



## **STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

**PROPOSED SITING OF 1 WIND TURBINE WITH A MAXIMUM TIP HEIGHT OF 67m**

**New Maythorne Farm**

**Crow Edge**

**Holmfirth**

**South Yorkshire**

**HD9 7TW**

**Our Ref: P1629**

**February 2015**

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## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION METHODOLOGY & RESPONSES

For the proposed development at New Maythorne Farm, Crow Edge, Holmfirth, South Yorkshire, HD9 7TW

### 1.0 Introduction

1.1 Pre-application Consultation is required for this application under the Town and Country (Development Management Procedure and Section 62A Applications) (England) (Amendment) Order 2013. The following describes the methodology used and the results of the pre-application consultation.

### 2.0 Method of consultation

2.1 Given the scale of development being one agricultural scale wind turbine, it was considered reasonable to advertise the development by use of site notices, neighbourhood and parish council letters. A copy of the site notices can be found in Appendix 1 below. These notices were advertised on the 16<sup>th</sup> December and provided 21 days for public comments to be submitted.

### 3.0 Location of Site Notice

3.1 Site notices were displayed around the proposed location of the turbine (X – 419303, Y – 405184) in prominent positions (see Appendix 1).

### 4.0 Parish Council Consultation

4.1 Pre-consultation letters were sent to the following Parish Councils on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

- Dunford CP
- Denby Dale CP

Details of the proposed application were included in the letters. A copy of the letter sent can be found in Appendix 2 below.

### 5.0 Ward Council Consultation

5.1 Pre-consultation letters were also sent to the following Barnsley Ward Councillors.

- Dave Griffin

- Joe Unsworth
- Ann Rusby

## **6.0 Results of the consultation**

### **6.1 Parish Council Response**

There has been no response from the Parish regarding this turbine application.

### **6.2 Ward Councillors Responses**

There has been no response from the Parish regarding this turbine application.

### **6.3 Public consultation**

One response has been received to date. An extract of this is shown in Appendix 3 and the neighbour in question has been responded to accordingly. Any further responses will be taken into consideration as part of this proposal.

Where responses are received, even if this is during the planning process, they will be taken into consideration and the scheme will be amended accordingly if appropriate.

## **Appendix 1 – Site Notice**

**The Town and Country Planning (Development  
Management Procedure and Section 62A  
Applications) (England) (Amendment) Order 2013**

Proposed development at **New Maythorne Farm, Crow Edge, Holmfirth, [South Yorkshire](#), HD9 7TW.**

In accordance with the above Order, I give notice that Joanne Smith intends to apply to the Barnsley Council for a single Wind Turbine with a maximum tip height of 67m.

Please note that this is a Pre-Application consultation. The application is currently being prepared. Once finalised, it will be submitted to the Council who will carry out a period of statutory consultation as part of the planning process.

Should any member of the public wish to comment on the proposed development or obtain copies of the plans, then please send details to: Planning Department, Earthmill, Marston House, Walkers Court, Audby Lane, Wetherby, LS22 7FD or email: [planning@earthmill.co.uk](mailto:planning@earthmill.co.uk); Reference: New Maythorne Farm. These comments should be received by 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

Any comments received from members of the public will be taken into consideration and included within the final design of the above scheme.

