces the Government's commitment to climate change and energy generation. In reference to renewable and low-carbon energy generation Paragraphs 19 and 20 states:

19. In developing their core strategy and supporting local development documents, **planning authorities should provide a framework that promotes and encourages renewable and low carbon energy generation.** Policies should be designed to promote and not restrict renewable and low-carbon energy and supporting infrastructure
20. In particular, planning authorities should:
 - not require applicants for energy development to demonstrate either the overall need for renewable energy and its distribution, nor question the energy justification for why a proposal for such development must be sited in a particular location;
 - ensure any local approach to protecting landscape and townscape is consistent with PPS22 and does not preclude the supply of any type of renewable energy other than in the most exceptional circumstances;
 - alongside any criteria-based policy developed in line with PPS22, consider identifying suitable areas for renewable and low-carbon energy sources and supporting infrastructure, where this would help secure the development of such sources, but in doing so **take care to avoid stifling innovation including by rejecting proposals solely because they are outside areas identified for energy generation;** and
 - **expect a proportion of the energy supply of new development to be secured from decentralised and renewable or low-carbon energy sources.**

Response

In this instance the provision of the wind turbines is again in accordance with this policy, and that the council has a local policy that encourages the inclusion of such technology. Whilst we understand this local policy looks to protect the countryside, the policy will not preclude the supply of wind turbines and with this in mind; the proposals are wholly suitable to the policy

PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 7 – Sustainable Development in Rural Areas

The Government's objectives for rural areas set out in PPS7 are:

- (i) To raise the quality of life and the environment in rural areas;
- (ii) To promote more sustainable patterns of development;
- (iii) Promoting the development of the English regions by improving their economic performance so that all are able to reach their full potential; and
- (iv) To promote sustainable, diverse and adaptable agriculture sectors

Sustainable development is the core principle underpinning land use planning. The following key principles should be applied in combination with all the policies set out in PPS7:

- (i) Decisions on development proposals should be based on sustainable development principles ensuring an integrated approach to the consideration of:
 - social inclusion, recognising the needs of everyone;
 - effective protection and enhancement of the environment;

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- prudent use of natural resources; and
- maintaining high and stable levels of economic growth and employment.

Response

It is considered the proposal for a pair of wind turbines complies with this guidance.

Planning Policy Statement 22 - Renewable Energy (2004)

The Key Principles identified in PPS22 for Local Planning Authorities to follow in their approach to planning for renewable energy are as follows:

(i) Renewable energy developments should be capable of being accommodated throughout England in locations where the technology is viable and environmental, economic, and social impacts can be addressed satisfactorily.

(ii) **Regional spatial strategies and local development documents should contain policies designed to promote and encourage, rather than restrict, the development of renewable energy resources.** Regional planning bodies and local planning authorities should recognise the full range of renewable energy sources, their differing characteristics, locational requirements and the potential for exploiting them subject to appropriate environmental safeguards

(iii) At the local level, planning authorities should set out the criteria that will be applied in assessing applications for planning permission for renewable energy projects. **Planning policies that rule out or place constraints on the development of all, or specific types of, renewable energy technologies should not be included in regional spatial strategies or local development documents without sufficient reasoned justification.** The Government may intervene in the plan making process where it considers that the constraints being proposed by local authorities are too great or have been poorly justified

(iv) **The wider environmental and economic benefits of all proposals for renewable energy projects, whatever their scale, are material considerations that should be given significant weight in determining whether proposals should be granted planning permission.**

(v) Regional planning bodies and local planning authorities should not make assumptions about the technical and commercial feasibility of renewable energy projects (e.g. identifying generalised locations for development based on mean wind speeds). Technological change can mean that sites currently excluded as locations for particular types of renewable energy development may in future be suitable.

(vi) Small-scale projects can provide a limited but valuable contribution to overall outputs of renewable energy and to meeting energy needs both locally and nationally. **Planning authorities should not therefore reject planning applications simply because the level of output is small.**

(vii) **Local planning authorities, regional stakeholders and Local Strategic Partnerships should foster community involvement in renewable energy projects and seek to promote knowledge of and greater acceptance by the public of prospective renewable energy developments that are appropriately located.** 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.

(viii) Development proposals should demonstrate any environmental, economic and social benefits as well as how any environmental and social impacts have been minimized through careful consideration of location, scale, design and other measures

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Response

With regard to the current proposal for a pair of wind turbines, points iv) and vi) above are of particular relevance. The smaller output of electricity should be considered to have real value and provides the optimum balance between sufficiently viable and sustainable energy production and minimal impact upon the landscape and Green Belt openness.

The site allows the environmental and social impacts to interested stakeholders to be minimised through extremely careful consideration of location and siting and with the mast being considered a "small" scale turbine we believe the design is also in accordance with the relevant policy.

PPS 22- A Companion Guide – Planning for Renewable Energy

Community Involvement

The government advises that at its simplest level, a community involvement process should ensure that people:

- Have access to information
- Can put forward their own ideas and feel confident that there is a process for considering ideas;
- Can take active part in developing proposals and options;
- Can comment on formal proposals; and
- Get feedback and be informed about progress and outcomes

"There are many methods of community involvement that may be appropriate at different stages of the planning process. Under the planning system, applicants for significant development proposals are also required to undertake a certain amount of community consultation."

"Local Authorities will have the power to identify the level of community involvement they consider appropriate for different types of "significant" planning application"

Response

Whilst the applicant has no objection in the community sharing the relevant information, and respond to the planning application in the normal way. The scale of the proposal for a pair of "small" turbines does not represent a "significant" application – and therefore should not be burdened with cumbersome large scale "Community Involvement" scenario.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

DETR Circular 02/99 Environmental Assessment suggests that a formal EIA is more likely to be Required if a wind farm has more than five turbines or if its generating capacity is greater than 5 MW.

PPG 9 on Nature Conservation advises that In practice the effect of a Schedule 2 development on an SSSI will often be such as to require EA. Whilst each case should be judged on its merits, EA would normally be required where a Ramsar site or a potential or classified SPA, or a candidate, agreed or designated SAC could be affected.

A companion Guide to PPS22 "Planning for Renewable Energy" section 5.16 states "smaller renewable energy applications that do not require full environmental assessment, landscape and visual assessment should be considered"

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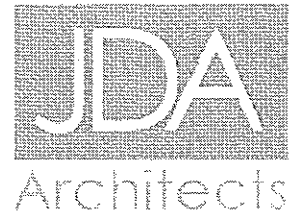


Response

In this case the application is for two wind turbines (10kW each) of far less than 1MW capacity, and therefore should not require an Environmental Impact Assessment. However the consideration of this small scale turbine is offered within this document and the accompanying photographs.

(1megawatt = 1000 kilowatts)

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LOCAL POLICY – RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Development Plan Considerations

Regional

Regional Planning Guidance 13: North West England
Regional Spatial Strategy 13 (Draft): North West Plan

County

Cumbria & Lake District Joint Structure Plan (2001-2016)
Cumbria Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document (draft 2006)

District

- Policy G1 - Development Control
- Policy ENV1 - Forest of Bowland AONB
- Policy ENV24 - Renewable Energy
- Policy ENV 25 - Renewable Energy
- Policy ENV26 - Wind Energy

POLICY ENV1 States:-

The landscape and character of the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty will be protected, conserved and enhanced. In addition development will also need to contribute to the conservation of the natural beauty of the area. The environmental effects of proposals will be a major consideration and the design, materials, scale, massing and landscaping of development will be important factors in deciding planning applications (see Policy G1). The protection, conservation and

The principal duties of the local planning authorities that administer this area are the conservation and enhancement of its natural beauty. This does not mean that no development will be allowed in the area

Indeed other policies in this plan accept that there is a need for development to allow for appropriate employment generating facilities countryside recreation opportunities and housing for those in need.

Response

The development site sits within an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, within a landscape of agricultural farmland. It is acknowledged that wind turbines are not a traditional structure however the size and output of the turbine reflects the power requirements of the farm and the ability to provide excess electricity to the national grid.

The Cumbria & Lake district joint structure plan allows for the consideration of small turbines with a hub height of up to 25m. In this case the hub height is 15m

The Lancashire Joint Structure Plan supplementary study "landscape Sensitivity to Wind Energy Development in Lancashire" does not preclude developments in sensitive areas however it does place emphasis on the appropriateness of the location and development scale.

With the careful siting and scale of these turbines, the proposal will have very little impact (if any) on the landscape of the forest of Bowland AONB and will therefore not be contrary to policy.

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The proposal is a pair of small scale turbines within agricultural fields providing power to assist with the employment and economic sustainability of the farm and therefore complies with the policy without a detrimental impact on the AONB.

POLICY ENV24 States :-

In view of the general environmental benefits associated with harnessing renewable energy sources, the Borough Council will support the development of renewable energy schemes provided it can be shown that such developments would not cause unacceptable harm to interests of acknowledged importance in the local environment

The Government's policy is to stimulate the development of new and renewable energy sources wherever they have prospects of being economically attractive and environmentally acceptable in order to contribute to:- diverse, secure and sustainable energy supplies; reduction in the emission of pollutants; and encouragement of internationally competitive industries. National planning policy guidance is set out in PPG22 together with technical annexes.

The Borough Council acknowledge that new and renewable energy sources can potentially contribute to energy needs in a significant and sustainable way. Renewable energy sources offer the hope of increasing diversity and security of supply, and of reducing harmful emissions to the environment.

Response

The proposal is a pair of small scale turbines within agricultural fields, as such will not cause harm to interests of acknowledged importance, and will be economically attractive and environmentally acceptable sustainable energy supply. The Council should therefore support this application.

POLICY ENV25 States:-

In assessing proposals for renewable energy schemes, the Borough Council will have particular regard to the following issues:

- (ii) the measures that would be taken, during and after construction, to minimise the impact of the development on local land use and residential amenity;**
- (iii) the local and wider benefits the proposal may bring; and**
- (iv) the fact that certain renewable energy resources can only be harnessed where the resource occurs.**
- (i) The immediate and wider impact of the proposed development on the landscape; and AONB in particular the need to protect features and areas of natural, cultural, historic and archaeological interest;**

Response

The proposal will have minimal impact in the existing field only requiring a minimal amount of excavation during the construction period and no requirement for either a permanent or temporary access road.

The local and wider benefits include:

- *Reduction of carbon dioxide emissions in order to slow climate change;*
- *A reduction in the use of fossil fuels.*

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- Reduction of the country's dependence on traditional energy sources:
- Energy Production from wind turbines occurs at times of peak electricity demand, e.g. cold, windy winter days.

The location is ideal with a local wind speed of 5.8m/s at 10m above ground level

There are no local cultural, historical or archaeological features which will be impacted.

WIND ENERGY

POLICY ENV26 States:-

The Borough Council will approve proposals for wind turbine generators providing:

1) About the Proposal

- i) the visual impact of the proposal on the wider landscape is justifiable;
- ii) the proposal does not harm any wildlife habitat or area of historical or architectural importance;
- iii) the degree of nuisance caused by noise and shadow flicker to nearby residential amenities, agricultural operations, recreational areas or the function of the countryside is minimal;
- iv) the proposal does not interfere with electromagnetic signals;
- v) the design, colour layout and scale of turbines and ancillary structures including access roads must be appropriate to the character of the area;
- vi) connections to electrical grids and sub stations etc. must be acceptable in the landscape setting;
- vii) adequate restoration and after use provision must be made;
- iii) suitable parking facilities should be provided where appropriate

Response

The turbines are of a small scale and appropriate to the agricultural landscape having minimal visual impact on the wider landscape

The accompanying documentation proves that the turbines are located appropriately away from any wildlife habitat – trees hedges etc, as can be seen from the impact assessment drawings. Similarly there are no structures of historic or architectural importance in the near vicinity.

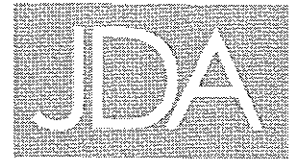
The impact assessment drawings indicate that noise and shadow flicker will not impact upon residential amenity.

The turbines are of minimal size and do not impact upon electromagnetic fields and have previously been successfully located in close proximity to telephone masts at TV transmission towers

There will be no requirement for a sub-station and the turbines can easily be connected to the electrical grid at the farm with underground cables

The land can be easily restored to its previous condition by simply "grubbing up" the foundations and replacing the topsoil should the turbines no longer be required.

Parking facilities will not be required other than short term building contractors plant in the field.

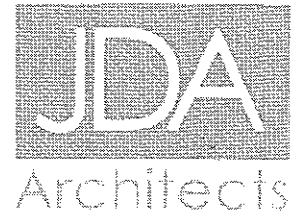


Architects

We therefore believe that the proposal for a pair of wind turbines used by the farm and its associated agricultural uses is wholly consistent with Policy and the suggestion of sustainable and inclusive development. The accompanying documents prove that there is no significant noise, or other impact on local residents including the applicant. Similarly the accompanying documents prove that the proposals do not adversely impact on key land resources or the natural landscape and therefore the council should support the application.

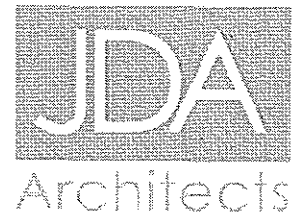
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5. Economic, Social and Environmental Assessment of the proposed Development

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5. Economic, Social and Environmental Assessment of the proposed Development

Economic benefits

It is proposed that the wind turbines will produce electricity for the residential unit on the site and for the agricultural working of the site. The electricity produced will replace/reduce the mains electricity supplied to the farm and reduce the running costs over time.

It is also proposed that a pair of small turbines will generate an income from the sale of any surplus electricity generated at times when the turbines are operational but demand is low which would be exported back to the National Grid for public distribution via the District Network Operator for the benefit of the community.

Indirect benefits include marketing the local area as "forward thinking" and "green"

- Job creation: direct & indirect
- Increased security and reliability of supply
- Cheaper fuel bills
- Increased income for landowners
- Farm diversification/revitalisation

Social Benefits

Installing the wind turbines will provide the Farm with an alternative source of electricity ensuring that the farm will have power for lighting, heating and machinery into the future, assisting in the retention of employment in a rural area and contributing to social stability

The turbines will offer educational opportunities, leading to a wider awareness of renewable energy and an increased interest in environmental issues.

The turbines will also assist the government in meeting the regional and national targets for increasing the proportion of energy from renewable sources.

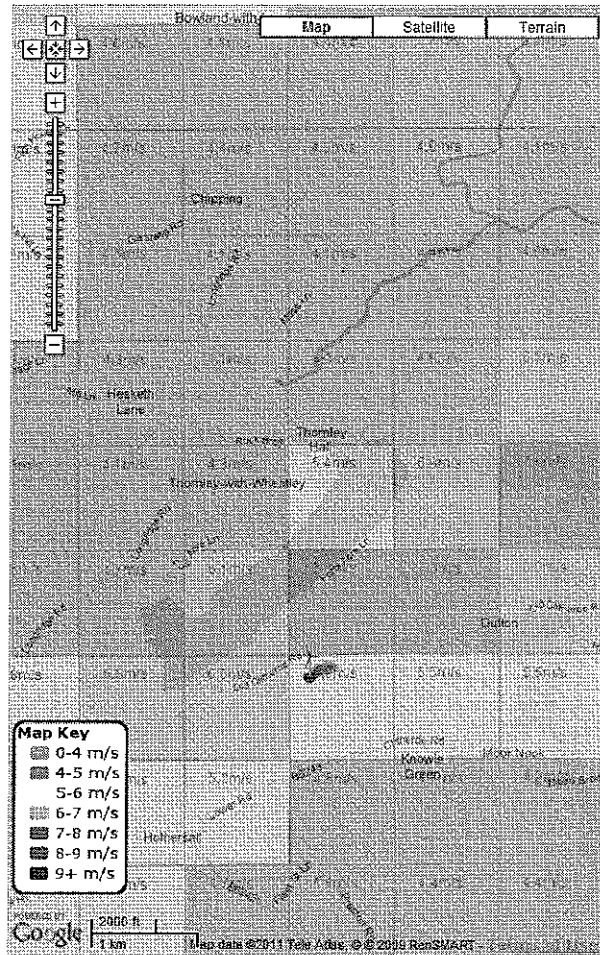
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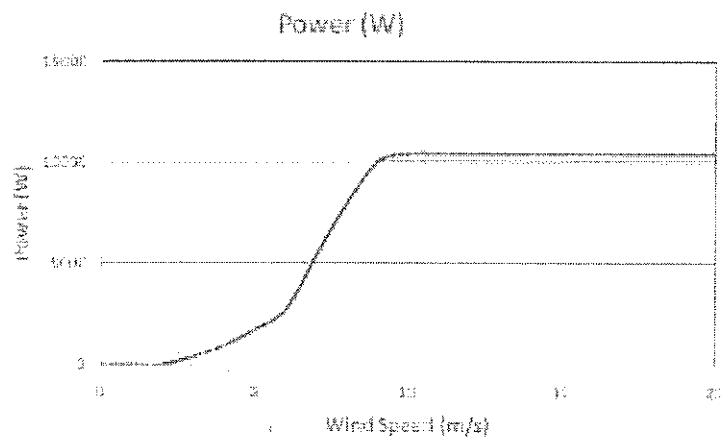
The wind turbine will produce 30,400KwH of renewable energy per turbines (based upon manufacturer's literature at a wind speed of 6m/s) typical at this site for use by the farm annually, this gives a potential annual total of 60,800KwH. This will have a direct impact on reducing carbon emissions and thus reducing the rate of global change. Other benefits will be improved air quality through the reduction in the use of fossil fuels and a reduction in landfill associated with traditional energy providers waste.

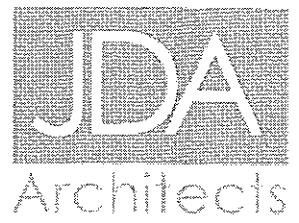
- Reducing carbon emissions
- Air quality improvements
- Landfill reduction

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Power Curve





6. Noise

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6. Noise

Planning Policy Statement 22 Companion Guide states:-

"Well-specified and well-designed wind farms should be located so that increases in ambient noise levels around noise-sensitive developments are kept to acceptable levels with relation to existing background noise. This will normally be achieved through good design for the turbines and through allowing sufficient distance between the turbines and any existing noise-sensitive development, so that noise from the turbines will not normally be significant. Noise levels from turbines are generally low and, under most operating conditions, it is likely that turbine noise would be completely masked by wind-generated background noise."

There are two quite distinct types of noise within a wind turbine. The mechanical noise produced by the gearbox, generator and other parts of the drive train; and the aerodynamic noise produced by the passage of the blades through the air. Since the early 1990s there has been a significant reduction in the mechanical noise generated by wind turbines and it is now usually less than, or of a similar level to, the aerodynamic noise. Aerodynamic noise from wind turbines is generally unobtrusive – it is broad-band in nature and in this respect is similar to, for example, the noise of wind in trees "

There is no evidence that ground transmitted low frequency noise from wind turbines is at a sufficient level to be harmful to human health.

A study found that:

- Vibration levels 100m from the nearest turbine were a factor of 10 less than those recommended for human exposure in critical buildings, (i.e. laboratories for precision measurement)
- Tones above 3.0 Hz were found to attenuate rapidly with distance – the higher frequencies attenuating at a progressively increasing rate

Noise Assessment

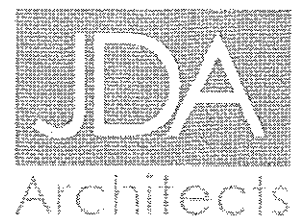
A site visit was made to identify the most suitable design and location for the turbines. The site chosen maximises the exposure to the prevailing winds and minimises the risk of turbulence from trees or buildings in the vicinity.

Background Noise levels

The installation has been appropriately specified, designed and located to allow sufficient distance between the turbines and any existing noise-sensitive developments – the only residence within audible distance is the applicants own farm and as such the noise from the generator will not be a nuisance or a material consideration in deciding the planning application.

