South Kirkby Camp – Additional Viewpoint & Supplementary Environmental Information.

LVIA Addendum

Representative Viewpoint 7. South Kirkby Camp - Prehistoric Settlement, some 0.9km to the east of the proposed wind turbine at an elevation of approximately 92m AOD. This view is representative of the views from within the heritage asset known as South Kirby Camp.

See Figure 23 Viewpoint 7 South Kirkby Camp - Prehistoric Settlement and Figure 24 Wireline and photomontage, South Kirkby Camp - Prehistoric Settlement.

Existing view.

The view is from the western edge of the South Kirkby Camp site looking west towards Brierley Gap at an elevation of 92m AOD. The Camp is elevated above Homsley Lane which rises between 65-85m AOD adjacent to the northern edge of the site. In the foreground the camp site is closely grazed by horses with the area around the perimeter of the site developing taller herbaceous/scrub vegetation. The site has a post and wire fencing along the western boundary. Beyond the perimeter of the camp the gently rises gently to the west towards Brierley Gap 107m AOD and consists of arable farmland under arable production. Crossing the arable field in the foreground, north to south, is an overhead line on timber poles, which splits at Homsley Lane where a part of the line follows the lane to Common Lane and Brierley Gap.

On the horizon to the west of the Camp is Brierley Gap, The Robin Hood Hotel, currently unoccupied, a residential property and a telecommunications mast surrounded with mature trees and shrubs. There are no views to the west beyond this middle distance horizon as the land drops into the valley of the River Dearne See Panorama 04.

To the north of the site along Homsley Lane is a small cottage, 'the Bungalow' to the north of which is the former Brierley Garden Centre, with and area of mature coniferous garden planting along the roadside and mature deciduous trees along the western boundary, See View 01. Further west is Brierley Boarding Kennels and Cattery, a two-storey red brick house with single storey kennels to the north of the house See View 02. Close to the junction with Common Lane is the South Kirkby Household Waste Recycling Centre, sited on the former South Kirkby Quarry, which has been in filled and restored and establishing scrub woodland along the road edge, See View 03. There are street lighting columns to the east and west of the site on Homsley Land and along Common Road and South Moor Road.

To the south of Brierley Gap the tops of the agricultural buildings at Ringstone Hill Farm are visible above the horizon.

Predicted view with operational wind turbine

The upper section of the proposed turbine, hub and blades are visible above the mature trees at Brierley Gap. From the view point the turbine appears in the same part of the view and as a similar height to the telecommunications mast within Brierley Gap and beneath the wirescape of the overhead electricity lines on the timber poles in the foreground. There are a number of infrastructure elements within the view.

Type and sensitivity of visual receptor

Very High – Visitors to historic features where the setting is important to the appreciation and understanding of the property/history.

Medium - Minor road users

Magnitude of change to baseline view.

Low

Assessed significance of visual impact

Visitors **- Moderate** and therefore **Not Significant**

Minor road users – **Moderate/Slight** and therefore **Not Significant**

Mitigation

Not considered appropriate from this view point.

The above assessment indicates that the Significance of the impact is Moderate –Moderate/Slight and therefore Not Significant. The encroachment of the housing estates to the west of South Kirkby between Homsley Lane and Common Lane up to the boundary of the South Kirkby Camp site, the development of the garden centre, cattery and kennels and Wakefield's Councils Household Waste Recycling Centre, together with the telecommunication mast, overhead lines and street lighting all have had an impact on the setting of the South Kirkby Camp. However the siting of a wind turbine 45m to hub, 67m to blade tip on the proposed Ringstone Hill Farm site, 0.9km away, partially screened by mature trees, and viewed closely together with other infrastructure elements would have a limited impact and not be Significant.



View 01 The Bunglaow from South Kirkby Camp



View 02 Brierley Boarding Kennels and Cattery



View 03 South Kirkby Household Waste Recycling Centre

RINGSTONE HILL FARM



Panorama 04 taken from within the South Kirkby Camp- Prehistoric Settlement looking west towards Brierley Gap in the centre of the image.