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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning consultation: Installation of a 15kW Micro Wind Turbine on a 20m monopole for business use

Location: Laneside Farm Pendleton Lancashire BB7 1PU

Thank you for your consultation dated and received by Natural England on 25 June 2012.

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

This proposal does not appear to affect any statutorily protected sites, or have significant impacts on the conservation of soils, nor is the proposal EIA development.

The lack of further comment from Natural England on these issues should not be interpreted as a statement that there are no impacts on the natural environment. Other bodies and individuals may be able to make comments that will help the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to fully take account of the environmental value of this site in the decision making process.

Landscape

This application falls within the setting of The Forest of Bowland AONB. Natural England has no comments to make on this proposal as we do not believe that this development is likely to impact on the purposes of designation of The Forest of Bowland AONB. Given the location of the development, however, the local planning authority should seek the views of the AONB Partnership where relevant, prior to determining this planning application, as they may have comments to make on the location, nature or design of this development.

Protected Species

It is not clear from the information in support of this application what the impact on protected species will be, the survey provided does not cover the given location in the application documents. We would encourage the authority to ask the applicant to provide further information that clearly describes the impact of the proposal on protected species and any proposed mitigation together with evidence to show how they concluded what the impacts will be.

Natural England has published standing advice that provides guidance for local authorities on applications that affect protected species. It provides advice to planners on deciding the 'reasonable likelihood' of protected species being present and also on survey and mitigation requirements.

The standing advice can be found on Natural England's website at <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/planningtransportlocalgov/spatialplanning/standingadvice/default.aspx>

This standing advice can be applied to all types of development and is a material consideration in the determination of applications in the same way as an individual response received from Natural England.

If protected species are using the site, and are likely to be affected by the development, then the authority should ensure that appropriate mitigation is proposed and secured through the use of conditions. Further guidance is provided in our [standing advice](#).

Should you wish, support is available from Natural England to help to interpret the results of a survey in line with the guidance on our website. Please telephone us on the number above and we will be happy to help you interpret the guidance and how it applies to this proposal.

Yours faithfully

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