Predicted noise levels

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The manufacturers of the turbines have focused on minimising noise output throughout the operating range of turbines. The manufacturer's noise specification is attached as an Appendix.

The only noise that is audible is the gentle 'swooshing' noise of the blades cutting through the air. Whilst it is not possible to eradicate this noise completely, the blades are designed to be aerodynamic so cutting through the air and reducing noise levels. Due to the proposed site for these wind turbines it is extremely unlikely that local residents would be troubled by any noise generated.

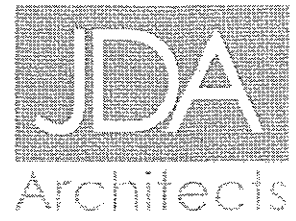
See Appendix 5 – Acoustic Report & Noise Data, Evoco 10kW Wind Turbine Generator - Noise - indicative site suitability guidance Report prepared by M Potts BSc (Hons), MSc, MIOA, and Browns Farm Turbines Noise Assessment prepared by Echo Acoustics

Proposed mitigation/compensation

No mitigation or compensation is required

Conclusion

The proposed wind turbines can be constructed at the proposed location and operated in accordance with best practice without causing nuisance or materially affecting the amenity of others.



7. Shadow Flicker

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7. Shadow Flicker

Site Appraisal

Planning Policy Statement 22 Companion Guide states:-

Under certain combinations of geographical position and time of day, the sun may pass behind the rotors of a wind turbine and cast a shadow over neighbouring properties. When the blades rotate, the shadow flicks on and off; the effect is known as 'shadow flicker'. It only occurs inside buildings where the flicker appears through a narrow window opening

A single window in a single building is likely to be affected for a few minutes at certain times of the day during short periods of the year. The likelihood of this occurring and the duration of such an effect depend upon:

- *The direction of the resident relative to the turbine(s)*
- *The distance from the turbine(s)*
- *The turbine hub-height and rotor diameter*
- *The time of year*
- *The proportion of day-light hours in which the turbine operates*
- *The frequency of bright sunshine and cloudless skies (particularly at low elevations above the horizon); and,*
- *The prevailing wind direction*

Only properties within 130 degrees either side of north, relative to the turbine can be affected at these latitudes in the UK – turbines do not cast long shadows on their southern side.

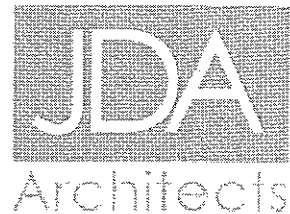
The further the observer is from the turbine, the less pronounced the effect will be. There are several reasons for this:

- *There are fewer times when the sun is low enough to cast a long shadow*
- *When the sun is low it is more likely to be obscured by either cloud on the horizon or intervening buildings and vegetation; and,*
- *The centre of the rotor's shadow passes more quickly over the land reducing the duration of the effect*

Shadow flicker can be mitigated by siting wind turbine at sufficient distance from residences likely to be affected. Flicker effects have been proven to occur only within ten rotor diameters of a turbine. Therefore, if the turbine has 80m diameter blades, the potential shadow flicker effect could be felt up to 800m from a turbine.

Around 0.5% of the population is epileptic and of these around 5% are photo-sensitive. Of photo-sensitive epileptics less than 5% are sensitive to lower frequencies of 2.5-3 Hz, the remainder are sensitive only to higher frequencies. The flicker caused by wind turbine/s is equal to the blade passing frequency. A fast-moving three-bladed machine will give rise to the highest levels of flicker frequency. These levels are well below 2 Hz. The new generation of wind turbine is known to operate at levels of below 1 Hz

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Turbines can also cause flashes of reflected light which can be visible for some distance. Careful choice of blade colour and surface finish can help reduce the effect. Light grey semi-matt finishes are often used for this.

Summary

Shadow flicker occurs when the rotating blades of the turbine interrupt the light from the sun. The effect occurs early in the morning and late in the evening and is more likely in the winter months when the sun is lower in the sky casting shadows further.

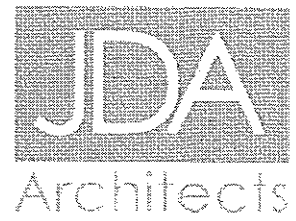
Care should be taken to ensure that any property within 45m of the turbine at a direction from 120degrees west and 120degrees east does not have a light sensitive outlook towards the turbine

An assessment of the site shows that the nearest property to the turbines is the applicants own farm and this is some 80m from the turbines, and is therefore not likely to be effected by shadow flicker.

Conclusion

The drawings in the appendices give a more accurate guide to potential shadow flicker zones. No properties are affected.

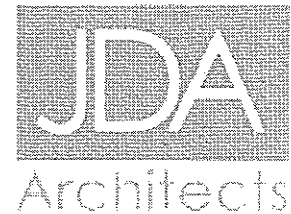
In this case, the separation distance is well in excess of the recommendations demonstration that shadow flicker is not a material consideration in the determination of this case.



8. Historic and Cultural Assets

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8. Historic and Cultural Assets

Site Appraisal

The field where the turbines are to be located is currently used for agricultural purposes

Predicted Impacts

- No listed buildings are affected by the proposed construction or operation of the turbine.
- The location is not within a conservation area.
- No scheduled monuments or known sites of archaeological interest are affected by the proposed construction or operation of the turbine.

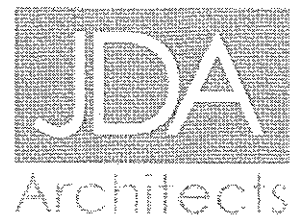
Measures to be taken

The applicant wishes to assist the local planning authority to meet the ambitions of PPS16 (Planning and Archaeology) Accordingly during excavation of the void for the base of the turbine should any building foundations, artefacts or other unusual finds be made then these will be notified to the County Archaeologist in accordance with the Code of practice.

Conclusion

There are no foreseeable impacts that will affect any built or cultural heritage assets but measures implemented during the construction stages will ensure that any artefacts found can be identified and recorded

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9. Ecology and Hydrology

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9. Ecology and Hydrology

Site Appraisal

The turbine has been located in an open field that is currently used for agricultural purposes. With the nature of the farming practices that take place, no species have been able to establish long term habitats on the field floor and therefore there are no species or habitats of value that will be affected by the construction or operation of the turbine.

Searching the natural England website shows that the site is:

- Not within a Nature reserve or Country Park
- Not a site of special scientific interest (SSSI)
- Not a Ramsar site
- Not in a Biosphere reserve
- Not in a special protection area.
- Not in a RSPB reserve
- Not in a traditional orchard
- Part of an Agri-environment scheme namely the Environmental Stewardship Scheme (ESS) and allocated as (ELS) entry level stewardship
- Allocated as Less Favoured Area under the Statutory Rural Designations
- The land and general vicinity of the turbine is not designated as having any local, regional, national or international ecological interest.
- The locality contains no locally rare or protected species of plant, animal or bird.
- There are no nearby sites designated for ecological value.
- No ecological assets of any significance will be affected by the construction or operation of the turbines.

Birds and Bats

Planning Policy Statement 22 Companion Guide states:-

"The impact of a wind farm on the local ecology should be minimal. A typical wind farm will usually leave the land between the turbine/s totally unaffected. There is little evidence that domesticated or wild animals will be affected by a wind farm – indeed, there are examples of cows and sheep grazing right up to the base of turbine/s."

PPG9 on nature conservation gives advice about the inter-relationship between nature conservation and development control. Apart from the movement of the blades, the development of wind turbine/s warrants no different approach in terms of ecological considerations from any other development. Evidence suggests that the risk of collision between moving turbine/s blades and birds is minimal both for migrating birds and for local habitats. The attention of local planning authorities and developers is particularly drawn to the "Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Cmnd 6465)", EC Council Directive on the Conservation of Wild Birds (Directive 79/409/EEC), the EC Council Directive on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (92/43/EEC) and the Berne Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats.

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Experience indicates that bird species and their habitats are rarely affected by wind turbine/s developments and the impact of an appropriately designed and located wind farm on the local bird life should, in most cases, be minimal. To date, the most common concern has been the risk of 'bird strike', i.e. birds flying through the area swept by the blades and being hit, causing injury or death. This is most likely to occur if a wind turbine/s is erected directly in a migration path, or where there are high concentrations of particular species, (i.e. birds feeding). Most birds in flight can be expected to take action to avoid obstacles but different species will vary in their reaction."

Natural England have produced "Bats and onshore wind turbines" technical information note TIN051. This technical note states that:

"Evidence in Britain is that most bat activity is in close proximity to habitat features. Research has shown that bat activity declines at 35m from hedge / tree lines" (Natural England Technical Information Note TIN051).

The proposed location of the turbine has been chosen to meet the requirements set out in the Natural England Technical Information Note (TIN051), ensuring that the wind turbine blade tips are the recommended distance from the existing hedges/trees, to minimise/mitigate the risk to birds or bats whilst flying along the hedge rows to feed. This has been calculated using Natural England Formulae in TIN051. For these particular turbines, the distance is 55m from hedge/tree lines.

Predicted Impacts

A small amount of excavation will be required for the concrete base to anchor the turbine tower. Any excavated subsoil will be retained on the farm and the topsoil will be spread around the tower on completion of the construction and cultivated to marry in with the surrounding undisturbed adjoining agricultural land.

No designated main rivers, private watercourses, or ground Water Protection zones will be materially affected by the construction of the concrete pads to support the turbines.

Conclusion

The site plan indicates an area of potential bird and bat impact, and proves that no trees or hedgerows are in close proximity. The proposed construction and operation of the turbine can be carried out without having an impact on the ecology or hydrology of the site.

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10. Public Safety and security

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10. Public Safety and security

Site Appraisal

There are no public footpaths or bridleways in or near to the field where the turbines are to be located.

Predicted Impacts

The wind turbines are erected in accordance with manufacturer's instructions are stable and safe structures. In accordance with best practice the turbines have been located to achieve a setback of at least fall over distance from nearby roads, buildings, paths and public access routes.

Planning Policy Statement 22 Companion Guide states:-

"The minimum desirable distance between wind turbine/s and occupied buildings to meet safety requirements will be far less than the distances required to mitigate noise and visual impacts.

Experience indicates that properly designed and maintained wind turbine/s is a safe technology. The very few accidents that have occurred involving injury to humans have been caused by failure to observe manufacturers' and operators' instructions for operation of the machines. There has been no example of injury to a member of the public.

The only source of possible danger to human or animal life from a wind turbine/s would be the loss of a piece of the blade, or, in most exceptional circumstances, of the whole blade. Many blades are composite structures with no bolts or other separate components. Blade failure is therefore most unlikely. Even for blades with separate control surfaces on or comprising the tips of the blade, separation is most unlikely.

The minimum desirable distance between wind turbine/s and occupied buildings calculated on the basis of expected noise levels and visual impact will often be greater than that necessary to meet safety requirements. Fall over distance (i.e. the height of the turbine/s to the tip of the blade) plus 10% is often used as a safe separation distance."

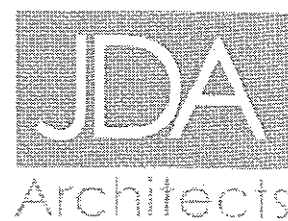
Measures to be taken

No additional measure to those already proposed

Conclusion

The measures already proposed for the location, construction and operation of the turbines will effectively manage any risks to local public safety and security.

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11. Landscape and Visual Assessment

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11. Landscape and Visual Assessment

Bearing in mind the size and scale of this proposal for a pair of wind turbines, a fully detailed assessment of the landscape and visual impacts is not considered appropriate or necessary by European and UK legislation.

Landscape Character

The landscape character of the area is "neutral and acid pastures and deciduous woodlands; acid communities, such as bracken and gorse in the uplands". The soilscape is "freely draining slightly acid loamy soils". The main landcover is "arable and grassland".

The landscape character of the area based upon the "Lancashire County Councils Landscape Character Assessment Map" for the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is "Moorland Fringe" and has a "Moderate to High Sensitivity to wind energy development".

The site is classed as "less Favoured" or "Disadvantaged land".

Disadvantaged land means land;

- Which is, in the opinion of the appropriate Minister, inherently suitable for extensive livestock production but not for the production of crops in quantity materially greater than that necessary to feed such livestock as being capable of being maintained on such land, and
- Whole agricultural production is, in the opinion of the appropriate Minister, restricted in its range by, or by any combination of, soil, relief, aspect or climate

Impact on the visual landscape

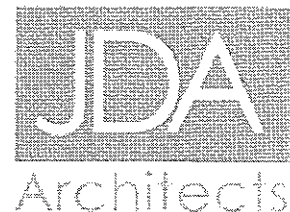
It must be noted that one of the main benefits of wind turbines are that they do not have a permanent impact on the environment. Once the turbines ceases to produce electricity it can be removed and the land can be returned to its former condition.

It is believed that the erection of the wind turbines would not dominate the appearance of the surrounding landscape to the extent that it would seriously harm the appreciation of the landscape from either individual dwellings or the settlements as a whole. The photo graphs in the Appendices highlight this.

All of the distinct aspects of the landscape discussed above at the Farm make the landscape less sensitive to the presence of the wind turbines, the presence of such structure being absorbed into the landscape with minimal harm on the character and nature of the area.

As mentioned above in the Design and Access statement the site has been chosen so that visual impact is kept at a minimum without compromise to wind speed and power output. The location of the turbines has been kept near to the farm complex, thereby creating less of a visual impact on the landscape. The careful design and structure of the micro wind turbine

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creates an appearance that is aesthetically pleasing to the eye. The design and colour minimises the visibility of the structure, mitigating the impact of the turbine.

Landform – The landform in the vicinity of the farm is smooth, convex and free flowing and therefore less sensitive to the installation of wind energy.

Landcover – the landcover in the vicinity of the farm is simple, uncluttered with extensive areas of consistent ground cover separated by stone walls and therefore less sensitive to the installation of wind energy

Skylines & settings – The Skylines & settings in the vicinity of the farm are not prominent and have already been affected by built development with local farms and villages, and are therefore less sensitive to the installation of wind energy. There are radio aerial masts and energy transmission poles in relatively close proximity to the site which dominate the view far more than the proposed turbines

Visibility & Views – The Visibility & Views in the vicinity of the farm are reasonably contained by topography, buildings and trees and hedges, which help to screen the proposed turbines from most locations, the distance from which the turbines can be viewed from publicly accessible property also helps diffuse the visibility. The nearest road and public foot path is located over 100 metres away to the North and West, views onto the site from the road show an incline up towards the site and then a decline forming a barrier which will help screen the turbines

The visibility of the wind turbines from a long distance will have minimal impact on the overall visual quality of the area and on the existing character of the landscape, examples of a number of views onto the site is included in Appendix 7.

The design and scale of the turbine will mean that the overall landscape will remain unchanged.

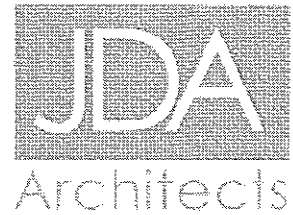
Capacity Assessment

The proposal is for a pair of "very small" turbines i.e. a "small group" of "very small" turbines

Conclusion

With the Landscape character type proving that the area has the capacity to absorb "very small" scale turbines, the application should be considered appropriate development

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Turbine groupings

Single – 1 turbine
Small group – up to 3 turbines
Small wind farm – up to 5 turbines
Medium wind farm – 6 to 10 turbines
Large wind farm – 11 to 20 turbines
Very large wind farm – 21 to 30 turbines

Turbine height

Very small – 25m or less to blade tip (average power rating around 12kW)
Small – 25-60m to blade tip (average power rating around 0.5MW)
Medium – 60-90m to blade tip (average power rating around 1MW)
Large – 90-130m to blade tip (average power rating around 2.5MW)

Cumulative impact

Paragraph 21 of PPS22 refers to the need to take account of the cumulative effect of any wind generation projects.

Cumulative effect:

"The impact in which a series of wind turbines have an effect greater than the sum of their individual effects, when the relationship between the two can be expressed in linear form".

Due to the sheer distances involved and the landscape topography of the site and locality in general it is felt that the cumulative impact of the proposed turbine will be minimal.

The visibility of the wind turbines from a long distance will have minimal impact on the overall visual quality of the area and on the existing character of the landscape.

The design and scale of the turbines will mean that the overall landscape will remain unchanged.

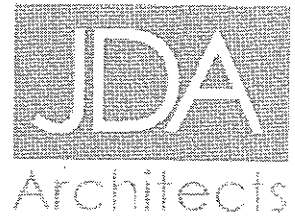
The erection of a pair of turbines will have little effect on access issues or amenity in the local vicinity.

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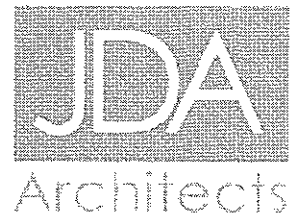
The submission demonstrates that the turbines can be constructed and operated with minimal impact on the character and value of the local landscape.

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12. Access



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Access

Site Appraisal

Planning Policy Statement 22 Companion Guide states:-

"The road access to a wind farm site will need to be able to accommodate trailers carrying the longest loads (usually blades), as well as the heaviest and widest loads (generally the cranes required in erection). Amendments to existing roads required to gain access to site should be detailed in any wind farm planning application.

On-site tracks need to meet the weight and dimensional requirements detailed above.

Larger hard standings are also required next to each turbine/s to act as bases for cranes during turbine/s erection and component lay down areas. These are generally treated as temporary features and are decommissioned after construction.

Transportation of the wind turbines, blades and tower to the farm will be via a standard lorry, using standard transport planning procedures to comply with Highway safety standards.

Vehicular access to the site is via the standard roads and onto the farm premises. This access route will be used to deliver the turbines and construction equipment to the farm. From the farm the turbines will be transported to its final location across a field utilising an existing track. There are no plans to excavate any soils to form additional tracks or hard standings. Should additional support be required this can be provided by temporary matting.

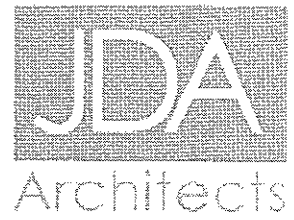
It should be noted that there are no requirements for a regular vehicle access to the turbines sites, other than for delivery and installation and decommissioning.

The turbines site will not require any changes to the local highways for access or maintenance.

No extra traffic will be generated as a result of the installation other than the initial deliveries and annual maintenance visits.

Conclusion

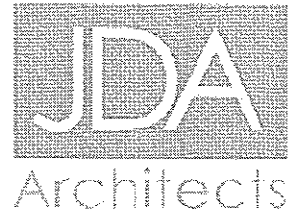
The construction and operation of the turbines will have no detrimental effect on local highway network, and relatively easy access for 4x4 construction traffic onto the site is available without the need for the construction of any permanent access track.



13. Decommissioning

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13. Decommissioning

The design of the turbines is such that when it comes to the end of their useful life (after approximately 20-25yrs), they can be refitted – subject to planning approval of any changes, or they can be dismantled with ease and the restoration of the site can be carried out without major disruption to the landscape.

The turbines and mast parts can be sent for recycling or repair and re-use.

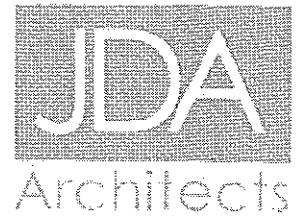
Concrete foundations can be "grubbed up" if required and removed from site, and the landscape returned to its natural condition.

Conclusion

The proposal is in accordance with national, regional and local development plan policy.

We feel that the proposal will have no negative effects on the local landscape due to the construction, design, materials and finishes to be used on the turbines.

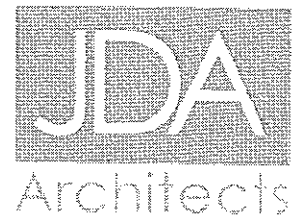
Compared with other "power station" generation apparatus, wind turbines offer an easy, economical method for complete removal, recycling and site restoration.



