

Heritage Impact Assessment Addendum

**To Support A Proposal To Erect A
Wind Turbine On Land At Huntroyde Home Farm,
Huntroyde West, Wins Lane, Simonstone, Burnley**

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1.0 GENERAL FURTHER DETAILS & ASSESSMENT

- 1.1 This addendum has been put together as additional information to the original Heritage Impact Assessment submitted to support a proposal to erect a single wind turbine (E-33 model) at 44m ground to top of hub height (60.7m ground to top of tip height) on land at Huntroyde Home Farm, Huntroyde West, Wins Lane, Simonstone, Burnley and on behalf of the client; Empirica Investments Ltd.
- 1.2 Subsequent to the submission of the aforementioned planning application, it has been brought to our attention that there exists a Heritage Asset within a short proximity to the South of the proposal site that has not been assessed as part of the original works. All assets were identified for the original submission utilising the National Heritage List for England held by English Heritage where it would appear, due to a glitch in the system, this particular asset is not labeled correctly and was subsequently overlooked.
- 1.3 For information purposes the planning application to which the Heritage Impact Assessment relates is ref 3/2013/0357/P.

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Designation	Listed Building –1 No Grade II
Description	Listed Grade II – Feeding shed in gap between Pan Wood and Height Side Wood
Distance from site (approximate)	0.4km
Impact	The feeding shed is located directly at the small coming together of the two sets of woods hugging the tree line to Pan Wood and at the base of the steeply rising terrain up to the North. It is not possible to see the asset from the road to the South from where the turbine will be visible as

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	is evident on the photograph below. In order to be able see the asset the viewer would be required to progress up the track on to the private farmland towards the feeding shed and be in relative close proximity to the asset itself by which point any views of the proposed turbine are likely to be screened by the immediately adjacent tree line of Pan Wood and Height Side Wood. As the viewer progresses through the opening between the two woods and into the clearing and begins ascending up the slope to the North of the asset then a clear and unobstructed view of the turbine will be possible. However by this point the viewer will have passed beyond the asset and therefore will not be able to see the asset and the turbine in the same view orientation. Furthermore it is not possible to view the asset from the North until the viewer has passed well beyond the proposed site for the turbine and has begun descending the slope. Therefore again it will not be possible to see the asset and the turbine in the same view orientation. With the above points in mind in it is not considered that the proposed turbine would have a detrimental effect on the setting and context of the heritage asset.
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Fig 01, Plan of the location of the proposed turbine location with the noted asset identified by the arrow

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Fig 02, View from the road to the South. The asset is hidden within the trees to the mid-ground, the proposed turbine located on the hill behind



Fig 03, View from the access track to the South. The proposed turbine is located on the hill behind screened by the trees seen to the right

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2.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 2.1 The study assessed the potential visual impact of the wind turbine on designated heritage assets within a 7km radius of the proposal site as agreed with the conservation officer. These assets included Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments. The study identified 43 receptors to be assessed which were all visited, recorded and considered. Some of the receptors included more than one designated heritage asset
- 2.2 In this re-examined case it is considered the proposed turbine would have little impact on the setting of the listed building for the following reasons:
- The building is screened by trees to an extent that views of the turbine are severely if not completely restricted
 - The building is located within an area whereby the surrounding topography is such that the turbine simply won't be visible
- 2.3 It is therefore still considered that the proposal complies with local and national policies regarding heritage including; National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Ribble Valley Local Plan.

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