

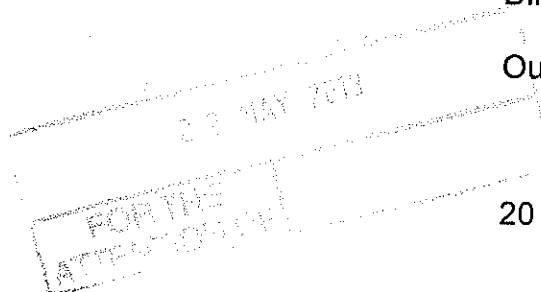


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20 May 2013

Dear Mr Thorpe

**Notifications under Circular 01/2001, Circular 08/2009 &
T&CP (Development Management Procedure) Order 2010
LAND TO THE NORTH OF HUNTROYDE HOME FARM, HUNTROYDE, WEST
WHINS LANE, SIMONSTONE, LANCASHIRE BB12 7QL
Application No 3/2013/0357**

Thank you for your letter of 30 April 2013 notifying us of the application for planning permission relating to the above site. We do not wish to comment in detail, but offer the following general observations.

**English Heritage Advice
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The impact of wind energy developments on the setting and visual amenity of historic places should be considered, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). To assess the visual impact of the wind turbine we recommend that you use the methodology in English Heritage's setting guidance (<http://www.helm.org.uk/guidance-library/setting-heritage-assets/>) and *Wind Energy and the Historic Environment* (<http://www.helm.org.uk/guidance-library/wind-energy-and-the-historic-environment/>). The latter notes that turbine towers (now typically over 60m in height) may have a zone of influence of more than 10 kilometres in radius (page 7) and that adequate distance should always be provided between important historic sites and wind turbine developments, to avoid the site being overshadowed or affected by noise and shadow flicker effects (page 8) We understand the proposed turbine tower is 60.7 metre from base to blade tip.

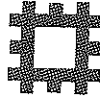
We suggest that in making its decision your authority establishes to its satisfaction the impacts of the proposed wind farm upon all the Grade I, II* and II listed buildings, the Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Registered landscapes and conservation areas within the area of influence of the wind farm.



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We suggest that in making its decision your authority also assesses the cumulative impacts of this and other proposed wind farms upon the historic assets in this area.

If your council is minded to grant consent we would expect provision to be made through legal agreements for the remediation and restoration of the wind farm sites and their infrastructure when they are decommissioned (page 9 of our guidance).

Recommendation

We would urge you to address the above issues, and recommend that the application should be determined in accordance with national and local policy guidance, and on the basis of your specialist conservation advice. It is not necessary for us to be consulted again. However, if you would like further advice, please contact us to explain your request.

Yours sincerely

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