14. Summary

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14. SUMMARY

The introduction states that:

This statement aims to demonstrate that the proposed turbines provide environmental, economic and social benefits to the farm and the wider community. Any social impacts have been minimised through careful consideration of location, scale, design and various other site specific circumstances which provide the special circumstances to outweigh any perceived harm to the countryside

Planning Policy Guidance states that:-

The successful development of wind energy always entails detailed consideration of a number of factors.

- Access – can large delivery vehicles gain access to the site without major modifications to the public road network?
- Extent of site – is the site large enough to accommodate sufficient turbine? (As a rule of thumb, 1 km² of unconstrained land can accommodate 1.3MW turbines)
- Wind speed – Is there sufficient resource for a viable project?
- Planning permission – Is there a reasonable prospect of obtaining planning permission?
- Grid Connection – Is the grid infrastructure within a reasonable distance?
- Proximity to dwellings – Is the site constrained by a population centre, or scattered dwellings?
- Air safeguarding and Electromagnetic Interference (EMI).
- Landscape and ecological designations.
- Meets the requirements of applicable development plan policies.
- Does not compromise the reasons behind any relevant area designation, or if it does, provides a substantive case for allowing the project to proceed, (e.g. by demonstrating that any economic, social or environmental benefits clearly outweigh the reasons for the designation), and,
- Addresses the issue of visual impact and cumulative visual impact, where relevant.

Environmental and economic benefits:

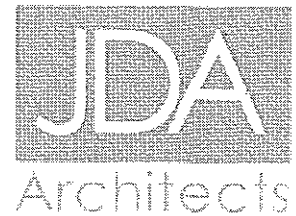
- The development will enable the farm to diversify in order to strengthen the business (helping rural business to stay in business and grow" is a key target of the RES.

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- Generating electricity will enable the farm to reduce costs, keeping the farm competitive in a tough market.
- Not only would the farm be providing their own electricity, excess energy would be supplied back into the National Grid, providing benefits for the community as a whole.
- By helping to sustain rural enterprise, it will enable the farm to continue to maintain and manage the landscape, thus helping to protect the character and appearance of the surrounding countryside for future generations.

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CONCLUSION

The proposal is in accordance with national, regional and local development plan policy

We feel that the proposal will have no negative effect on the local landscape due to the construction, design, materials and finishes to be used on the turbines.

Compared with other "power station" generation apparatus, wind turbines offer an easy economical method for complete removal, recycling and site restoration.

The Design and Access Statement section of this document provides supporting information to prove that the proposed turbine is of appropriate scale and appearance and that the project can be safely constructed on site

National Policy is very supportive of reducing carbon dioxide emissions and advancing a low carbon economy and, in particular, PPS1, and PPS22 encourage local authorities to support wind turbine and wind farm development.

Local Policies again support sustainable inclusive development where developers provide evidence to support their proposals.

The economic, social and environmental benefits of wind turbine development projects are clearly stated in all national and local policies and numerous study papers.

Noise and shadow flicker have been considered for the site and the combination of high specification equipment and siting have eliminated any nuisance to residents or the farm.

Based upon DEFRA site check reports there are no historic or cultural assets in the area of the proposed development.

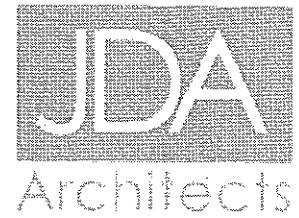
Research on the Ecology and Hydrology of the site and of the wind turbines has proved that the development will not have a negative impact

Public safety and security assessments have proved that turbines in general are safe structures and that the proposed location avoids any public footpaths, bridleways or buildings

The proposed location is not a site of special scientific interest and therefore ideally suited for wind turbines development.

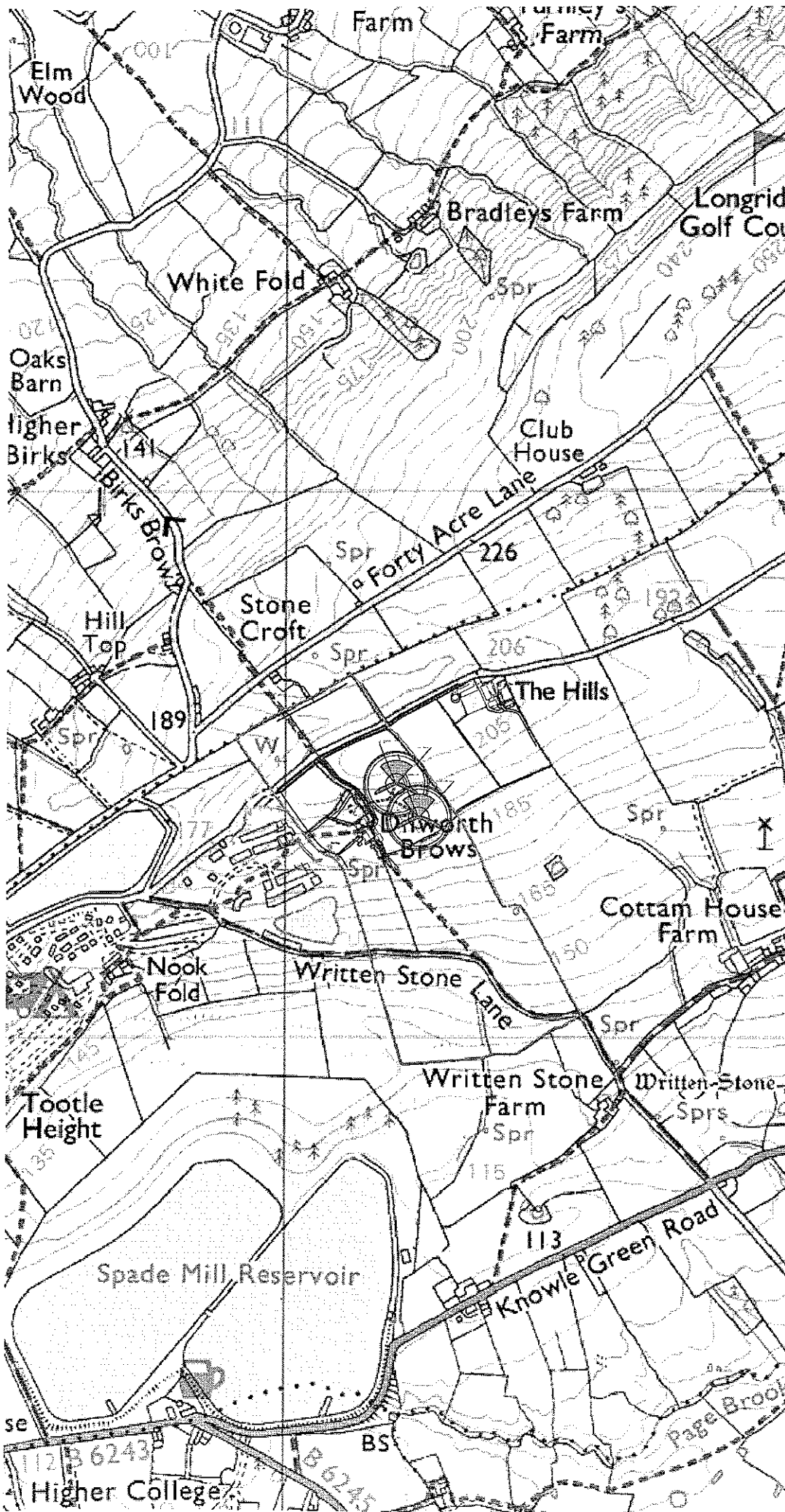
The site is easily accessible for the standard vehicles that will be required to construct the wind turbines development and decommissioning can, just as earlier, be carried out as and when appropriate.

The proposals for the wind turbines provide many benefits to the farm and the wider community without impacting on the local residents, flora or fauna. We therefore ask that the Planning Application receives a positive response.



**APPENDIX 1 –
LOCATION PLAN 1 :10,000 SCALE**

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Proposed installation of 2 No Wind Turbines

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TURBINE 2
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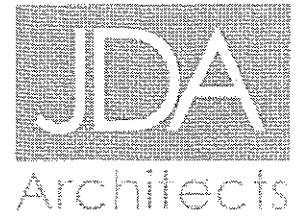
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APPENDIX 2 – PLANS

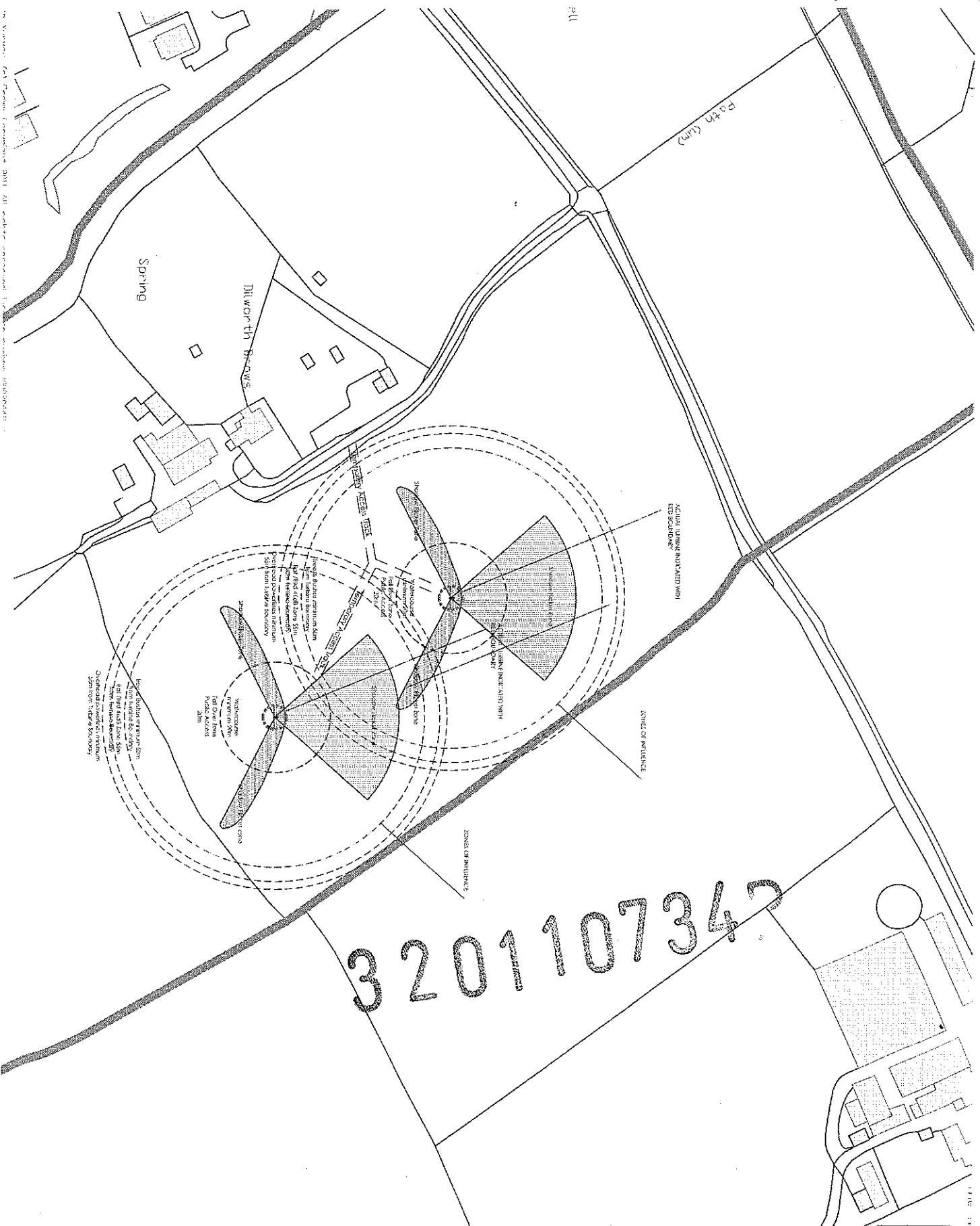
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Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Price	Total
1	Wind Turbine	2	Each	1000000	2000000
2	Foundation	2	Each	500000	1000000
3	Access Road	1	Mile	100000	100000
4	Electricity	1	Year	100000	100000
5	Maintenance	1	Year	100000	100000
6	Insurance	1	Year	100000	100000
7	Permitting	1	Year	100000	100000
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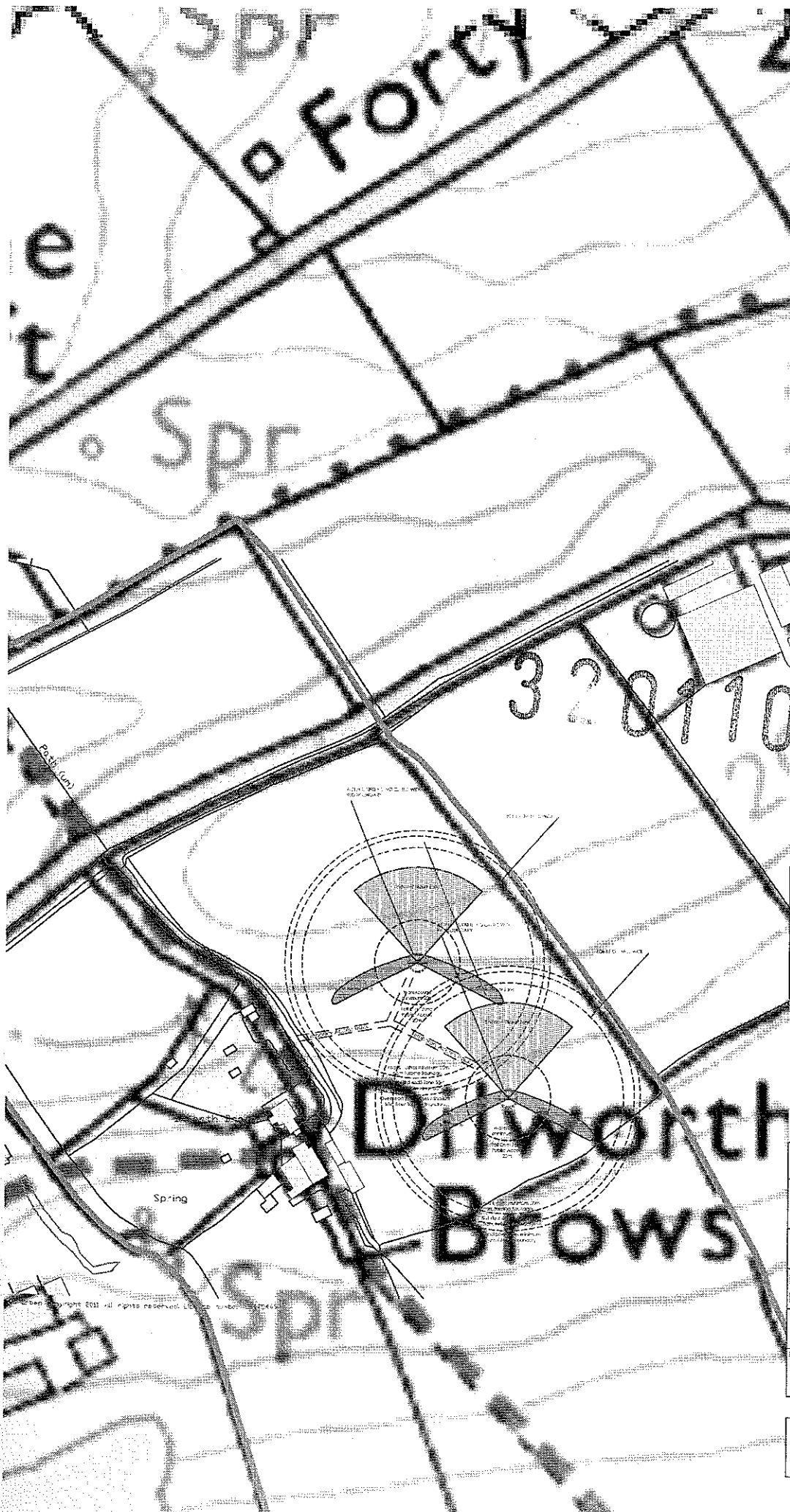
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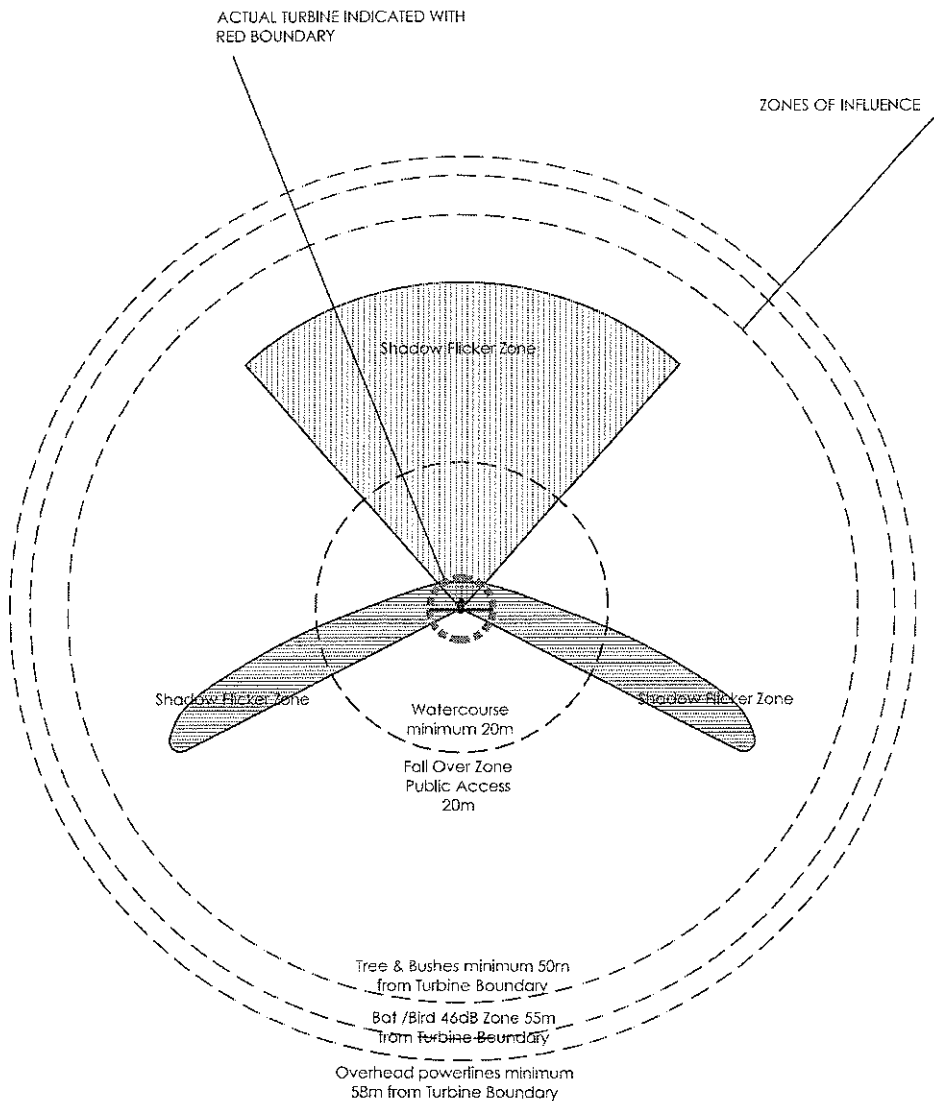
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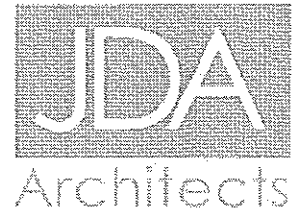
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**APPENDIX 3 –
EQUIPMENT ELEVATIONS & TURBINE SPECIFICATION**

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Technical Specification Evoco 10kw

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General

Turbine Type:	Downwind Horizontal Axis, Self Regulating
Life expectancy	20 years
Service/maintenance	Initial 3 month inspection / Annual thereafter
Nominal power	10 kW
Cut in wind speed	< 3 m/s (<6.7mph)
Nominal wind speed	10 m/s (22 2mph)
Survival wind speed	59.5 m/s (132mph)
Passive power regulation	Pitch to Stall
Safety	Manual Pitch Control Electrical Brake
Noise emission	<54dB @ 60m and 5m/s* (11 1mph)
Warranty	5 years standard

