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Dear Matthew

Planning Application 2012/0288, Proposed Single Wind Turbine (45 meters to Hub, 67 metres to *Tip) at Ringstone Hill Farm, Southmoor Road, Brierley, Barnsley*

Further to the comments you recently have provided me with from West Yorkshire Archaeological Service and English Heritage, we have prepared a further heritage and landscape and visual impact assessment of the proposal in relation to the South Kirkby Camp Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM).

Please find enclosed the following:-

- Landscaped and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) Addendum – South Kirkby Camp, Additional Viewpoints and Supplementary Environmental Information, prepared by NE1: Environments;
- Figure 023; Viewpoint 7, South Kirkby Camp, Prehistoric Settlement, Figure Ref: EED-12611-100-GR-LVIA-023, prepared by The Waterman Group;
- Photo Viewpoint, Wire Frame and Photo Montage of South Kirkby Camp, Figure Ref: EED-12611-100-GR-LVIA-024;
- Heritage Statement Addendum, prepared by Castle Heritage, Dated June 2012.

The LVIA Addendum concludes that the impact of the proposal on the South Kirkby Camp is considered to be 'Not Significant'. The siting of the wind turbine at 45 metres to hub, 67 metres to tip, on a site 0.9 kilometres away from the SAM, partially screened by mature trees, and viewed closely together with the other infrastructure/development elements (e.g. telecommunication mast, overhead lines and street lighting, waste recycling centre) would result in the proposal having only a limited impact (i.e. not to be significant).

The Heritage Statement Addendum includes a detailed assessment of South Kirkby Camp advising that the monument consists of an uncultivated field with some undulations adjacent to the urban fringe of South Kirkby. The monument is defined by the remains of a bank about 1 metres in height with accompanying ditch on the South, West and Eastern sides. The physical remains of the monument both above ground and its potential below ground, provide evidential and historical value and from the main significance of the monument.

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Although it is noted that the rotors would be partially visible, it is not anticipated that the views of the turbine be dominant or unduly distracting within the surroundings of which the monument is experienced. In this respect it is not considered that the proposed turbine would impact upon the significance of the monument and its setting.

We also note the English Heritage commented upon impact on Hallsteads Moated site, SAM. I understand from our telephone discussions that you are not concerned about this impact and we have therefore not included an additional assessment of this SAM.

I trust that the enclosed information will assist in resolving the concerns identified by West Yorkshire Archaeological Service and English Heritage. If you do require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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