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Dear Sir/Madam,

Name of development:

Application No:

I have studied with interest the plans for the above proposed wind turbines. I have an interest in this area because I am a nearby resident, and I follow closely any proposed developments in the rural countryside. I am also considering my own small bed and breakfast business and possible extension to my house.

Almost all the developments in the area that I have been aware of have had to address the "visual impact" these are usually well considered by developers and planners alike.

The planning department in Torridge is well known for applying meticulous detail to issues of visual impact, and it is my belief that in this part of the North Devon countryside the results speak for themselves. We enjoy a particularly pleasing rural environment. Screening of some developments with tree planting is often a requirement, and in most cases is a simple and successful technique.

However, when it comes to considering visual impact in the case of proposed wind turbines no amount of tree planting or landscaping could possibly mitigate the massive visual effect that these structures will have in the local landscape. Likewise the planners will not be able to set any conditions on the development that will reduce the visual impact.

This is of course due to the sheer size of the turbines, which are totally out of proportion to any existing natural feature or development in the area. They would remain prominently visible for many miles in all directions.

For this reason alone the turbines should be rejected.

Given that there are also no environmental benefits from these turbines, either locally or nationally, there is no justification for approving this planning application.

Yours sincerely

signature

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