Estimated Annual Generation

5m/s – 19,000kwh

6m/s – 28,500kwh

7m/s – 37,000kwh

Standards

CE, BS EN 61400, BS7671, BS 5760-7, G-83/1
MCS Product Certification

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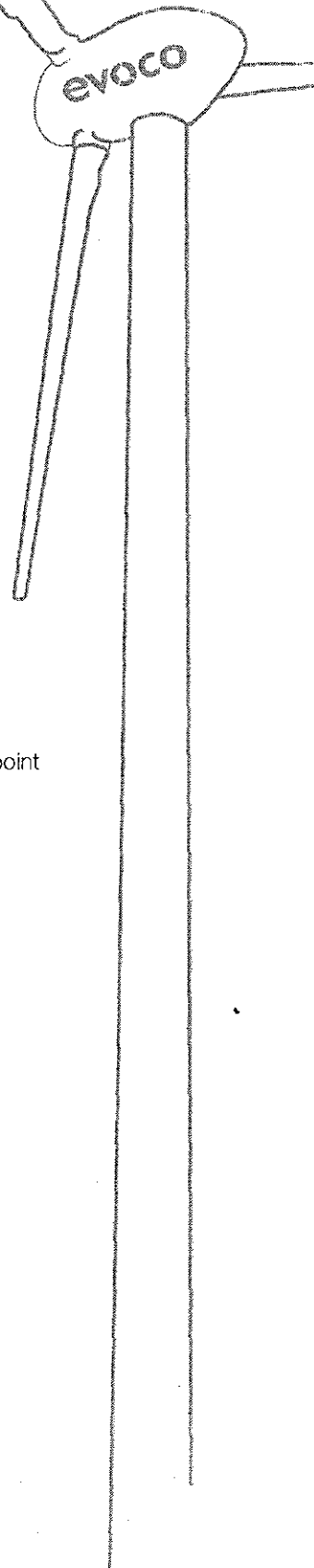
Grid voltage	230V/400V $\pm 10\%$ (1ph/3ph)
Grid frequency	50/60Hz $\pm 3\text{Hz}$
# Phases	Single (G59/1) or Three-Phase (G83/1)
Converter type	Custom Grid Tied Inverter with pre-programmed 40 point power curve
Control System	Overvoltage Control System

Rotor

Number of blades	3
Diameter	9.6 m
Position	Downwind
Swept area	72 m ²
Speed	Variable 0 – 120rpm @ 10kw
Power regulation	Passive Pitch
Blade length	4.75m
Construction	Carbon and glass fibre reinforced epoxy

Generator

Gearbox	None
Generator	Brushless PMG
Voltage:	0-500V
Frequency	Variable



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Tower Options

12m

Type	Tubular – hydraulic tilt up
Number of sections	3
Tower height	12m
Material	Hot dip galvanised steel

15m

Type	Tubular - hydraulic tilt up
Number of sections	4
Tower height	15m
Material	Hot dip galvanised steel

18m

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Weights

Nacelle excluding rotor	460	kg
Rotor	375	kg
Blades (each)	50	kg

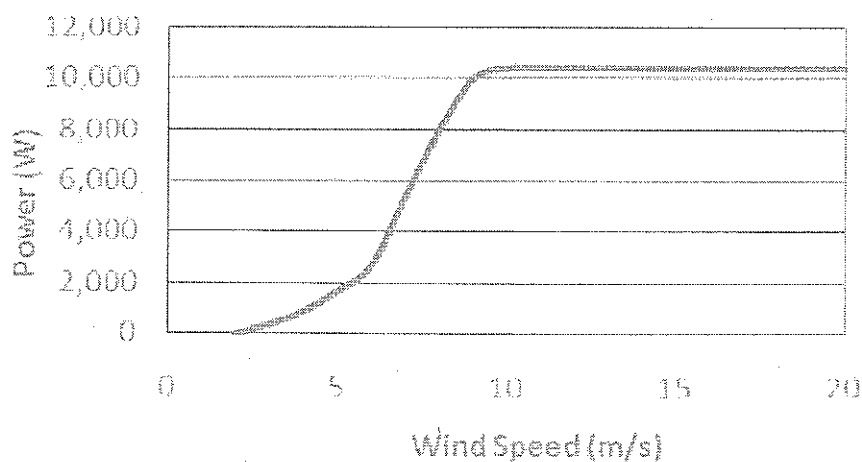
12m Tower

Base Section	280	kg
Lower Section	1135	kg
Top Section	650	kg

15m Tower

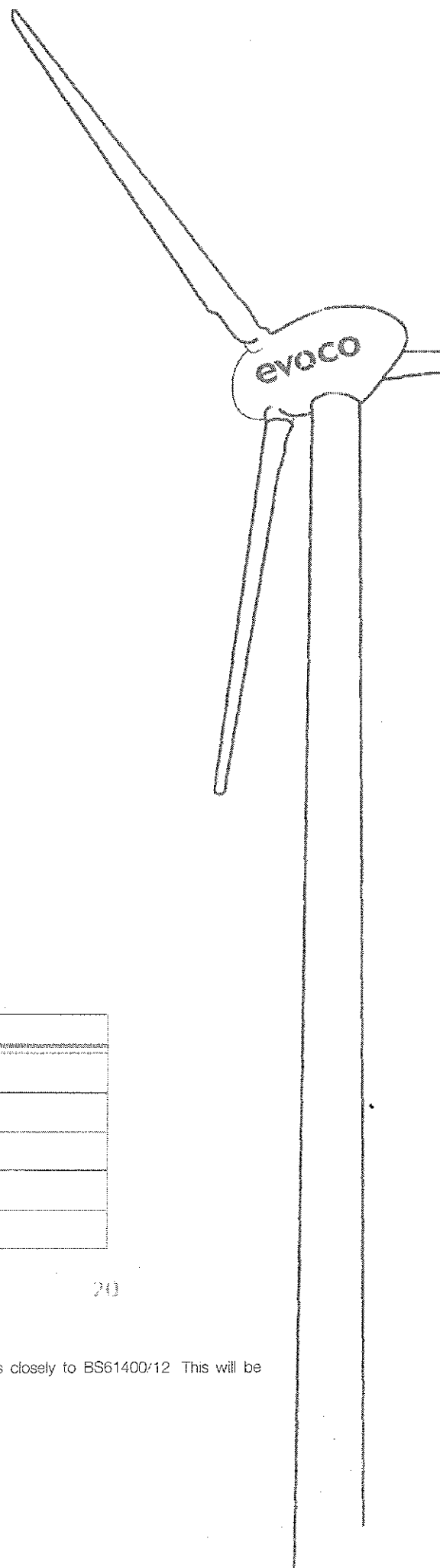
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Lower Section	1150	kg
Middle Section	942	kg
Top Section	583	kg

Power Curve

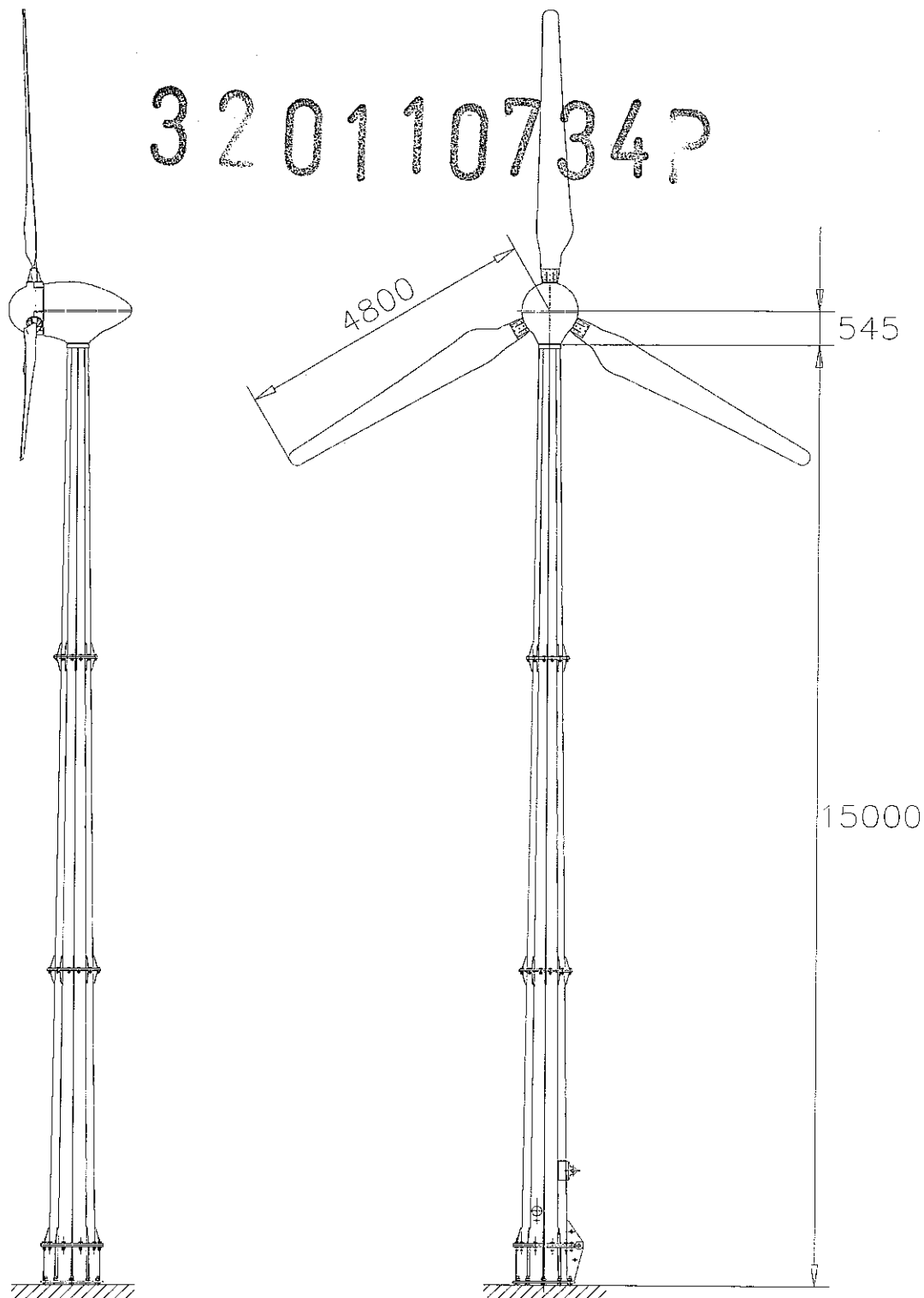


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* Full noise report will be available following MCS noise testing



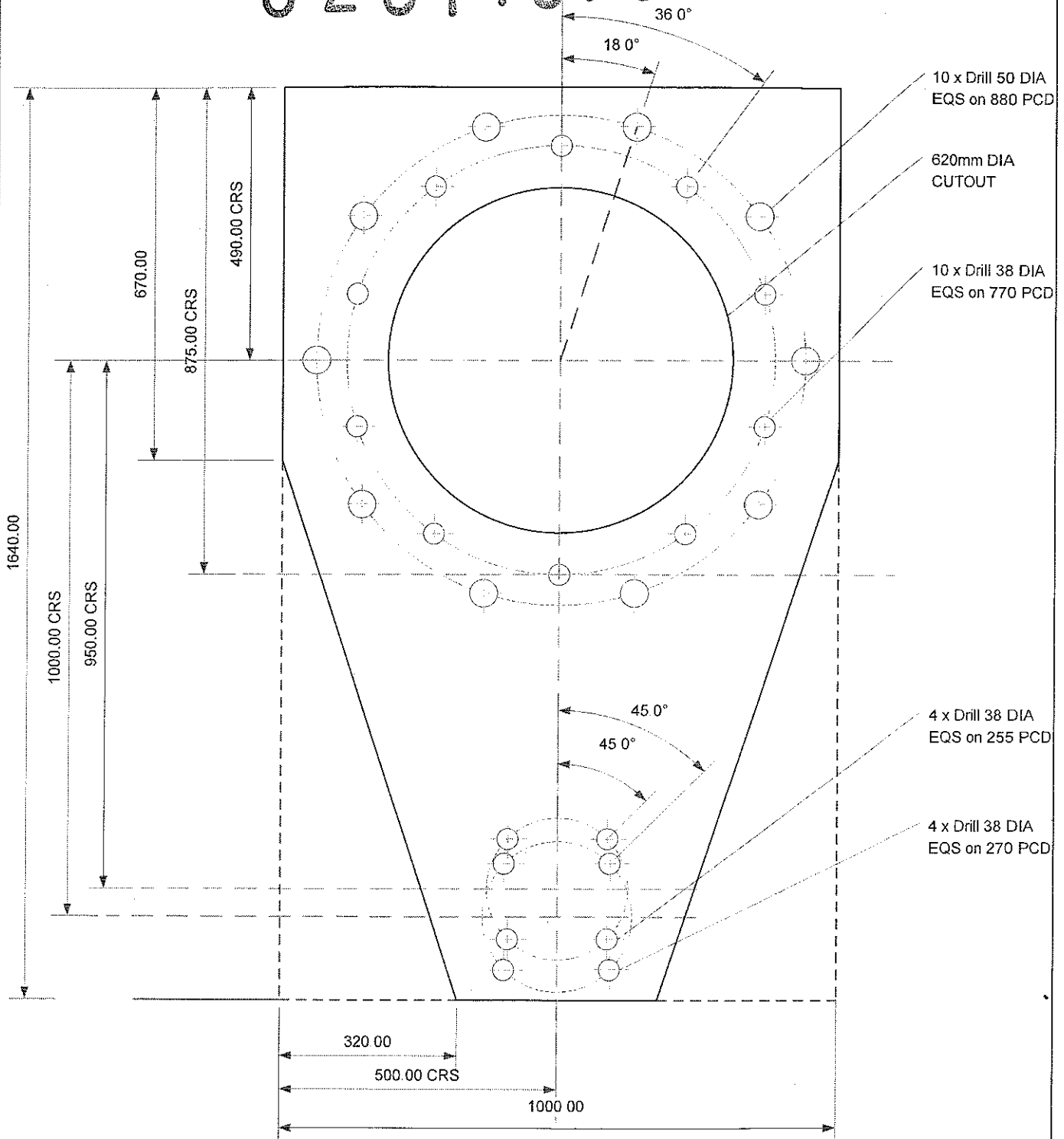
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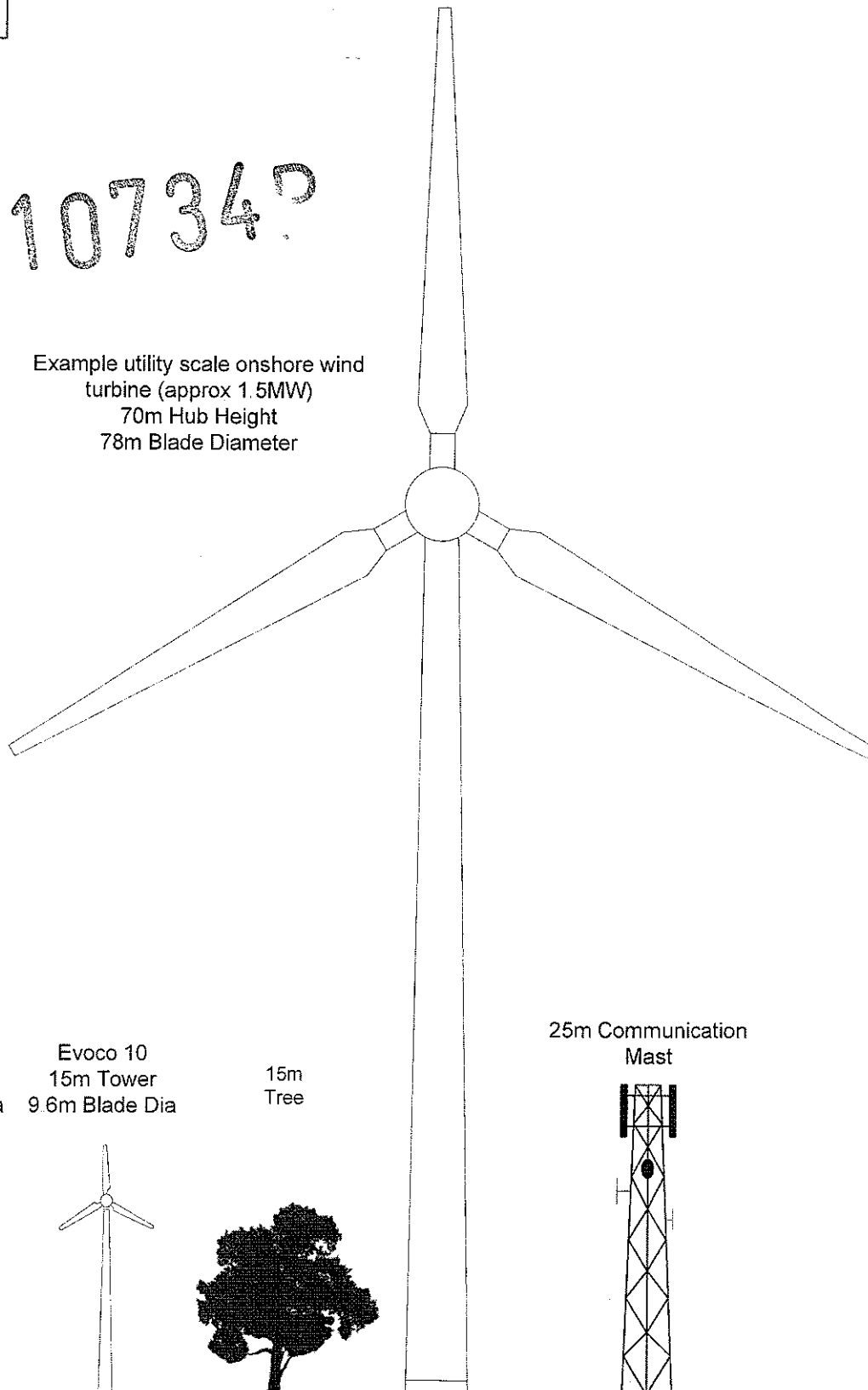
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Example utility scale onshore wind
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70m Hub Height
78m Blade Diameter



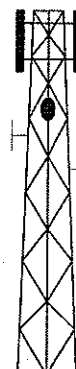
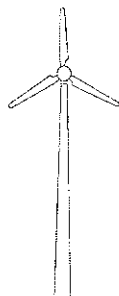
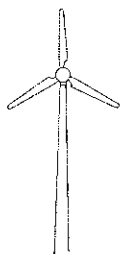
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**APPENDIX 4 –
MANUFACTURER'S INFORMATION**

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About Us

"Evoco" means "to produce" in latin and romance languages. So, what are we about? Evoco Energy - the clue's in the name!

Due to our technology's ability to 'produce' we can offer the highest possible performance and financial return, and the shortest possible payback period from a small-scale wind turbine.

Maximising capacity without maximising costs, our high performance turbines also lead the way at the cutting edge of design, offering contemporary yet robust aesthetics coupled with supreme build quality. Our confidence in our products and promise is sky high, enabling us to offer a five-year warranty.

With 30 years of global trading you can depend on us to deliver on the Evoco promise.

About the 10kW

Our flagship 10kW turbine, billed as the next generation wind turbine, has been designed from the outset to epitomise what Evoco stands for, delivering a renewable and financial return on investment unrivalled in the small wind sector.

Through efficient manufacturing and innovative design, and without compromising on quality or robustness, Evoco have been able to develop a turbine with superior performance and durability, yet at a price point which allows unbeatable return on investment.

The Evoco 10kW is specifically designed for high reliability, low maintenance and automatic operation in adverse weather conditions, yet a low rotation speed ensures that the Evoco 10kW remains quiet and inobtrusive.

