



# Defence Infrastructure Organisation

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## By email only

Dear Emily,

Application reference: 3/2023/0234  
Site Name: 95 Mellor Lane wind turbine  
Proposal: Proposed removal of the existing rear extension and replacement with a single-storey rear extension. Installation of solar panels on the south facing roof and a 1kw free-standing wind turbine in the rear garden  
Site address: 95 Mellor Lane, Mellor, BB2 7EN.

Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in relation to the above planning application through your communication dated 18 May 2023.

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) Safeguarding Team represents the MOD as a consultee in UK planning and energy consenting systems to ensure that development does not compromise or degrade the operation of defence sites such as aerodromes, explosives storage sites, air weapon ranges, and technical sites or training resources such as the Military Low Flying System.

This planning application includes removal of the existing rear extension and replacement with a single-storey rear extension. Installation of solar panels on the south facing roof and the erection of a 1kw wind turbine that has a maximum blade tip height of 8.00 metres above ground level. The development has been assessed using the location data (Grid References) below:

Turbine no.	Easting	Northing
Turbine	366066	431001
Existing property	366013	431015

Following assessment of the provided documents included in this application I can confirm that the MOD has no objection to the proposed development.

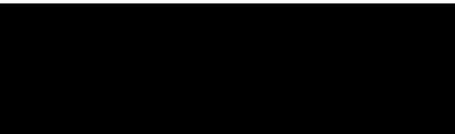
The MOD must emphasise that the advice provided within this letter is in response to the information detailed in the developer's document titled "Planning Statement" dated March 2023. Any variation of the parameters (which include the location, dimensions, form, and finishing materials) detailed may significantly alter how the development relates to MOD safeguarding requirements and cause adverse impacts to safeguarded defence assets or capabilities. In the event that any amendment, whether considered material or not by the determining authority, is submitted for approval, the MOD should be consulted and provided with adequate time to carry out assessments and provide a formal response.

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:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wind-farms-ministry-of-defence-safeguarding>

Yours faithfully,



Safeguarding Manager