

Anne Samme

From: Anne Samme
Sent: 08 December 2009 13:53
To: 'stewartbyclerk@yahoo.co.uk'
Subject: FW: 09/06340 Wind Turbine

Dear Mrs Gladstone

Thank you for your e mail sent on 4th December, and forwarded to me yesterday.

Please accept my apologies for the error in sending the consultation on this matter to what has now proved to be an out of date address, but our records here in planning had Mrs Bassindale at 101 Alexander Close as being the clerk to the Parish Council. I note that on other matters this Council has used the correct contact address, but clearly the changed details have not been distributed to staff here in planning. For this I can only apologise and confirm that we have now amended our records. However, you have not given me the full contact details for you, and so I would be grateful if you could also advise me of your postal address and telephone contact details (if you are contactable by phone), so that I can ensure our information is complete on our software.

May I also clarify that the application we were considering was not for planning permission, but was for the local authority to determine whether an Environmental Impact Assessment should be required in connection with a proposed turbine. The planning application has not yet been submitted, and is anticipated sometime in the New Year. The applicant will be submitting detailed studies on a variety of matters, particularly including landscape impacts, noise, and ecological impacts, which I know are key concerns for local residents and organisations. However, we have concluded that a full EIA will not be necessary, having had regard to the national guidance on the need for such studies.

I confirm that once a full planning application is submitted for this proposal I will ensure that Stewartby Parish Council is given a full opportunity to make their comments known.

Kind Regards

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From: Planning Online
Sent: 07 December 2009 09:36
To: Anne Samme
Subject: FW: 09/06340 Wind Turbine

From: Vicky Gladstone [mailto:stewartbyclerk@yahoo.co.uk]
Sent: 04 December 2009 17:00

08/12/2009

To: Planning Online
Subject: 09/06340 Wind Turbine

FAO Ann Sammy

Regarding the above I have been informed about this application and gone onto your website and was horrified to learn that you sent the documents for Stewartby to 101 Alexander Close. No current member of the Council knows how you could possibly have found this address and certainly on other matters you have managed to send letters to my address.

This in effect has precluded Stewartby Parish Council from making their opinions known.

Please explain the reasons for using the above address.

(FYI this is not the address of the last clerk, the clerk before her or the clerk before her, nor is it the address of any previous Councillor on our records)

I await an urgent response

Vicky Gladstone
Clerk for Stewartby Parish Council

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Application/ Refusal Number etc.	Dated	Location	Proposal	Resolution	Meeting date
CB/09/06340/SCO	02.11.09. Extension requested.	The Marston Vale Millennium Cuntry Park, Station Road, Marston Moretaine, Bedford MK43 OPR	EIA Screening request, Marston Vale Forest Trust Wind Turbine	Comment to follow	18.11.09
CB/09/06505/FULL	09.11.09, received. Extn applied for.	Test Area, Cranfield Technology Park, Moulsoe Road, Cranfield,	New portacabin and underground inspection chambers.	This Council has no objection to the proposed development however it should be noted that as the newts had been moved previously it would be preferable that their new home be a permanent one.	18.11.09
CB/09/06518/FULL	10.11.09, received. Extn applied for.	Braemar, Rectory Lane, Cranfield, Bedford, MK43 0BJ	Demolition of existing building and replace with two dwellings.	This Council objects to the application on the grounds that the height in that it will dominate the local amenities . The design being out of character with the surrounding area and will affect the street scene. There were also concerns that it will be over development of the site together and that the amount of trees being removed will affect the aspect of the locality. A site visit is requested.	18.11.09

cc to Gdec
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Anne Samme

From: Pat Longland
Sent: 30 November 2009 15:57
To: Planning Online; Anne Samme
Subject: The Marston Vale Millenium Country Park, Marston moretaine.