The Evoco 10kW is grid connected, practical and perfect for supplying electricity to properties such as farms, large residences, schools, offices, businesses and public buildings. An Evoco Energy wind turbine allows you to generate your own green energy, effectively reducing your carbon footprint and publicly promoting your commitment to renewable energy.

Put simply, the Evoco 10kW is a turbine that delivers.

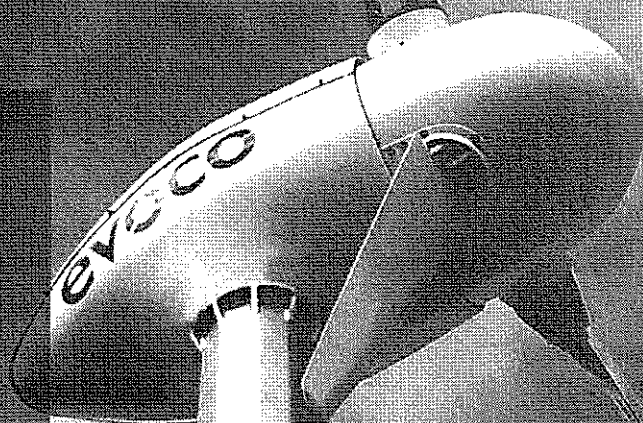
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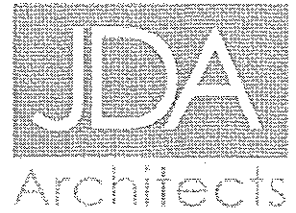
- 21,100kWh p.a. at 5m/s mean wind speed
- 30,400kWh p.a. at 6m/s mean wind speed
- 38,100kWh p.a. At 7m/s mean wind speed
- Payback 2.5 to 4.5 years (5.5m/s to 7.5m/s)
- MCS Transition Product 231 - Clean Energy Cash-back - 28.7p/kWh
- Effective annual income up to £15,000 p.a.

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**APPENDIX 5 –
WIND TURBINE ACOUSTIC REPORT & NOISE DATA**

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Evoco Energy Evoco 10kW Acoustic Report

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Introduction

The Evoco 10kw wind turbine has undergone acoustic testing by an independently accredited testing laboratory (Narec) and independently accredited certification body (BRE Global) in accordance with the BWEA Small Wind Turbine Performance and Safety Standard (2008), a specific implementation of British Standard BS EN 61400-11. Both BRE Global and Narec work under the supervision from Genserv, the master licensee under the government-mandated Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS).

This document presents this independently verified Noise Label and provides an explanation on its use and interpretation.

Noise Label

The noise label for the Evoco 10kw is below in Figure 1. The key results are the Declared Apparent Emission Sound Power Level, $L_{Wd,8m/s}$, at 8m/s hub height wind speed and noise immission predictions for a range of slant distances and hub height wind speeds.

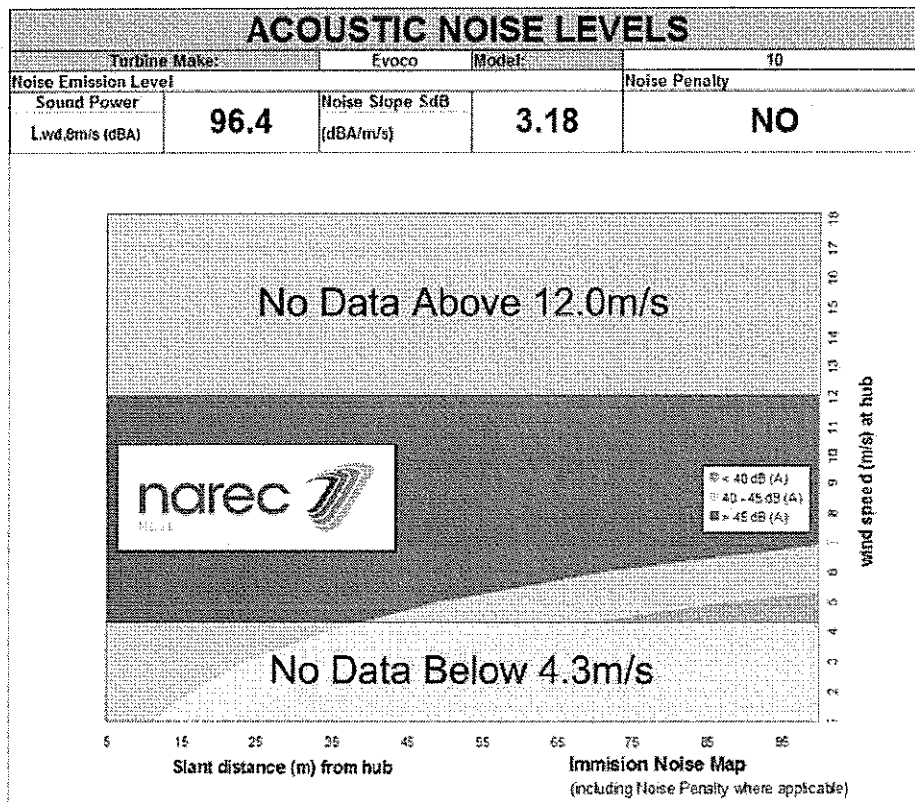


Figure 1

Note that in accordance with section 3.4.15 of the BWEA standard regarding tonal assessment, the Evoco 10kW does not exhibit any tonal quality and therefore no penalty should be applied.

The BWEA Reference Sound Levels at 25m and 60m at an 8m/s hub height wind speed are:

$$L_{p,25m} = 60.5 \text{ dB (A)}$$

$$L_{p,60m} = 52.9 \text{ dB (A)}$$

About the Noise Label

The noise label shown in Figure 1 contains a summary of the acoustic measurements performed to the BWEA Small Wind Turbine Performance and Safety Standard (2008). It should be noted that the Immission Noise Map shown in the noise label is only for slant distances up to 100m. This is a requirement of the BWEA standard and is calculated with a high degree of certainty using hemispherical propagation noise modelling.

The general method for assessing the likelihood of wind turbines to cause complaint is to assess the noise level against the World Health Organisation (WHO) community noise guide level i.e. a maximum allowable night-time noise level of 45dB(A). This is the approach specified in the large wind turbine ETSU-R97 method and therefore is similarly followed by the BWEA Small Wind Turbine Standard.

The regions shown in the noise label correspond to this 45dB(A) noise level. Red regions are unlikely to be given planning permission as they exceed the 45dB(A) level. Amber regions fall between 40dB(A) and 45dB(A) and would generally be acceptable depending on local factors. Locations in the Green region fall well below the 45dB(A) level and are highly likely to be acceptable.

As can be seen from Figure 1, the noise label region under 100m is largely red. This means that it will be more usual to be trying to predict noise levels for the Evoco 10 at distances greater than the 100m given in the standard BWEA noise label. At distances over 100m, atmospheric noise propagation effects make predictions more difficult and tend to overestimate the expected noise levels.

Using the Noise Label

The noise immission from a wind turbine relies heavily on local topology, background noise levels and expected wind speeds. This means assessment should usually be done on a site by site basis taking these factors into account.

An estimate of the noise immissions from the wind turbine can be calculated using the method below:

- a) Establish 10m altitude mean wind speed for proposed location using the NOABL (Numerical Objective Analysis of Boundary Layer) database. The national database of approximate wind speeds published by the UK government (referred to as NOABL) can be found here:

<http://old.berr.gov.uk/windspeed-database/page27326.html#>

NB. If you have a measured, annualised mean wind speed for the installation site, skip to step d.

- b) Use NOABL to get the mean average annual wind at 10m height for the location $V_{avg, 10}$
- c) Correct the NOABL wind speed for local topology and wind shadowing effects, as described in MIS 3003 – MCS Micro and Small Wind Standard. An extract from MIS 3003 appears at Appendix 1. This correction should also account for turbine height to give V_e .
- d) Assume a Rayleigh wind distribution, calculate the 90% wind V_{90H} as:

$$V_{90H} = 1.72 \times V_e$$

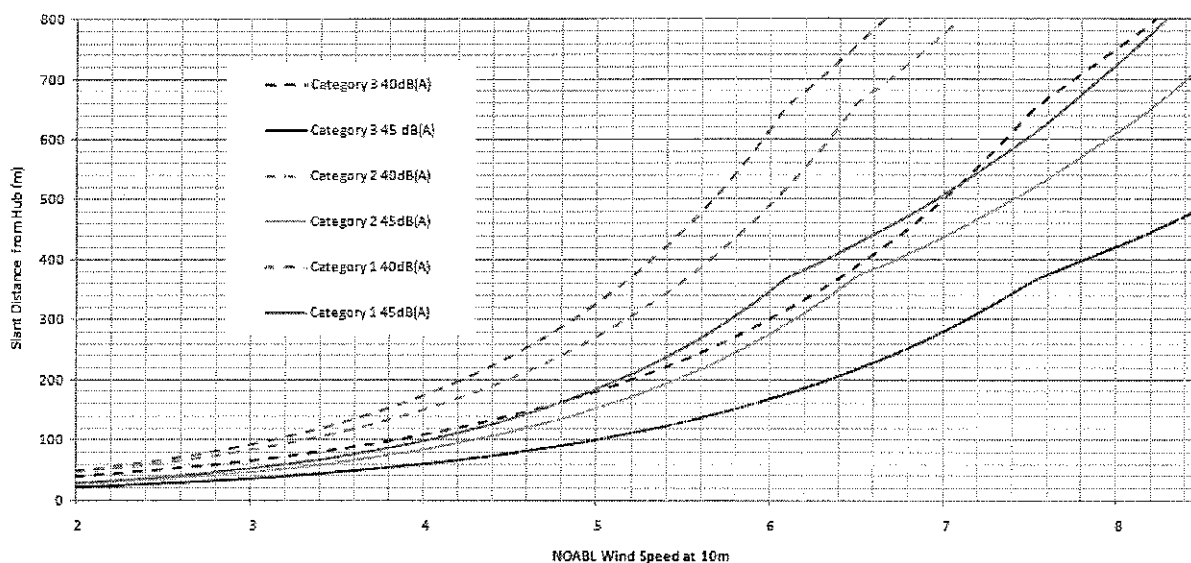
- e) Draw a horizontal line on the Emission Noise Map in the BWEA Noise Label at V_{90H} .
- f) Read-off the distance for the acoustic dB(A) values of interest.
- g) Compare these distances with the slant distance from the turbine hub to the nearest noise sensitive location(s) for the planned installation.

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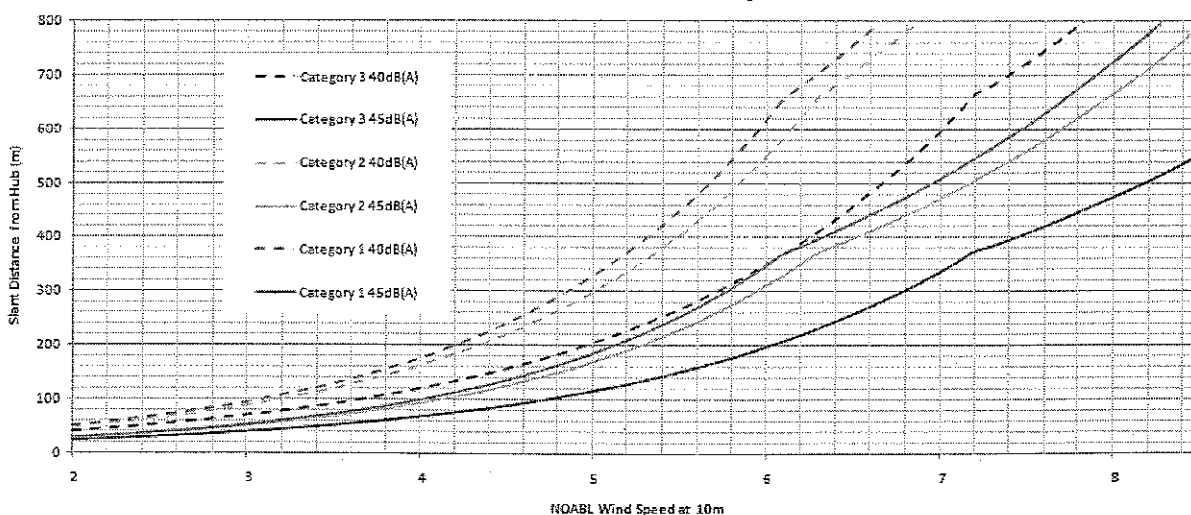
As previously mentioned the BWEA noise label only shows slant distances up to 100m. To simplify the process above, and provide guidance on distances greater than 100m, Evoco have already carried out the calculation for both the 12m and 15m towers. These can be seen in Figure 2 & 3 and have already been site corrected for Category 1 -3 wind sites, as defined in MIS 3003 installer standard, an extract of which appears at Appendix 1

The x-axis is the annual mean wind speed at 10m height and can be found from the NOABL database as described above. The graph lines provide the slant distance that is predicted to meet the 45dB(A) or 40dB(A) noise criterion for the wind speed that will not be exceeded for 90% of the time at a site with the chosen NOABL wind speed level. If using these graphs the calculations and adjustments in the previous section do not need to be performed as these have already been taken into account.

12m Tower NOABL Lookup



15m Tower NOABL Lookup



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Example Application

"A rural site with very minor obstructions (Category 2) with a NOABL wind speed of 5m/s. The turbine is to be installed on a 12m tower."

Simply look up a NOABL wind speed of 5m/s on the graph shown in Figure 2. Follow this up to the solid green line (45 dB(A) Category 2) and read off the slant distance from the Y axis. This gives a 45dB(A) threshold of approximately 150 meters

If a 40dB(A) threshold was required this would give a slant distance of approximately 275 meters.

In plain English, this demonstrates that on a site with 5m/s mean wind speed with topography corresponding to the class 2 description, that at a distance of 150m we are 95% certain that the noise level will be lower than 45dB for 90% of the time.

In the language of statistics, a 90% confidence interval ($t=1.645$) has been applied to the Standard Error of the noise readings and this has been combined with the reading for the wind speed that corresponds to the wind speed on a Rayleigh distribution which represents 90% of the area under the curve (or 90% of the time).

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Appendix 1

Site Categories from MIS3003

If these regions include areas described by more than one of these categories then choose the category that is numerically highest:

Category 1: Flat grassland, parkland or bare soil, without hedges and only a few isolated obstructions.

Category 2: Gently undulating countryside, fields with crops, fences or low boundary hedges and few trees

Category 3: Farmland with high boundary hedges, occasional small farm structures, houses and trees etc.

Category 4: Woodland or low rise urban/suburban areas. (E.g. domestic housing) with a plan area density of up to about 20%

Category 5: Dense urban areas and city centres. (e.g. buildings of four-stories or higher) with a plan area density of greater than about 20%

MIS3003 contains scaling factors to take into account the effect of the terrain on the NOABL predicted wind speed

For the purposes of this report the following factors from this document have been used:

Category 2 Sites:

12m Tower: 0.94

15m Tower: 0.97

Category 3 Sites:

12m Tower: 0.81

15m Tower: 0.85

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Evoco 10kW Wind Turbine Generator - Noise - indicative site suitability guidance

Report prepared by M Potts BSc (Hons), MSc, MIOA

The following report has been prepared by Echo Acoustics Ltd and is intended to assist indicative (strategic-level) assessment of site suitability for the installation of an Evoco 10 kW wind turbine generator (WTG). The report is based upon data from the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) acoustic test report for an Evoco 10kW turbine¹, undertaken at an open agricultural location in the north of England.

Table 1 presents:

- The calculated hub-centre sound power level for a single turbine, over the normal operational range of wind speeds for the turbine
- The predicted background noise for each wind speed; this is based on a regression analysis of the background noise measurements, correlated with wind speed (measured at 12m above ground level), obtained during the turbine acoustic test
- External receptor noise level at 100m, 200m and 250m from the turbine.
- Indicative distances at which the turbine noise levels would reduce to 45 dB(A) and 40 dB(A) [dB(A) in this context means dB L_{Aeq}], at each given wind speed; these criteria are based on guidance from Renewables UK², which suggests that noise within the region 40 dB(A) to 45 dB(A), at potentially noise-sensitive receptors, would generally be deemed acceptable

Table 1: Indicative single-turbine noise calculations

Wind speed (m/s)	dB(A)					Distance to..	
	Background noise	WTG sound power level [dB L_{AW}]	WTG @ 100m	WTG @ 200m	WTG @ 250m	45 dB(A) [dB L_{Aeq}]	40 dB(A) [dB L_{Aeq}]
5	36.7	85.7	31.7	25.6	26.7	30m	54m
6	38.3	88.8	34.8	28.8	29.9	44m	78m
7	39.9	92.0	38.0	32.0	33.1	63m	113m
8	41.5	95.2	41.2	35.2	36.3	91m	162m
9	43.1	98.4	44.4	38.4	39.4	132m	234m
10	44.7	101.6	47.6	41.6	42.6	190m	338m
11	46.3	104.8	50.8	44.7	45.8	274m	488m
12	47.9	108.0	54.0	47.9	49.0	396m	704m

The tabulated data are graphically presented in Figure 1

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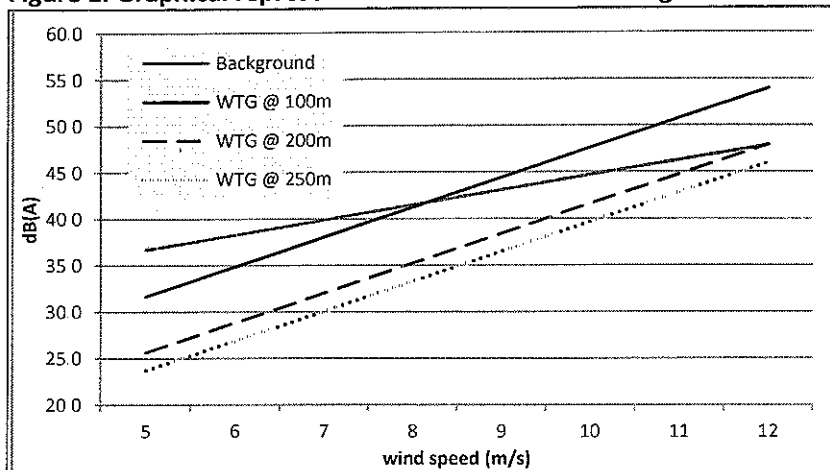
¹ Narec Development Services Ltd, 2010 "Acoustic Test Report For Evoco 10 Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine" Ref. No. 1603/01/A

² British Wind Energy Association, 2008 "Small Wind Turbine Performance and Safety Standard"

Evoco 10kW Wind Turbine Generator - Noise - indicative site suitability guidance

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Figure 1: Graphical representation of WTG noise v background noise



It is often asserted, in discussions related to planning for wind turbines, that rural background noise levels may be as low as 20 to 30 dB L_{A90} , but this disregards the significant consideration that such low noise levels generally occur under calm meteorological conditions with no wind; in these circumstances the turbines would not operate and no noise would be generated. Assessment of turbine noise as winds increase cannot be undertaken without due regard for the associated increase in background noise.

Additional significant considerations are:

1. Is the receptor property shielded from direct line of sight of the turbine by agricultural buildings or other structures? Limited additional sound attenuation will be provided by such 'shielding', but studies have shown a positive correlation between visual perception of wind turbines and perception of noise.
2. Is the receptor surrounded by agricultural buildings, trees and other structures which all tend to increase background noise with increasing wind speeds? In this case, it is highly likely that the actual wind-generated background noise at a receptor property due to wind interacting with buildings and trees is likely to be higher than presented in the Table and Figure above which are simply mathematical extrapolations. It is reasonable to infer that the background noise at the residential property would show on the Figure as a rising or exponential line and that wind turbine noise would never exceed background noise. It is also worth observing that at high wind speeds, towards the upper operational range of the turbines, local residents are very likely to be indoors with windows closed - the external wind turbine noise levels may become somewhat irrelevant in these circumstances.
3. Is a receptor in a particularly sheltered location i.e. valley-bottom, where background noise levels may be very low relative to high-speed turbine operation?
4. Alternatively, are receptors close to other significant noise sources such as roads etc, which might allow a lesser turbine set-back distance.
5. Small wind turbines do not give rise to significant levels of low frequency noise or infrasound, nor to unusual noise characteristics (such as amplitude modulation) that can sometimes occur with large turbines.
6. Ground-borne vibration is rarely perceptible from small wind turbines and is certainly unlikely to be perceptible at distances of more than 10 or 20 metres from the turbine base.

