

The Wrens Nest
Underbank Lane
Stocksbridge
Sheffield
S36 2BS
21st August 2013.

Dear Sir

Objection to Planning application 2013/0784 - 80 Metre Turbine

Please find enclosed our objection to the above planning application .

The information provided in the application is flawed and gives misleading information - which we have detailed below.

In addition the proposal would make money for an individual at the expense of the community and to the detriment of the local environment.

1. The current road system is rural and will be unable to support the movement and frequency of the heavy goods vehicles which will be required. There will be reduced resources in future to maintain the local road network let alone improve it.
2. The proposed application gives misleading information that the residents - most affected have been consulted. We have not been consulted verbally nor in writing and the proposed structure would stand just over 1000 m from our back door, so we would say we are more affected than others in the immediate area.
3. The fan proposed in the application documentation is smaller than that required for such a structure, therefore the noise readings given in the documentation are incorrect and misleading. Giving minimal noise levels.
4. The Application states that the hamlet where we live is surrounded by mature trees and the turbine would not be visible from the properties.

This information is a complete fabrication as your recent photographs will prove and can be confirmed by a site visit if required.

5. The application claims that the turbine is required to run the farm only - this is a complete fabrication after speaking to a local farmer at Oxspring who recently had had a turbine approved and fitted. His turbine is small and provides all the power required to run his farm /energy supply to dairy as well as a small income from the grid. This proposed turbine is of a far larger capacity and the farm it is supposedly supporting is far smaller with a smaller dairy herd. Our view is this is a fore-runner to more turbines being proposed along the lines of previous application on this site for five-80 metre turbines at Sheepcotes Farm a couple of years ago which was subsequently rejected.
6. The decision to purchase this property some 13 years ago was based purely on its peaceful, unspoilt location and stunning views. This will be truly spoilt forever with the building of an 80 m turbine. We are literally within a stones throw of the National Park and should not allow another blot on the landscape.

General points

- It is too large.
- Too many turbines already in the Penistone/Stocksbridge area - some 40 turbines of varying sizes
- This will be the first of many - it will end up looking like Royd Moor/Spicer Hill/Blackstone Edge/ Crow Edge.
- The cumulative test (the visual impact and the impact upon the landscape have already been met).
- The Councils own landscape assessment states that the proposed turbine site is highly sensitive to development and low capacity to accommodate more built development.

- There are already two turbines immediately adjacent to the proposed site - another turbine will make it look like a wind farm when viewed from surrounding area.
- The site is located as Green Belt land - it should be preserved and enhanced at all costs.
- The site is located: next to the Peak Park and is surrounded by Listed Buildings, SSI's, Common Land, Ancient Woods, Conservation Areas and Viewing Points.
- The West of the Borough is promoted for its tourism and is, for example, hosting the route of the Tour de France.
- Wind turbines currently contribute 26.9 MW of electricity towards the Council's target, which, along with other sources of renewable energy, means that the council is ahead of its target.
- The valley in which the proposed turbine is located already hosts a number of pylons - it is already playing its part in the energy contribution required in the UK.
- If consent is granted, the facilities at Tofts Lane would need enlarging to provide more 'back up' for when the turbines do not operate which counter balances the 'green' benefits of the turbine, which will have its own impact.
- New Planning Policy (as at 29.07.13) has changed the approach to renewable energy stating: 'The NPPF explains that all communities have a responsibility to help increase the use and supply of green energy, but this does not mean that the need for renewable energy automatically overrides environmental protections and the planning concerns of local communities.'

Yours Faithfully

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