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Application Summary

Application Number:
08/01166/FUL

Address:
William Bradford Community College
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Proposal:
ERECTION OF 5KW ISKRA AT5-1 WIND TURBINE

Case Officer:
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Customer Details

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Comments

Submission Type:
Customer wishes to comment on the Planning Application.

Comments:
Our Ref: NX/INF/LOC/1408.70 (KG)

Dear Sir

Our computer data indicates that bats, great crested newts, water vole and otter have been recorded in the vicinity of the application site. It appears from the plans submitted with the application that the turbine is proposed to stand within the playing field. If, however, the installation of the turbine is to involve the removal of any hedgerow or scrub we would recommend that a great crested newt survey be completed.

Our standard wind turbine policy is applicable for this site:

Wind turbines

The onus is on the developer to show that the proposed turbine/s will have no significant adverse effect on the wildlife of an area, including protected species, Local and National Biodiversity Action Plan habitats and statutory and local sites.

The existing LERC (Leicestershire Environmental Resources Centre) datasets do not include bird, bat and insect flight path information and enough information from previous wind turbine developments to be a useful in deciding the potential impact from new turbines.

The onus is therefore on the developer to create their own datasets that are more directly relevant and to refer to peer-reviewed research on the surveyed affects of wildlife from other turbine sites that might support their predictions of minimal adverse effect.

The developer has to do more than assert there will be minimal effects.

The Leicestershire County Council's Historic and Natural Environment team will be willing to advise on the suitability of the datasets and research assembled as evidence by a developer.

To our knowledge there is no evidence to suggest that the installation of a turbine of this size would have any impact on any 'ground dwelling' mammals.

Our field by field data indicates that the proposed development should have no impact on any known sites of ecological importance.

We hope that our comments and recommendations will be of use to you.

Yours faithfully

Kirsty Gamble
Planning Ecologist
Historic and Natural Environment Team

Please note: Our information and recommendations result from our best knowledge of the site to date. It may change if further information is discovered. It remains the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that no protected species or their habitat is damaged during the works. The best method of achieving this is for a suitably experienced and licensed ecologist to conduct a full survey for protected species at the appropriate time of year in appropriate weather conditions. For instance, if there is a pond/water body within 500m of the site a survey for great crested newts will be required.

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