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Dear Sir,

Re: Hey Slack Farm, Hey Slack Lane, Cumberworth, Huddersfield HD8 8YD - Application No 2012/0220

I write with regard to the above planning application which was prepared and submitted prior to the publication of the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

The NPPF published on Tuesday 27th March 2012 contains new policy guidance which is an important and material planning consideration that should be given significant weight when taking decisions. It replaces all previous Planning Policy Guidance notes and Planning Policy Statements and requires Local Planning Authorities to produce up to date development plans incorporating the new guidance.

The NPFF introduces a presumption in favour of sustainable development, indicating that such development should proceed without delay. The proposed wind turbine at Hey Slack Farm is by definition sustainable development that will benefit the national and local economy and enhance the natural environment.

The transition to a low carbon future is a core principle of the NPPF and it positively encourages the use and development of renewable energy. It sees this as central to the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.

NPPF also states that "when determining planning applications local planning authorities should recognise that even small-scale development provide a valuable contribution to cutting greenhouse gas emissions; and approve the application if impacts are (or can be made) acceptable"

In making decisions Local Planning Authorities are required, where the development plan is out of date (as is the case with Barnsley Local Development Plan) to grant planning permission unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh benefits, when assessed against the policies in the Framework taken as a whole.

In the case of Hey Slack Farm all environmental issues have been satisfactorily addressed and it is clear that on balance the economic and environmental benefits (in particular the production of renewable energy, the reduction of greenhouse gases and the support and diversification of a business are afforded significant weight in accordance with the NPPF and these weigh heavily in favour of our proposal and as such planning permission should be granted.

Yours Sincerely

Mick Coates