



Our Ref: General 40b – Planning Conformity/final responses/ East Riding, 16 Wind Turbines,  
Goole Fields, September 09.

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Dear Peter

**Planning Application Number: DC/09/02564/STPLFE/STRAT/HCOL**

**Erection of 16 Wind Turbines with associated anemometry masts, access tracks, underground cables, grid connection building and electrical compound at Land South of Charity Farm Swinefleet Road Goole Fields East Riding of Yorkshire.**

Thank you for consulting the Regional Planning Body (RPB) on the above application. The nature of the application has not changed significantly from the original application supported in principle by the RPB in its response dated 28 March 2007.

However since the RPB provided comments on the above application on 28 March 2007 the current RSS - The Yorkshire and Humber Plan has been issued by the Secretary of State in May 2008. Therefore officer comments have been provided below to ensure that current RSS (2008) policies are reflected.

*Climate Change & Renewable Energy*

Policy YH2 of RSS (2008) deals with the issue of climate change and resource use. It states that plans, strategies, investment decisions and programmes should increase renewable energy capacity and carbon capture. In line with these policies, the proposed development will assist in reducing carbon dioxide emissions in the region.

### *Renewable Energy Targets*

Policy ENV5 of RSS (2008) sets the Humber a target of at least 124 MW by 2010 and 350 MW for installed grid connected renewable capacity. Table 10.2 of RSS (2008) recommends a renewable energy target in East Riding of 41 MW to 2010 and 148 MW to 2021. Policy HE1C of RSS (2008) emphasises the need to develop the Humber sub area's renewable energy generation.

Based on information collected for the RSS Annual Monitoring Report (2008) the region installed additional renewable energy capacity from on-shore wind farms between 2007-2008 of 75.2 MW. In the Humber the total renewable energy capacity installed by onshore wind development was 64.3 MW between 2007-2008. In East Riding the total renewable energy capacity installed by onshore wind development was 34.3 MW between 2007-2008. It should also be noted that the RSS targets are not "ceiling" figures.

### *Location*

RSS (2008) states that local authorities have an important role to promote renewable energy development, ideally with other authorities on a sub regional basis, and provide supplementary locational and environmental criteria to be used in assessing such development as needed.

The Landscape and Visual Impact Study carried out by the applicant highlighted that the proposal would inevitably lead to significant visual and landscape effects. However, it concluded that the potential effects on the landscape and visual amenity associated with the proposed wind farm would be acceptable in the proposed location. It also acknowledges that such significant landscape and visual effects that do arise will be reversible at the end of the life of the wind farm.

### **Conclusion**

Given the issues set out above, it is concluded that:

- This development is supported in principle by the RPB as helping to implement the RSS (2008) by providing renewable energy generation.
- Local landscape assessments will have to be taken into account by the local authority in reaching its decision.

If you have any queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Poxon', written in a cursive style.

Jenny Poxon

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