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Dear Mr Thorpe

Please quote in any correspondence: DIO 17548

Site Name: Lower Gazegill

Proposal: Erection of 1 Wind Turbine

Planning Application Number: 3/2012/0954

Site Address: Cross Hill Lane, Rimington BB7 4EE

Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) on the above Planning Application in your communication dated 31 October 2012.

I am writing to tell you that the MOD has no objection to the proposal.

The application is for 1 turbine at 27.131 metres to blade tip. This has been assessed using the grid references below as submitted in the planning application or in the developers' your pro-forma.

Turbine	100km Square Letter	Easting	Northing
1	SD	82266	46480

The principal safeguarding concern of the MOD with respect to the development of wind turbines relates to their potential to create a physical obstruction to air traffic movements and cause interference to Air Traffic Control and Air Defence radar installations.

Defence Infrastructure Organisation Safeguarding wishes to be consulted and notified of the progression of planning applications and submissions relating to this proposal to verify that it will not adversely affect defence interests.

If planning permission is granted we would like to be advised of the following;

- the date construction starts and ends;
- the maximum height of construction equipment;
- the latitude and longitude of every turbine.

This information is vital as it will be plotted on flying charts to make sure that military aircraft avoid this area.

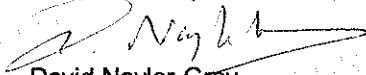
If the application is altered in any way we must be consulted again as even the slightest change could unacceptably affect us.

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

Further information about the effects of wind turbines on MOD interests can be obtained from the following websites:

MOD: <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/MicroSite/DIO/WhatWeDo/Operations/ModSafeguarding.htm>

Yours sincerely



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