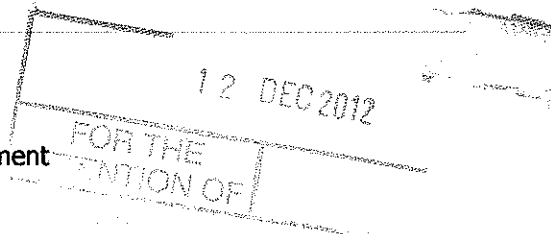


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Sent: 12 December 2012 11:02
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From: Brereton, Steven
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To: 'Graeme Thorpe'
Subject: RE: 12013 Carr Hall - 03/2012/0539 Revised LVIA document



Hi Graeme

I previously commented on this application on 25th October 2012. Part of my comments drew attention to some of the weaknesses in the applicant's landscape and Visual Impact Assessment. Since then, a Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) map has become available. In the main this map appears to have been prepared in accordance with good practice guidance such as that contained in *Visual Representation of Windfarms, Good Practice Guidance, 29 March 2006* (Scottish Natural Heritage). There are however some aspects of the ZTV map which I am not happy with, the principal being:

- a) The ZTV map only covers a study area of just 5km radius. The SNH guidance referred to above recommends in Table 2 a study area radius of 15km for wind turbines up to 50m high. In my opinion the radius of the study area should be at least 10km as 3 turbines are proposed and it is important that highly sensitive and elevated landscapes within the Forest of Bowland AONB are included. It would have been helpful if the applicant had discussed his/her proposal for a study area of 5km radius with the local authorities before producing the ZTV map.
- b) Good practice requires the ZTV to show visibility to blade tip and to the hub (nacelle). The applicant has provided ZTV mapping to hub height only which means that a smaller area of theoretical visibility is shown.

Aside from the production of a ZTV map, the rest of the applicant's LVIA is largely unchanged and the other issues I previously raised have not been addressed. Consequently the LVIA still incorrectly states that the County Council's landscape sensitivity study confirms that the landscape within which the application site is situated is capable of accommodating small to medium scale wind energy development. The photomontages continue to remain unusable as no information has been provided on how to use them and there is not even a viewpoint location plan. The absence of this and other key information undermines the validity of the photomontages making me question whether they have been produced in accordance with good practice. In addition I have reservations concerning the accuracy of the proposed wind turbine's height in some of the photomontages. It seems that the scale of the wind turbines may be being under represented. Taking VP2 for example, I note the following:

Turbine 3 would be situated at approximately 195m AOD. This means that the blade tip height would be 241m. To the south the land rises over Wilpshire Moor to a height of 233m some 8m below the blade tip of turbine 3. Despite this, turbine 3 appears to be below the summit of Wilpshire Moor in VP2.

Until the above issues are resolved I recommend that the application is not determined.

I hope you find these comments helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any matter further.

Regards

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Hi Steve,

Please could you re-comment on this revised document please? ASAP if at all possible.

Thanks,

Graeme

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Graeme,

Re-sent as requested.

12/12/2012

Regards,

Richard

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FAO Graeme Thorpe,

Graeme,

Please see attached our revised LVIA document for application 03/2012/0539 for 3 x 36.4m wind turbines at Carr Hall. Please superseded our earlier submission.

I will send a separate e-mail to your personal e-mail as discussed.

Regards,

Richard

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