

From: Robert Mayhew
Sent: 20 October 2014 14:31
To: DC Consultation
Subject: RE: Planning Application Consultation 14NP0079 Uswayford Farm, Harbottle, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7BU
Attachments: Pic1.JPG; Pic2.JPG

Michael,

14NP0079 - Dismantle existing kingspan KW6 domestic wind turbine and re-erect in new location at Uswayford Farm, Harbottle, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7BU

Thank you for consulting me on the above application. I wish to make the following comments on the potential landscape, lighting and tree implications associated with this proposed development.

- From a landscape perspective the nearest publically accessible receptor sites for this proposed development are Alwinton public footpath 25 that passes 80 metres to the west of the proposed development, Alwinton bridleway 16 that passes 175 meters to the west of the proposed development and Alwinton bridleway 13 that passes 200 meters to the south of the proposed development. Additionally much of the surrounding moorland has been designated as 'Access Land'. It is understood that the use of these public rights of way and access land is limited due to the remoteness of this part of the National Park.

A similar turbine was erected at Uswayford farm back in March 2012, a KW6 on a 9 metre tower, I understand that this application will involve increasing the height of the tower from 9 metres to 15 metres and moving the position of the turbine from its current location, approximately 210 metres due north to higher ground. The new turbine location will lie approximately 310 metres from the farm buildings and as such it will appear less visually related to the existing buildings than the existing turbine when viewed from receptor sites to the east and west, although in most cases it will be viewed against a forestry or moorland backdrop. There will be a foreshortening effect when viewed from the north and south, and due to the scale of the landscape (see pic1 attached) and relatively low lying setting adjacent to a major forestry plantation, I do not believe that it will break the skyline when viewed from key receptor sites such as Clennell Street to the south, (see pic2 attached). From the details provided within this application, whilst being visible, I do not believe that this proposed development will have a significant effect upon the landscape character or views of this part of the National Park.

- The applicant has indicated within the application form that that this proposed development does not require any new external lighting thus the dark skies status of the National Park should not be threatened by an increase in light pollution as a result of this application.
- The applicant has indicated within the application form and a site visit has confirmed that the proposed development will not affect any notable trees or hedges. Given the nature of the work identified within the application I do not believe that a tree survey and tree protection measures are required in this case.

If you have any questions in relation to the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

regards

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From: DC Consultation

Sent: 15 September 2014 14:14

To: Robert Mayhew

Subject: Planning Application Consultation 14NP0079 Uswayford Farm, Harbottle, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7BU

Please see the attached consultation regarding a planning application which has been received by Northumberland National Park Authority. Full details can be viewed at <http://nnpa.planning-register.co.uk/planningAppDisplay.aspx?AppNo=14NP0079>

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View looking up the Usway valley from Clennell Street



Approximate size and location of proposed turbine

Existing turbine

Uswayford Farm