Hallo Anne,

RE - CB/09/06340/SCO

Have had a look at this site and the application as regards impact on trees. The vicinity that is proposed does have a number of trees in the area although the exact location on the information I have is not too accurate due to the scale of the map. There is likely to be some loss of smaller trees that have been relatively recently planted, but in an area of such high tree cover it will not be significant. Access to the area to put in the base and tower should be considered to avoid as best as possible the loss of trees, and also the run of underground service lines taking power from the site.

Thanks

Pat Longland



cc to Gntec
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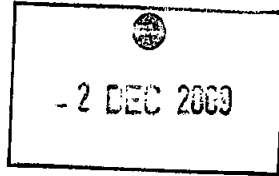
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30 November 2009

Dear Ms Samme

**MARSTON MILL WIND TURBINE PROJECT, MARSTON VALE MILLENIUM
COUNTRY PARK, MARSTON MORETAINE, MID BEDFORDSHIRE,
BEDFORDSHIRE**

Thank you for your letter dated 2nd November 2009 inviting English Heritage to provide preliminary views on the EIA Screening for the erection of a wind turbine at Marston Vale Millenium Country Park.

While English Heritage broadly supports renewable energy we are aware that such developments can be challenging to the historic environment. With this in mind English Heritage has drawn up guidelines for planners and developers, *Wind Energy and the Historic Environment*, a copy of which can be downloaded from www.helm.org.uk <<http://www.helm.org.uk>> . These guidelines are designed to be used alongside other current standard methodologies associated with the development of such proposals.

In general terms, English Heritage advises that a number of considerations will need to be taken into account when proposals of this nature are being assessed. This includes consideration of the impact of ancillary infrastructure, such as tracks and grid connections, as well as the turbines themselves:

- The potential impact upon the landscape, especially if a site falls within an area of historic landscape;
- Direct impacts on historic/archaeological fabric (buildings, sites or areas), whether statutorily protected or not. All grades of listed buildings should be identified;
- Other impacts, particularly the *setting* of listed buildings, scheduled monuments, registered parks and gardens, conservation areas etc, including long views;
- The potential for buried archaeology;



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- Effects on landscape amenity from public and private land;
- Cumulative impacts

Such information would usually be expected to be presented as part of any planning application in a document such as an Environmental Assessment or Visual Impact Assessment, though I note that you may not be preparing a full EIA for this project.

From a brief review of our own records, it is apparent that the following are key visual receptors in this area and any impact upon them would need to be considered in depth:

Houghton House, Grade I listed and Scheduled Ancient Monument
Amphill Park House, Grade II* Listed
Amphill Castle, Scheduled Ancient Monument
Church of All Saints, Houghton Conquest, Grade I Listed
Church of St Mary Wootton, Grade I Listed
Tower to the Church of St Mary, Marston Moretaine, Grade I Listed
Stewartby Conservation Area
Amphill Conservation Area
Wootton Conservation Area

In addition, there is Amphill Park (Grade II Listed) and a number of Grade II Listed Buildings in the area and your Authority will need to consider the impact of the proposed wind turbine on these. Furthermore, we note that you have suggested a 5 km search area, but a turbine of the height proposed may have an impact beyond this, and we would advise that the potential impact on Woburn Park and Wrest Park should also be considered in your study.

The County Historic Environment Record holds information on undesignated archaeology and should also be consulted.

We look forward to receiving more information and/or a copy of the planning application in due course.

Yours sincerely

PP

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Our ref: AC/2009/110536/01-L01
Your ref: CB/09/06340/SCO
Date: 26 November 2009

Dear Ms Samme

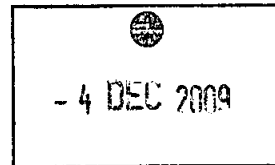
**EIA SCREENING REQUEST, MARSTON VALE FOREST TRUST WIND TURBINE
THE MARSTON VALE MILLENIUM COUNTRY PARK, STATION ROAD,
MARSTON MORETAINE, BEDFORD.**

Thank you for your letter regarding the above mentioned site, which was received on 5 November 2009.

The onus on whether an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required is for the Local Planning Authority as the competent authority.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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