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Your ref: PAW/0198

Our ref: PE/Heydon/KH

Please ask for Ms K Hollitt on  
email: [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)  
(ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1999  
REQUEST FOR A SCOPING OPINION  
HEYDON GRANGE WIND FARM DEVELOPMENT, HEYDON**

Thank you for your letter dated 23 March 2010 inviting comments from this authority in relation to the Scoping Opinion Request for Heydon Grange Wind Farm Development.

**Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment:** Due to the close proximity of the development to the Uttlesford District and the scale of the proposals there will be some visual impact on this district. Therefore this chapter should include visualisations from within the Uttlesford District.

The village of Chrishall is on higher ground than the proposed site and there are views across to the site from Crawley End. Grid reference 544596 239796 is a suggested location for a visualisation. Another point where there are significant views across to Crawley End, Chrishall, with the proposed wind farm site in the background is the junction of four public rights of way at grid reference 545476 239510. This is another suggested viewpoint and may represent the impact on Chrishall better than the first location.

Duddenhoe End is another village that is on higher ground. This is relatively enclosed with hedging along field boundaries. However, the footpath at grid reference 545866 236740 is another location where there are views over to the site. This public footpath has the appearance of being well used. Again, this is another suggested viewpoint.

The village of Elmdon is fairly contained and I have visited the sports ground which is one of the higher points of the village and this is surrounded by existing mature vegetation. Therefore I do not think that there would be any significant advantage in having a viewpoint from Elmdon.

This authority would like to be involved in discussions about potential viewpoints within our administrative boundary.

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This chapter should also include cumulative visualisations with the proposed wind farm at Linton. As you are aware, this proposal is still in planning with the Inquiry to be resumed in September 2010.

With regards to the remainder of the document, I have no further specific comments to make. A general comment is that PPG15 and PPG16 have now been superseded by PPS5 but I am sure the applicant will be aware of this.

**Aviation:** The negotiations with NATS, CAA and Defence Estates are an essential part of the planning process and all aviation issues should be resolved PRIOR to the application being submitted. As you are probably aware, aviation is a major concern in relation to the Linton Wind Farm proposal. From the information submitted to that Inquiry it would appear that this site may have similar aviation constraints to the Linton Wind Farm.

Yours faithfully

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K Hollitt  
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