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Brows Farm Wind Turbines Noise Assessment

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A desk-based assessment has been undertaken, of the potential noise effects associated with the operation of two Evoco 10kW turbines, as assessed at two receptor locations located no closer than 169 metres from the nearest turbine. The assessment related noise from the turbines, as calculated at the closest potential residential receptor position and operating over a range of wind speeds between 4 and 12 metres per second, with a fixed noise limit of 40 dB L_{Aeq} and also with calculated background noise levels taking account of potential increases in background noise as wind speeds increase.

The (predictive) assessment indicated that at moderate wind speeds of up to 8 m/s, no significant adverse noise effects would occur at any receptor location. The assessment indicated that potentially significant turbine noise levels, of greater than 5 dB above the set limit or background noise level, might occur at wind speeds of 10 m/s and more at the Hills Farm, and at wind speeds of 11 m/s and more at Stone Croft.

However, at higher wind speeds it is reasonable to infer that the interaction of the wind with trees, buildings and other structures may significantly increase the wind-related (masking) background noise levels, effectively reducing any predicted noise impact.

In view of these considerations, it is our judgement that the installation and operation of the two turbines is unlikely to result in any noise disturbance for the residents of the properties.

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report presents the results of an assessment of the potential noise emissions associated with the operation of two Evoco 10 kW turbines at Brows Farm, Longridge, Preston.
- 1.2 The turbines are to be located on open agricultural land belonging to the farm, to the north east of the village of Longridge. The assessment of potential noise impacts was undertaken in respect of the two nearest residential properties, Stone Croft and The Hills Farm: the residential property at Stone Croft is located to the north west of the two turbines, at a distance of 264 metres and 330 metres from each turbine respectively; the residential property at The Hills Farm is located to the north east of the two turbines, at a distance of 240 metres and 250 metres from each turbine respectively.
- 1.3 In discussion with the Environmental Protection Department at Ribble Valley Borough Council, it was agreed that assessment of noise impacts at The Hills Farm would be undertaken with respect to a generic receptor position on the western facade of the western-most existing farm buildings, a position closest to, and facing, the turbines; this allows for the possibility that the buildings could be converted to residential use in the future. The closest point of these buildings to each of the proposed wind turbines is 169 metres and 177 metres respectively.
- 1.4 The assessment comprised a desk-based study of predicted noise levels from the operation of the turbines, over the normal operational range of wind speeds for the turbines. It was agreed with the Environmental Protection Department that the predicted turbine receptor noise levels would be assessed against a set limit value of 40 dB L_{Aeq} (external free-field) with correlation against calculated background noise levels at moderate wind speeds of up to 8 m/s, which allows for potential increases in background noise that occur with increasing wind speed.
- 1.5 The use of a 40 dB L_{Aeq} external noise level conservatively assumed 10 dB of attenuation through an open window, and was thus set to ensure that internal noise levels of 30 dB L_{Aeq} would be achieved in accordance with guidance provided in British Standard 8233¹.
- 1.6 A glossary of acoustic terminology is presented at Appendix A.

2. METHODOLOGY AND GUIDANCE

- 1.7 The assessment made reference to the following guidance:

¹ British Standards Institution (1999) *Sound insulation and noise reduction for buildings – Code of practice*. BSI, London.

- British Wind Energy Association (BWEA) 2008 *Small Wind Turbine Performance and Safety Standard*. The Standard suggests that turbine receptor noise levels of between 40 and 45 dB(A) are unlikely to be a significant concern with respect to noise (dB(A) in this context is taken to mean dB L_{Aeq}). Annex A of the Standard also provides a means for approximating wind-associated background noise at ground level, based on research carried out in Europe and the UK, using the formula: $L_{p\text{bgd}} = 28 + 2.25 * V$, where V is the wind speed in metres per second (m/s) at ground level (the resultant value is taken to be dB L_{Aeq}); this formula is generally a conservative (worst case approximation, particularly at high wind speeds, and is generally only applicable to open sites away from trees and buildings; it is therefore applicable for rural settings where wind turbines are sited, but it is worth noting that around residential properties, the presence of trees, farm buildings, telegraph poles etc, are likely to significantly increase the level of background noise as wind speeds increase such that (masking) background noise at receptors is likely to be higher than that predicted using the formula presented above.
 - NOABL national wind forecast database, which shows that the average annual wind speed at this site, at a height of 10 metres above ground, is 6.6 metres per second (m/s).
 - British Standard 8233: 1999 *Sound insulation and noise reduction for buildings – Code of practice*, which suggests that internal noise levels of 30 dB L_{Aeq} would be commensurate with “good” conditions for rest and sleep
- 1.8 The source noise data for the turbines was based upon the MCS approved noise test data for the Evoco 10 kW turbine². The test data indicate that the turbines exhibit no acoustic tonality, and this situation would not be expected to change with the operation of two turbines. Calculation of turbine noise level at the receptors utilised a conventional spherical propagation model assuming transmission of the noise over soft, noise-absorbent ground.
- 1.9 As the turbines operate over a range of wind speeds of up to 12 m/s, in addition to assessing the noise from the turbines as wind speeds increase, it is additionally necessary to assess the potential background noise increase that occurs with increasing wind speed. The assessment thus examined the (turbine) receptor noise levels in the context of predicted background noise levels at each wind speed between 4 and 12 m/s, using the BWEA method described previously. It was agreed with the local authority that the assessment would consider, in particular, potential noise impacts at moderate wind speeds between 5 and 8 m/s; above this wind speed it is possible that background noise may be higher than predicted (as discussed previously at paragraph 1.7) and it becomes more likely that occupants will close windows, potentially reducing the effect of any wind turbine noise.
- 1.10 Because the NOABL wind speeds are given for a 10-metre reference height, i.e. turbine hub height, the background noise levels presented in Table 1 used wind speeds

² Narec, 2010. *Acoustic Test Report For Evoco 10 Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine* (Ref No. 1603/01/A)

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corrected, using a standard power law, in accordance with IEC 61400-2³, to a height of 3.5 metres above ground level (AGL), approximately equivalent to the height of a first floor bedroom window.

3. ASSESSMENT RESULTS / CALCULATIONS

- 1.11. Table 1 presents the calculated turbine noise data at the residential receptor location, over the normal operational range of wind speed for the turbines. The Table shows the comparison of turbine noise against the set limit of 40 dB L_{Aeq} as well as the comparison with calculated background noise at each wind speed.

Table 1: Predictive calculations of wind turbine noise compared with set limit (40 dB L_{Aeq}) and background noise adjusted for wind speed

and background noise adjusted for wind speed								
Wind speed @ 10m AGL (m/s)	Calculated BG noise (dB L_{Aeq})*	WTG Sound power level (dB L_{Aeq})**	WTG 1 - 169m	WTG 2 – 177m	Combined turbine receptor noise level dB L_{Aeq}	Set limit value dB L_{Aeq}	Diff v limit value (dB)	Diff v BG (dB)
The Hills Farm								
4	33.9	79.5	23.9	23.5	26.7	40.0	-13.3	-7.1
5	35.2	82.7	27.1	26.7	29.9		-10.1	-5.2
6	36.5	85.8	30.3	29.9	33.1		-6.9	-3.4
7	37.8	89.0	33.5	33.1	36.3		-3.7	-1.5
8	39.1	92.2	36.7	36.3	39.5		-0.5	0.4
9	40.3	95.4	39.8	39.4	42.7		2.7	2.3
10	41.6	98.6	43.0	42.6	45.8		5.8	4.2
11	42.9	101.8	46.2	45.8	49.0		9.0	6.1
12	44.2	105.0	49.4	49.0	52.2		12.2	8.0
Stone Croft								
4	33.9	79.5	20.0	18.1	22.2	40.0	-17.8	-11.7
5	35.2	82.7	23.2	21.3	25.4		-14.6	-9.8
6	36.5	85.8	26.4	24.5	28.6		-11.4	-7.9
7	37.8	89.0	29.6	27.7	31.7		-8.3	-6.0
8	39.1	92.2	32.8	30.8	34.9		-5.1	-4.1
9	40.3	95.4	36.0	34.0	38.1		-1.9	-2.2
10	41.6	98.6	39.1	37.2	41.3		1.3	-0.3
11	42.9	101.8	42.3	40.4	44.5		4.5	1.5
12	44.2	105.0	45.5	43.6	47.7		7.7	3.4

*BWEA calculation, wind speed corrected to 3.5 metres AGL **Calculated from Narec MCS test data

³ International Electrotechnical Commission (2006) IEC 61400-2 *Design requirements for small wind turbines*. IEC, Geneva

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- 1.12. The data in Table 1 indicate that at an annual average wind speed of 8 m/s, the noise from the turbines will be marginally (0.5 dB) below the **40 dB L_{Aeq} limit value** but marginally (0.4 dB) above the **predicted background noise level** at The Hills Farm, and significantly (0.4 to 0.5 dB) lower than either the 40 dB L_{Aeq} limit value or the predicted wind-related background noise level at Stone Croft; internal noise levels commensurate with "good" sleeping and resting conditions, in accordance with the guidance presented in BS 8233, would be achieved at all receptor locations. Only at wind speeds of approximately 10 m/s or greater do the quantitative data in Table 1 indicate that potentially significant turbine noise levels (+5 dB or greater) start to affect The Hills Farm. Potentially significant turbine noise levels (+5 dB or greater) start to affect Stone Croft only at wind speeds of 11 m/s or greater.
- 1.13. At these higher wind speeds it is likely that residents would close their windows, providing at least 30 dB of sound attenuation.
- 1.14. In view of the above considerations, therefore, it is our judgement that the installation and operation of the turbines is unlikely to give rise to adverse noise disturbance for the existing or future residents at Stone Croft or The Hills Farm.

4. SUMMARY

- 1.15. The assessment of turbine noise, based on MCS-approved test data, predicted that at moderate wind speeds of up to 8 m/s, the 40 dB L_{Aeq} limit value at the nearest receptor would be met, and noise levels commensurate with "good" sleeping conditions, as described in BS 8233, would be achieved; at 9 m/s wind speed the limit value was predicted to be marginally exceeded by 2.7 dB.
- 1.16. The assessment also indicated that when compared to wind speed-related background noise levels, at moderate wind speeds of up to 8 m/s, the background noise level at the closest receptor would be marginally exceeded by +0.4 dB. Only at high wind speeds above 10 m/s was the likelihood of potentially significant noise impacts predicted to occur, according to the predictive calculations presented in Table 1, but this must be considered in the context of potentially greater than predicted background noise levels.
- 1.17. It was predicted that the operation of the turbines at Brows Farm is unlikely to give rise to adverse noise impacts at any existing or potential future residential properties.

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5. APPENDICES

Appendix A: Glossary of acoustic terms

Airborne sound: sound transmitted through the air as a medium rather than through solids, liquids or through the structure of buildings.

Ambient noise: all-encompassing noise from sources both near and far.

Background noise: the general noise in an area, in the absence of specific noise sources, and against which the impacts of noisy development are often compared. In UK guidance, the 'background' noise is conventionally (quantitatively) defined as the 90th percentile noise level (dB L_{A90}) or the noise level that is exceeded for 90% of the measurement/assessment period.

Decibel (dB): a unit of level derived from the logarithm of the ratio between the value of a quantity and a reference value. It is used to describe the level of many different quantities. For sound pressure level the reference quantity is 20 micro-Pascals (μPa), the threshold of normal hearing is in the region of 0 dB, and 140 dB is the threshold of pain. A change of 1 dB is only perceptible under controlled conditions.

dB(A) / A-weighting: decibels measured on a sound level meter incorporating a frequency weighting (A weighting) which differentiates between sounds of different frequency (pitch) in a similar way to the human ear. Measurements in dB(A) broadly agree with people's assessment of loudness. A change (in steady noise) of 3 dB(A) is the minimum perceptible under normal conditions and a change of 10 dB(A) corresponds roughly to halving or doubling the *loudness* of a sound. The background noise level in a living room may be about 30 dB(A); normal conversation about 60 dB(A) at 1 metre; heavy road traffic about 80 dB(A) at 10 metres; the level near a pneumatic drill about 100 dB(A)⁴. In this assessment, and in some guidance documents, dB(A) is now understood to mean dB L_{Aeq} .

⁴ DEFRA, (1997) Planning Policy Guidance Note (PPG) 24 "Planning and noise". TSO, London

L_{Aeq T}: the equivalent continuous sound level - the sound level of a notionally steady sound having the same energy as a fluctuating sound over a specified measurement period (T). *L_{Aeq}* is used to describe many types of noise and can be measured directly with an integrating sound level meter.

Noise: any audible sound. Often defined as unwanted sound. Can be damaging to hearing if it is too loud or can be just annoying if it interferes with the normal enjoyment of others.

Noise propagation: the geometrical transmission of sound energy away from a source. The sound 'waves' may radiate outwards (spread) in all directions into 'free space' (spherical propagation) or may be constrained by one or more reflective surfaces. In environmental noise assessment, spherical propagation models are conventionally used when noise radiates into open air i.e. from an aeroplane or source high above the ground, or when the ground between source and receiver is absorbent of sound energy, whilst hemi-spherical propagation models are used when hard, sound-reflective surfaces, such as concrete, are present between source and receiver.

Sound / sound pressure: a fluctuation in air pressure over the static ambient pressure.

Sound/noise attenuation: the reduction in intensity of a sound signal.

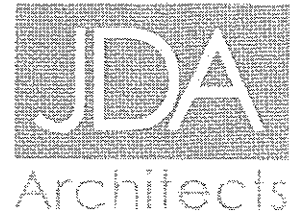
Sound power level (SWL): the total acoustic energy emitted by a source, relative to a standard reference power of 2×10^{-12} watts on the decibel scale.

Sound pressure level: the sound pressure relative to a standard reference pressure of 20 μ Pa (20×10^{-6} Pa) on the decibel scale: [20 μ Pa = 20 micro-Pascals]

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**APPENDIX 6 –
CONSULTATION**



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For this small scale wind turbine application it would be overly onerous to expect a full public consultation. However it is understood that the normal planning procedure will encompass advertising the application and writing to neighbours for comments.

The site is within The Forest of Bowland "Important Bird Areas", however it is outside the RSPB Bird reserves and is located in open farmland. The turbines have been located over 60 m from any natural habitat – hedges trees etc. and therefore will not impact upon rare species or habitats

The following "Site Check report" proves there are no contentious issues within 500m of the site location, and therefore no further consultation should be necessary.

Site Check Report

Report generated on September 5 2011

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Forestry Commission Conservancy Boundaries (England)

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Natural England Regions (England)

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English Heritage Regions (England)

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Environment Agency - Public Face Areas

Area Office Address	Region Name
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Environment Agency - Water Management Areas

Area Office Address	Region Name
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Environment Agency - Public Face Regions

Region Name	Regional Office	Address
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Environment Agency - Water Management Regions

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Parliamentary Constituencies (England)

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THORNLEY-WITH-WHEATLEY CP	Civil Parish or Community	LANCASHIRE_COUNTY

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17	SLOWLY PERMEABLE SEASONALLY WET ACID LOAMY AND CLAYEY SOILS	LOAMY	IMPEDED DRAINAGE	LOW	SEASONALLY WET PASTURES AND WOODLANDS MAINLY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY ON THE UPLAND FRINGE	GRASSLAND WITH SOME ARABLE AND FORESTRY
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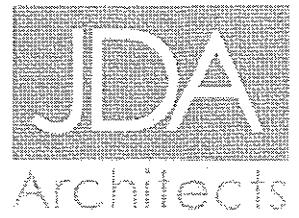
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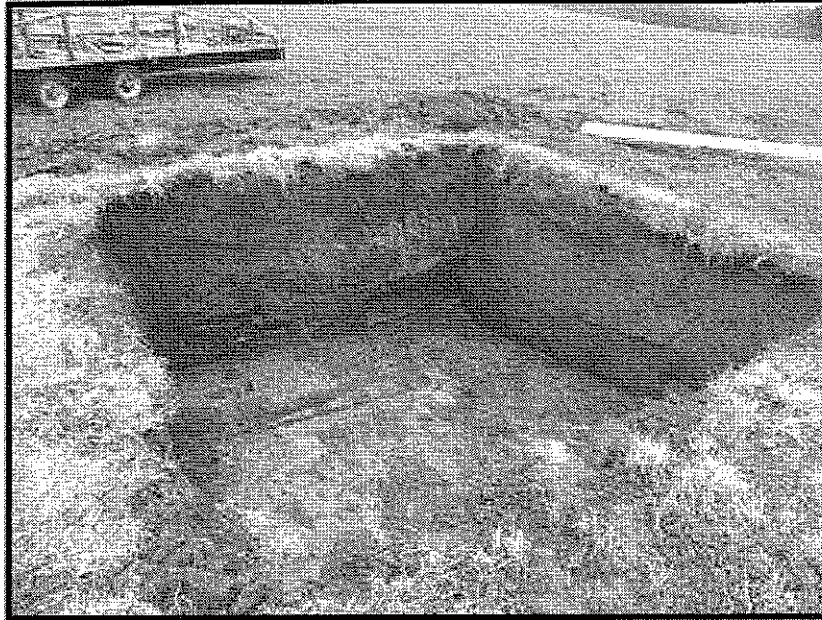
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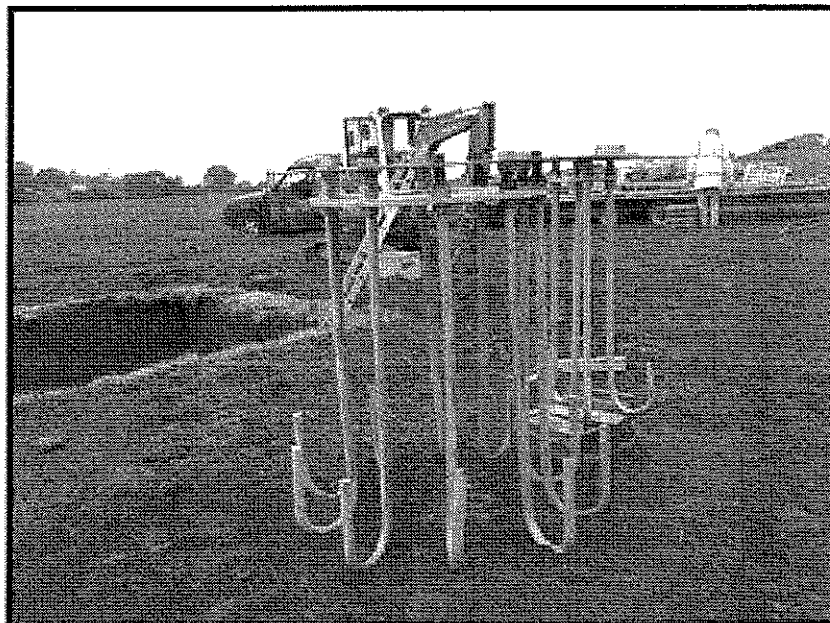