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014

## **Appendix 2 – Letter Sent to Parish Councils**



16<sup>th</sup> December 2014

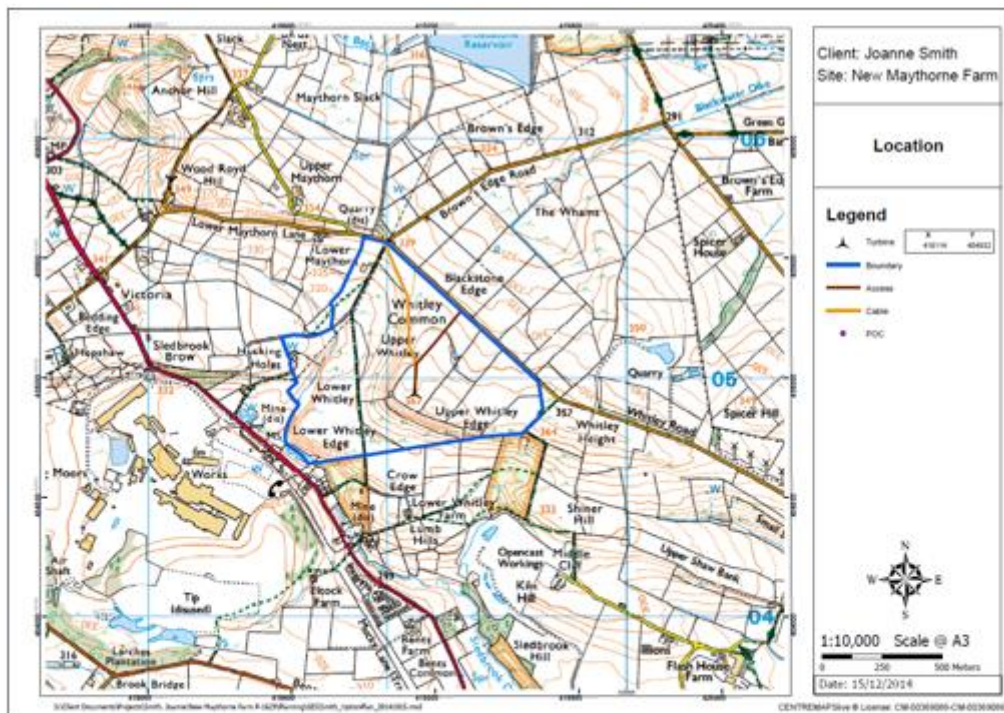
Dear Members,

We are writing to you on behalf of Joanne Smith of New Maythorne Farm, to inform you of her intention to apply for planning permission for an agricultural scale wind turbine at her family farm. We are keen to consult the local community at an early stage in the planning process and accordingly have put up several site notices in the area and sent individual letters to nearby neighbours and the Ward Councillors.

**What will the proposal involve?**

The proposed development would be for an agricultural scale farm wind turbine at New Maythorne Farm. The maximum overall height from ground level to the blade tip would be approximately 67m. The turbine would be operated for a period of no more than 25 years, after which it would be de-commissioned and removed.

Please see the proposed location of the wind turbine below:



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### Why?

Rising energy costs are a significant problem for everyone, especially local agricultural business who use significant amounts of energy to produce milk, process crops and rear livestock.

These small scale projects make a big difference to the operational costs of local businesses, which is why we feel it's so important to engage with and secure support from local residents and Councils.

### Design Constraints and Considerations

The location and turbine design have been carefully selected taking into account environmental and technical constraints using industry guidelines. We have ensured that the turbine is sensitively located at suitable separation distances from residential properties.

### Transport and Development

The development is undertaken in two phases comprising of:

- Civil Works: Which includes the construction of the turbine foundation typically 9.2m squared and 2m deep
- Turbine Install: Which includes the installation and commissioning of the turbine

No oversized vehicles visit the site during the construction; the main components arrive on 4 standard flatbed [lorries](#).

### Noise

The noise levels of wind turbines are strictly regulated. The Government set limits to protect residential amenity and developers are required to submit sufficient information with their planning applications to show that proposals meet or better these limits.

### Energy Production

Unlike commercial scale wind farm projects the electricity produced by a farm scale turbine can be used directly on the farm with only the excess electricity being imported back to the grid.

### Next step

The planning application is in its early stages. If you would like to comment on the proposed development or obtain further information please contact: Planning Department, Earthmill, Marston House, Walkers Court, ~~Audby Lane, Wetherby~~, LS22 7FD with the heading New Maythorne Farm, within 21 days of the date of this letter.



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Farm scale turbine viewed from 200m



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## Appendix 3 – Public Responses

**New Maythorne Farm**

**Planning Department  
Earthmill  
Marston House  
Walkers Court  
Audby Lane  
Wetherby  
LS22 7FD**

**Dear Matthew Shipman,**

**I am writing to accept your proposal of keeping me informed of the planning application for a wind turbine at New Maythorne Farm and the right to comment and be offered further information. Currently your documentation does not give a scale and only uses previous images that do not correspond to the proposed turbine. I would also like to enquire as to the requirements for such a large-scale project versus the farm's actual energy needs (milk production, process crops and rear livestock) and the regulations governing the noise and impact on the community.**

**Thank you**



Extract from residents email response. Note that the respondents name has been removed for confidentiality purposes. Our response is outlined below:

Matt Shipman  
Office Tel: 01937 581011  
Email: matthew.shipman@earthmill.co.uk

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your response regarding the proposed wind turbine at New Maythorne Farm. At present, this application is undergoing feasibility for a wind turbine which has a maximum tip height of 67m.

The farm is currently a high energy user and plans to grow over the next 5 years. It is anticipated that this growth will double its energy use and subsequently, the proposed wind turbine would reduce the growing energy costs and allow the farm to run within an affordable budget.

We can also confirm that the proposed turbine will be compliant with ETSO noise guidelines.

Yours sincerely

**Matt Shipman**  
Project Co-ordinator



