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Dear Karen

Application No. 14/01295/73A : Variation to allow substitution by @Figure 1.01 – Turbine Elevation Plan’, increasing tip height o turbine by 2.939m : High Barn Farm, West Lutton : Morgan

Luttons Parish Council has received the application for the above variation for comment. The Council is unanimous in reaffirming its **objection** to the application and this variation, for the following reasons.

The drawing included in the original Design and Access Statement June 2013 as ‘Image 1’, and its amendment September 2013, shows a turbine height of 45000mm to tip and 30400mm to hub; the submitted (and subsequently approved) plan shows a turbine height of 45071mm to tip and 30521mm to hub. In all cases the rotor diameter is 29100mm. The plan submitted for variation shows a turbine height of 48010mm to tip and 30521mm to hub. The latter dimensions give a rotor diameter of 34978mm, an increase of 5878mm, or an increase in hub/blade length of 2939mm, not the 1.2m claimed by the applicant. It is noteworthy that the applicant has omitted rotor dimensions from the revised drawing.

The applicant’s claim that the alternative turbine/gearbox and an increase in rotor diameter by 5.9m will remain within approved acoustic limits belies common sense and must be tested.

An increase in the overall height to tip of the turbine by 2939mm will inevitably create a different ZTV and cannot be dismissed on the grounds that the hub height is unchanged.

The Inspector’s Decision to allow the appeal repeatedly identifies this turbine as a ‘farm-scale wind turbine (ie relatively small turbines designed to provide electricity for the farm upon which they are

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located)' (para.8). The current application for variation confirms that the applicant intends the turbine primarily to generate electricity for the Grid. Indeed, far from the output of 225kW being related to the farm's needs, this turbine will be one of the largest in the valley and compares unfavourably with another pig farm whose turbine was approved on appeal at 50kW. It appears that the applicant has been economic with technical information relating to its true intentions which are at odds with the Inspector's opinion.

The applicant has a consent (13/00484/FUL) for the erection of an agricultural building for the housing of pigs. In the event that this variation is approved, this Council considers that a condition is appropriate to ensure that the connection to the Grid from the turbine is not made until this unit has been commissioned. This will ensure that the Inspector's emphasis that the electricity generated is for on-farm use is respected, at least in part.

However, it is this Council's view that this variation should be referred back to the Inspector along with detailed consumption figures to demonstrate that the output of this turbine can be consumed on the farm, and that other changes are not material to his original decision.

This Council resents the applicant's cavalier attitude in trying to hasten consultation under the planning system, for purely commercial ends.

Yours sincerely,

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