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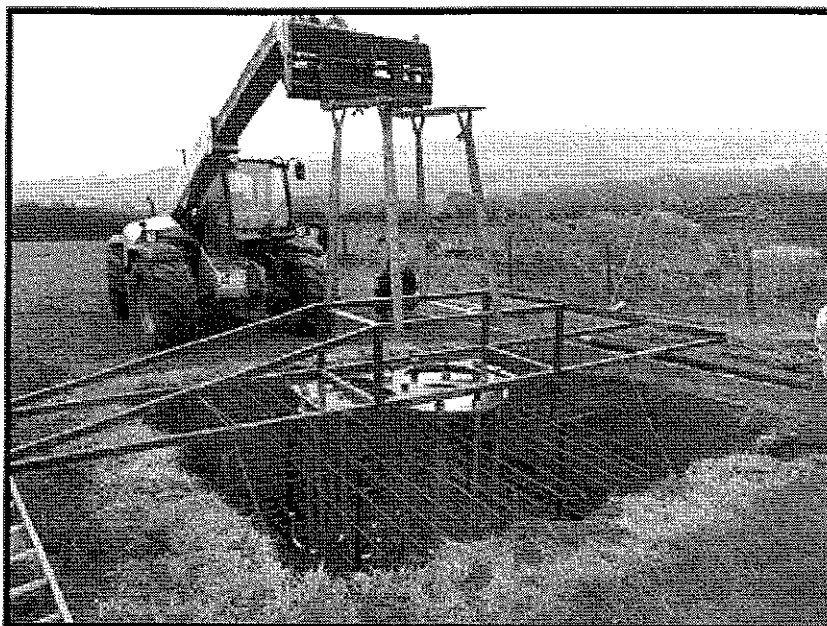
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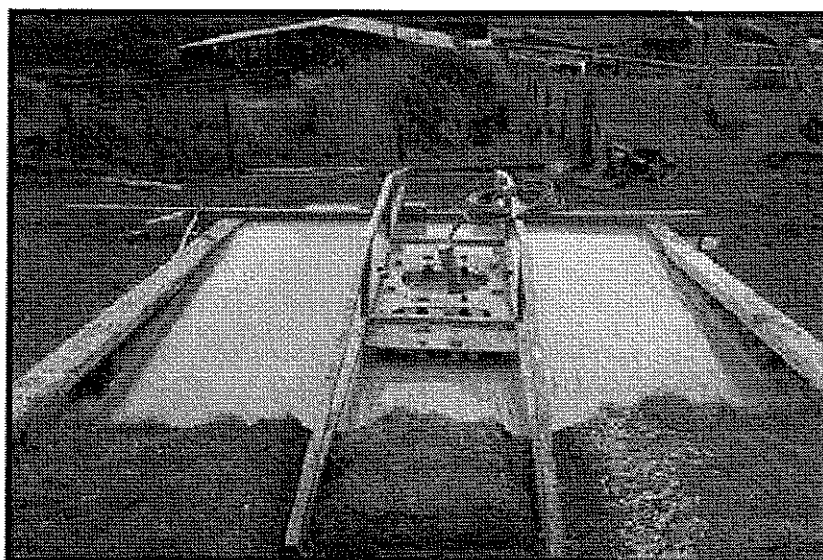
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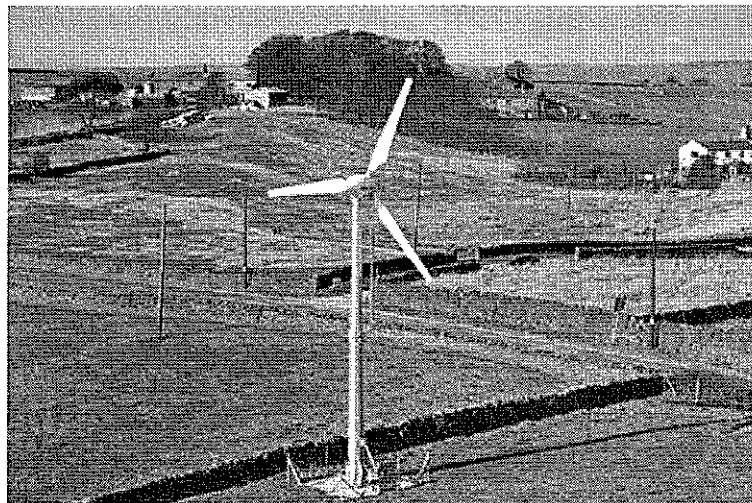
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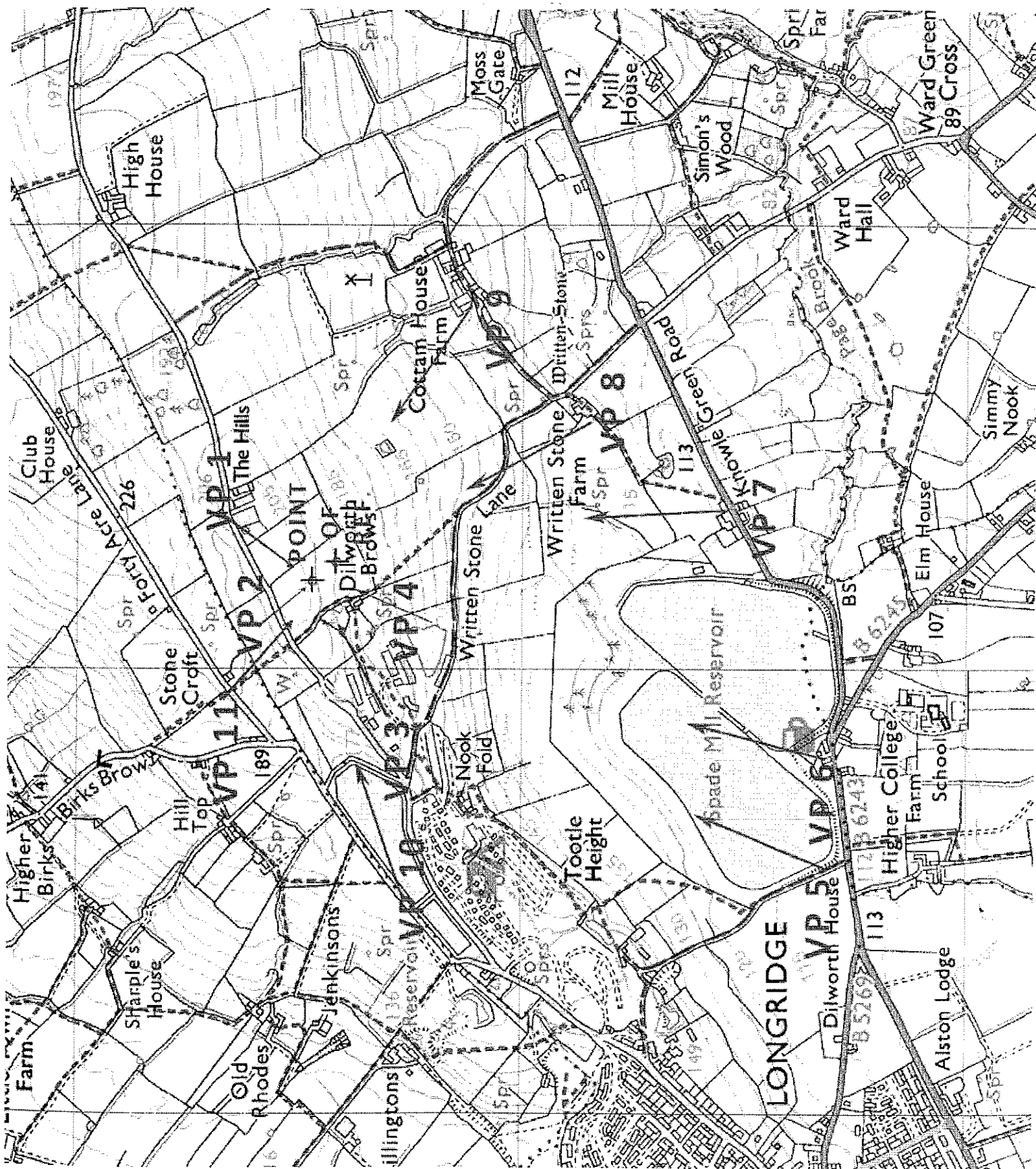
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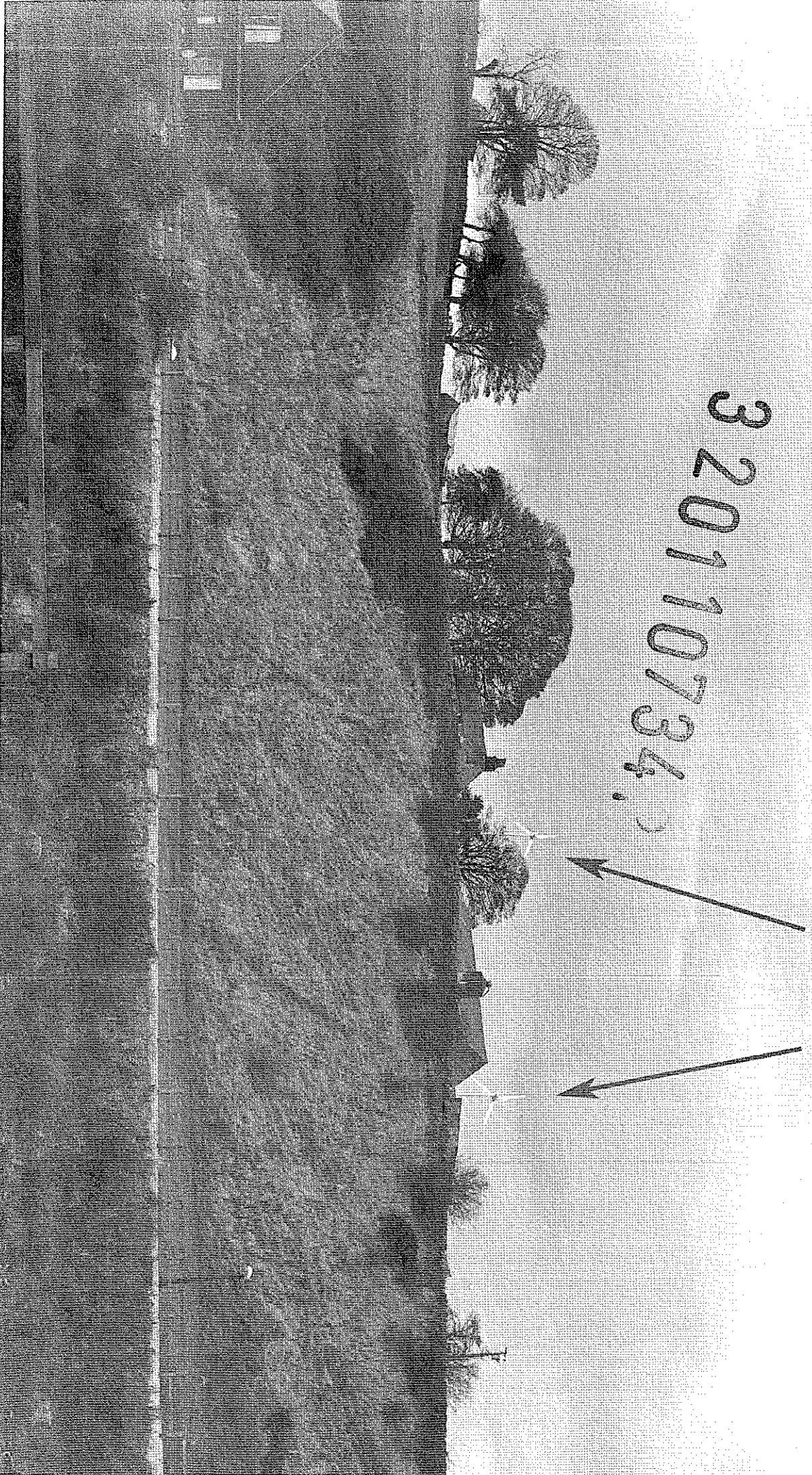
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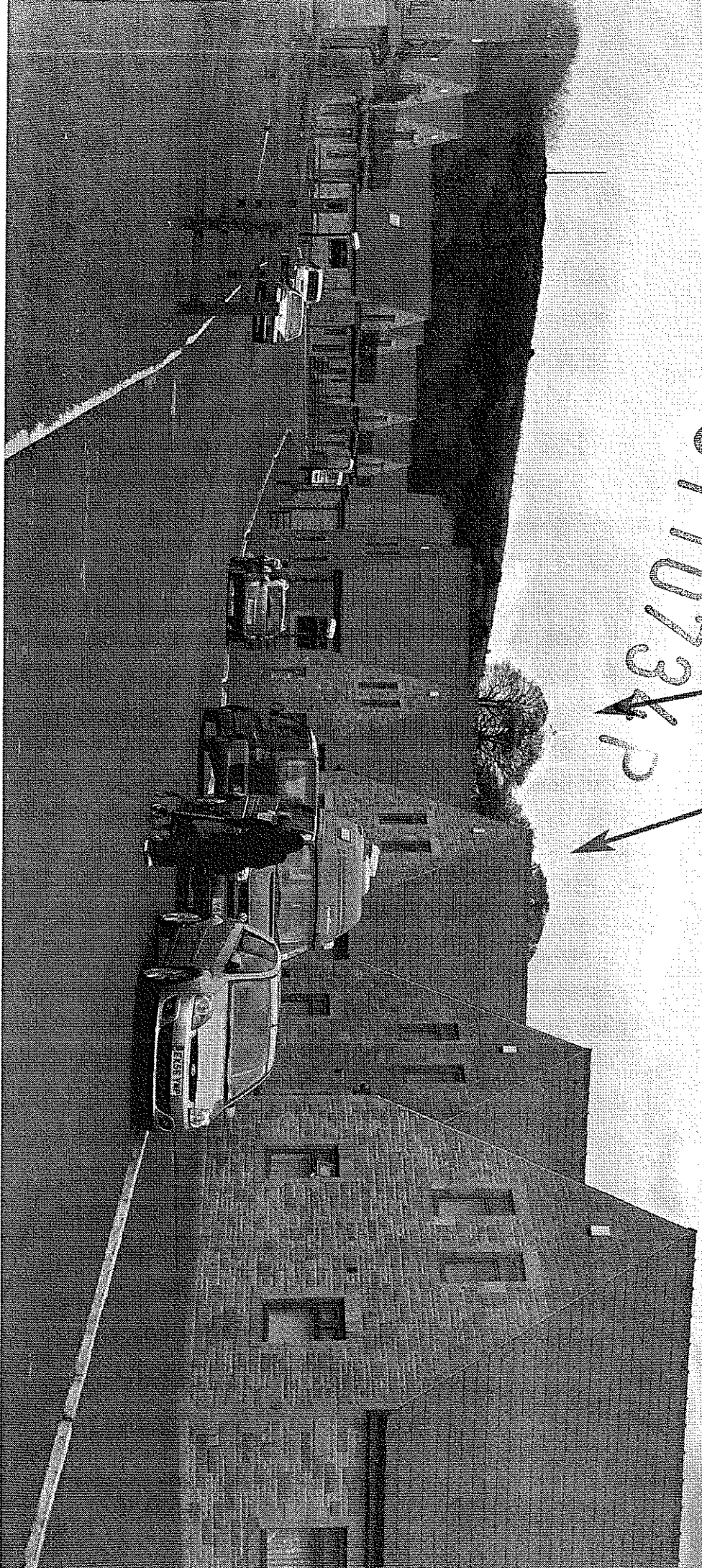
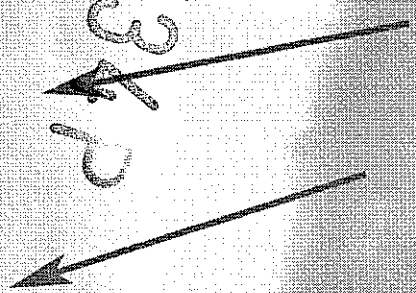
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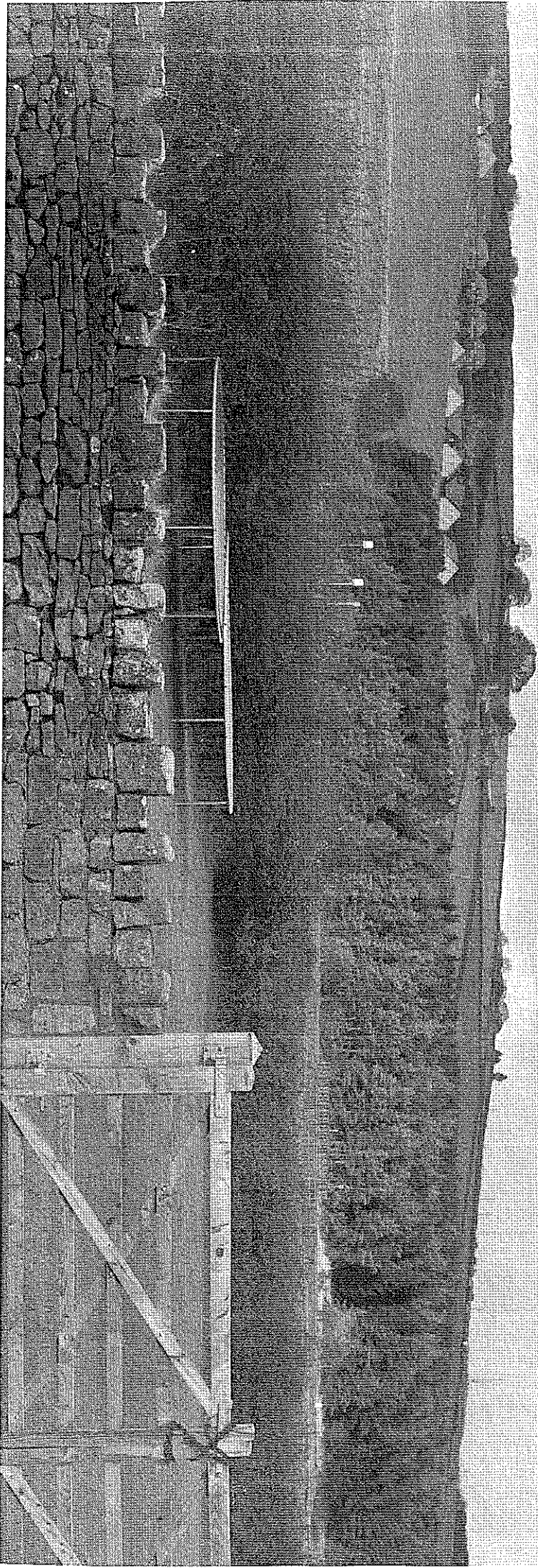
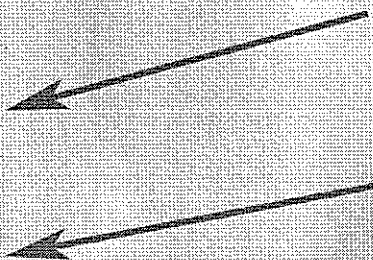
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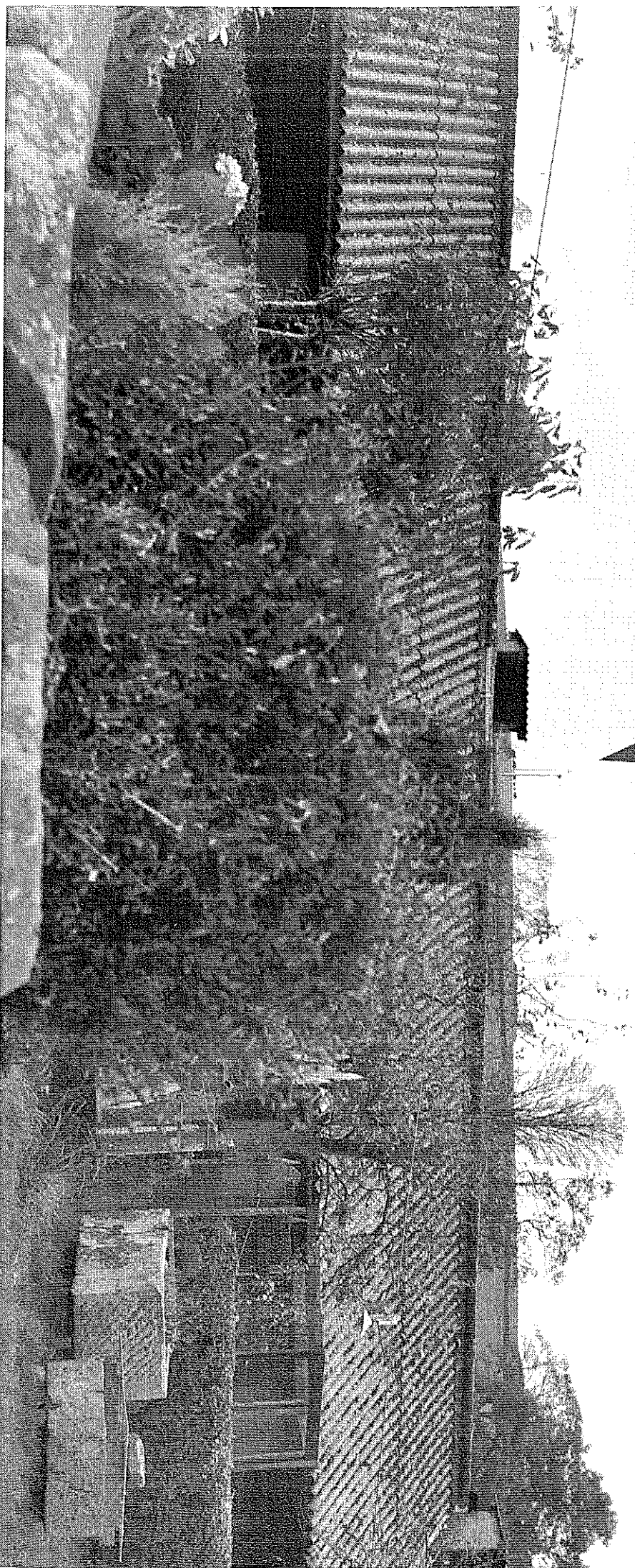
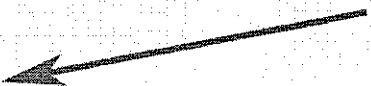
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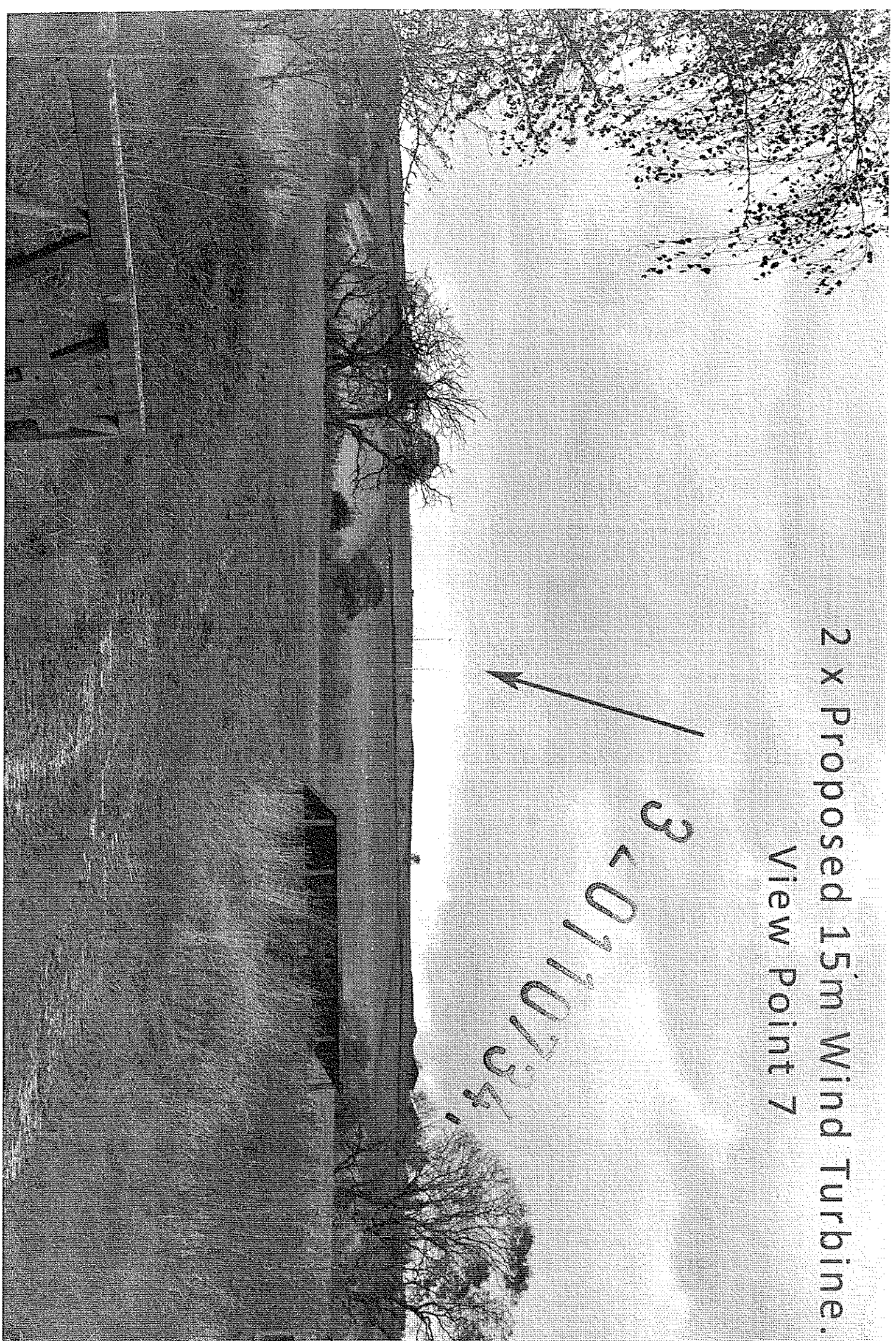
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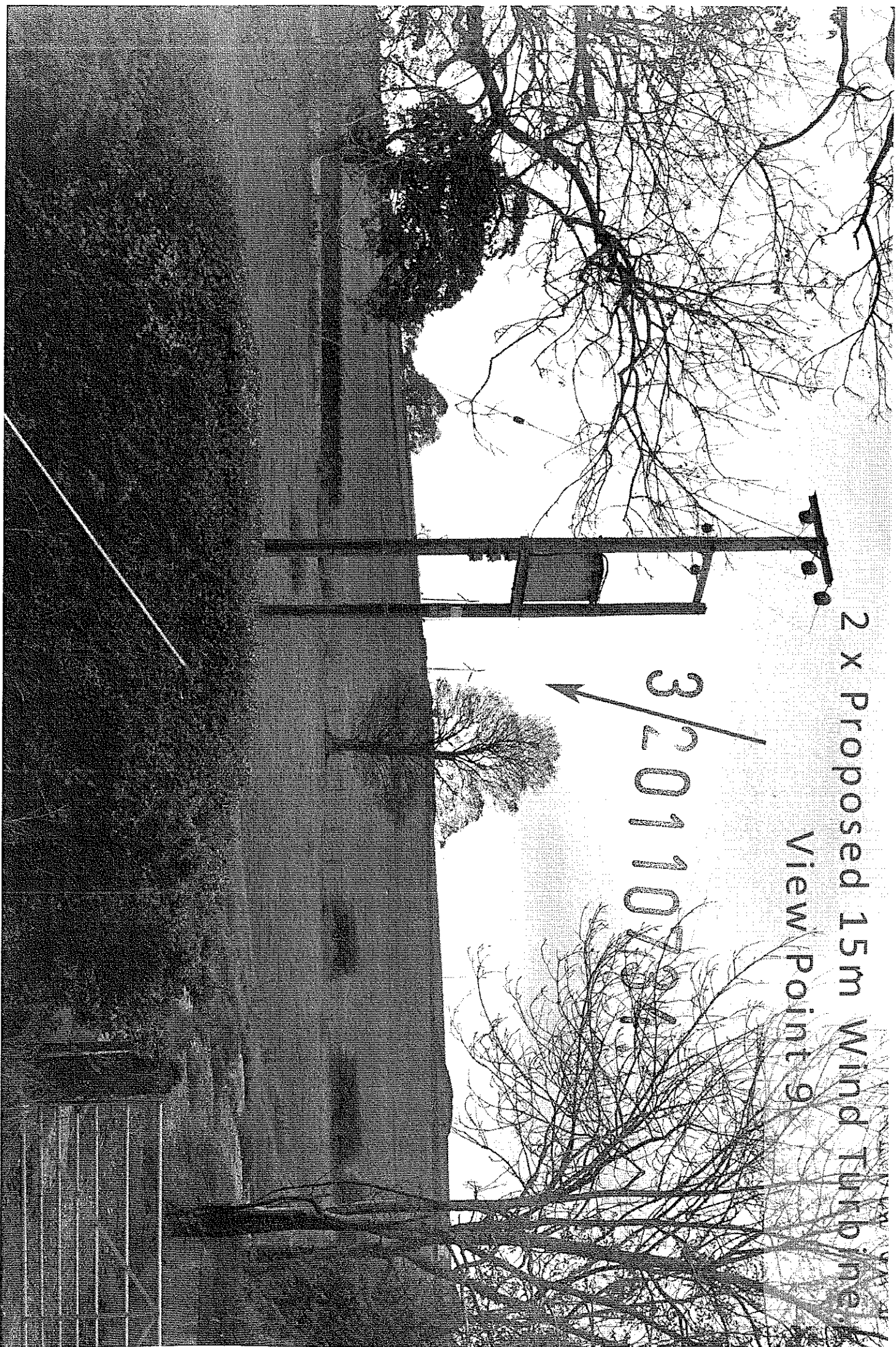


