

## Sexton Paul

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**From:** Newell Corrie  
**Sent:** 30 March 2010 18:13  
**To:** Sexton Paul  
**Subject:** Scoping Opinion on proposed wind farm at Heydon Grange

Dear Paul

My comments are as follows:

This is a particularly sensitive and attractive part of the District, with many layers of history which show themselves in a wealth of archaeology, listed buildings and conservation areas.

Due to the proximity to Heydon, including the conservation area (within 160m of the site boundary) and listed buildings (within 180m of the site boundary) the siting of the proposed wind farm and wind turbines is likely to be detrimental to the settings of both. A number of other listed buildings and conservation areas are found within 5km, some within two other Local Authority Districts.

This site itself contains a large number of historic and archaeology features including Heydon Ditch, ring ditches, ridge and furrow, cropmarks and lynchets. The proposed siting of wind turbines corresponds with a number of these archaeological finds and therefore would also be harmful to these. In addition, Icknield Way is both within and bounding the site and the valley north of Heydon (partly contained within the site) is an important and unusual historic and landscape feature.

On this basis, it is unlikely that a wind farm could be accommodated on this site without significant harm to cultural heritage or its setting.

Comments regarding the cultural heritage sections of the submitted document are as follows:

The Cultural Heritage section of the Scoping document is not sufficiently thorough. Prior agreement needs to be reached regarding the extent and distance of study, to at least extend to 5km for all listed buildings and conservation areas, 10km for any historic parks and gardens (to include Heydon Hall moated site and any parks or gardens on the County Register as well as Registered Parks & Gardens) and all other heritage assets which would have view of the wind turbines due to topography. Prior agreement of the extent of study for archaeology needs to be reached with the County Archaeologist.

(page 23) 10.4 Landscape Assessment Methodology  
Study should include the relationship of landscape with settlements.

(page 24) Visual Assessment Methodology  
Representative viewpoints should include all settlements within 10km.

(page 25) Potential Cumulative Impacts (2nd para, 3rd sentence) Amend to read:  
Photomontages will be used to illustrate viewpoints where two or more windfarms are likely to be visible.

(page 39) Cultural Heritage Methodology and Guidance  
Extent is to be agreed with the relevant Local Planning Authorities prior to carrying out the study.

Add to 13.2:  
Assess sensitivity, magnitude of effect and impact.  
Assess whether the impact is positive, neutral or negative.

(page 40) Scheduled Monuments  
PPG16 has been replaced by PPS5.

Listed buildings  
Please clarify the statistics given.

(page 41) Policy guidance:  
PPG15 has been replaced by PPS5.  
Account should be taken of the relevant English Heritage guidance.

Corrie Newell  
30 March 2010