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PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2026/0608
Proposal	Variation of condition 3 in order to allow for the decommissioning of the wind farm to take place up to 40 years from the date of commissioning (from 25 years), of application 2009/0572 (Erection of 3 no. wind turbines (maximum of 95m to blade tip) and associated infrastructure including transformers, access tracks, control building, underground cabling, 1 no. meteorological mast, formation of new site access from Whitley Road and temporary construction compound).
Address	Land at Spicer Hill, Whitley Road, Whitley Common, Ingbirchworth, Sheffield
Date of Consultation Reply	16.09.2026
Consultee	Charlie Atkinson Design & Conservation Assistant

Consultation Assessment and Justification

The main consideration is: -

- Whether or not the proposal would harm the heritage significance or impact on the setting of a designated asset or other asset of demonstrable heritage significance

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Section 66 (1): The local planning authority shall have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural of historic interest

Policy

NPPF HE4: Securing the conservation of heritage assets

NPPF HE5: Assessing effects on heritage assets

NPPF HE6: Proposals affecting designated heritage assets

Barnsley Local Plan HE1 The Historic Environment
Barnsley Local Plan HE3 Developments affecting Historic Buildings

Conservation Comments:

This application seeks the variation of Condition 3 attached to planning permission 2009/0572 to allow for the decommissioning of the wind farm to take place up to 40 years from the date of commissioning, rather than 25 years, at Spicer Hill, Ingbirchworth.

The site has not been identified as containing any archaeological remains or heritage assets, based on a review of historic mapping and the South Yorkshire HER. However, several designated heritage assets lie within the wider area, including two grade II listed buildings at Lower Maythorn Farm and two grade II listed buildings at Annat Royd Farm.

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The original planning application submitted in 2009 identified no evident archaeological remains on site but did not rule out the possibility of undiscovered remains, which were considered most likely to be of local or regional significance rather than of national importance. The South Yorkshire HER also records an archaeological watching brief undertaken by CFA Archaeology Ltd in 2012 during construction works. The report reiterated the findings of the 2009 assessment, concluding that no archaeological remains were identified during the monitored groundworks other than ridge-and-furrow cultivation, extensive plough scars, several shallow post-medieval drainage gullies, and evidence of sandstone quarrying.

CFA Archaeology 2012 Watching Brief - https://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/library/browse/issue.xhtml?recordId=1149115&recordType=GreyLitSeries

Consequently, having regard to the above and noting that the wind turbines have been present for over ten years, there are no conservation concerns with extending the operational period from 25 years to 40 years through variation of Condition 3. That said, the South Yorkshire Archaeology Service (SYAS) should also be consulted, although this is considered unlikely.

NO OBJECTION*		

*Delete as applicable

Consultation Suggested Conditions:

N/A

Consultation Informative(s):

N/A

Planning Obligations required:

N/A