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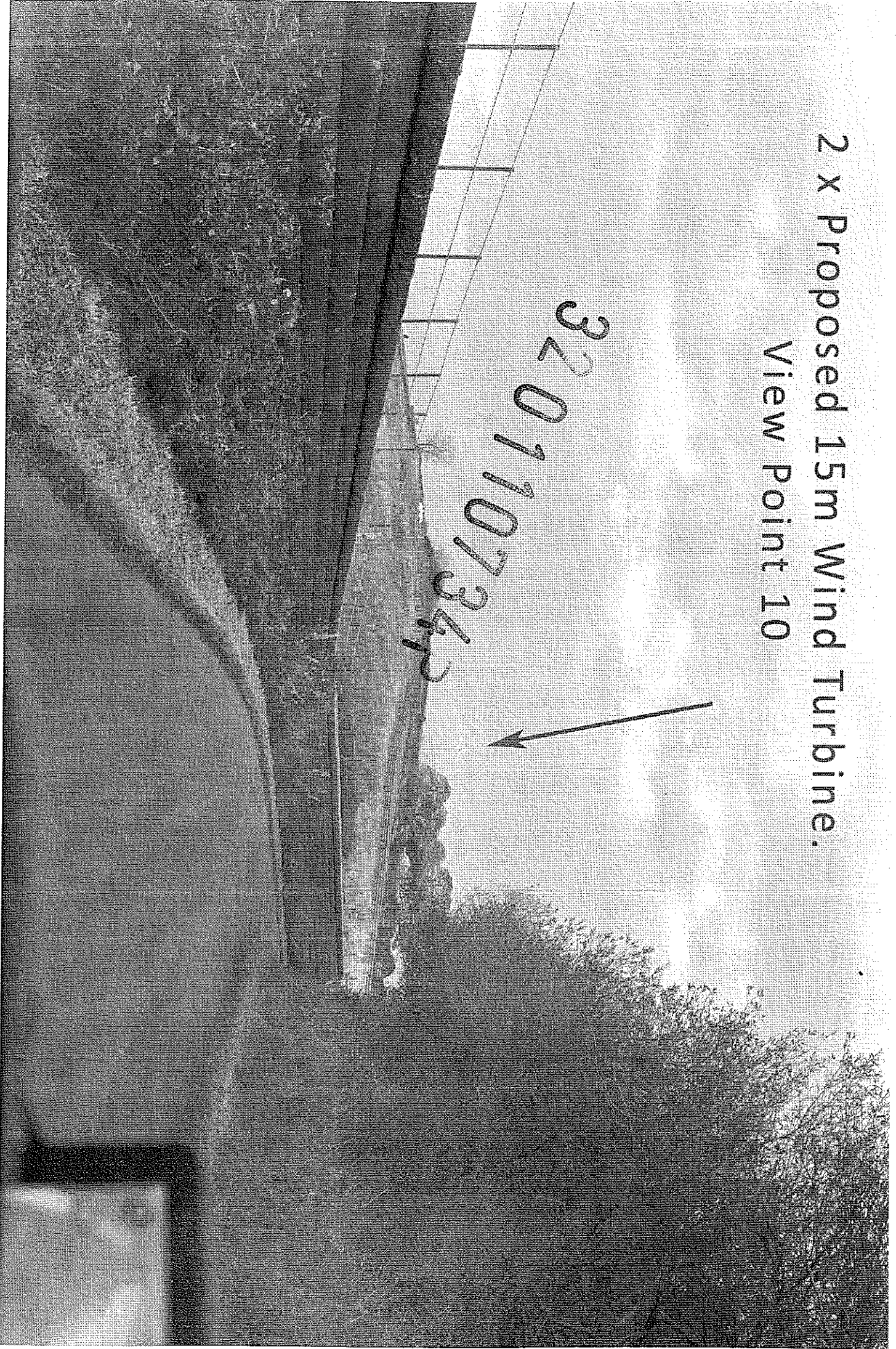
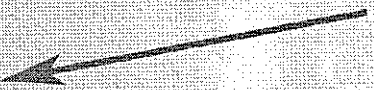
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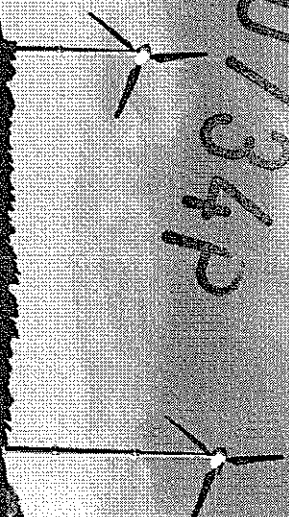
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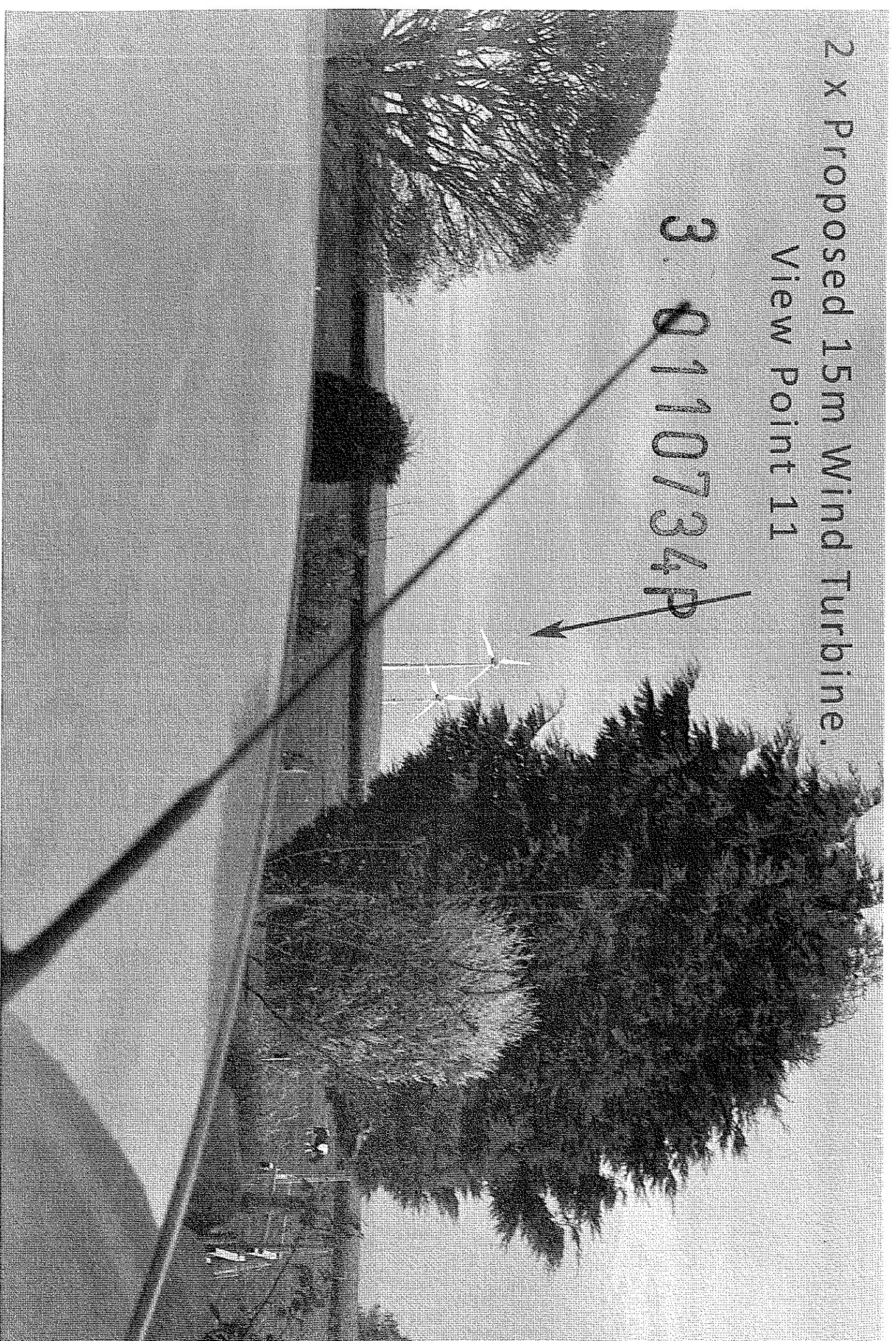
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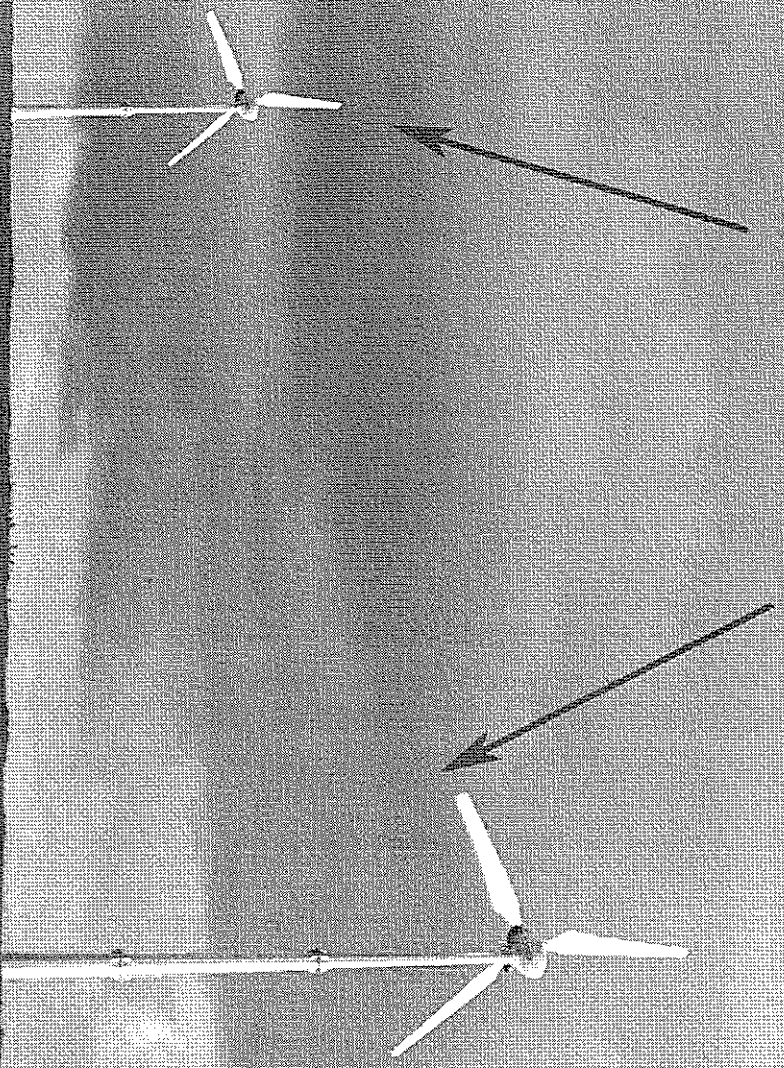
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