

**06/01884/FUL**

**RETENTION OF A 50 METRE HIGH ANEMOMETRY  
MAST FOR A FURTHER PERIOD  
AT Petsoe Manor Farm House, Petsoe End,  
Emberton  
FOR Your Energy Ltd**

**INTRODUCTION**

The application property is Petsoe Manor Farm in Petsoe End near Emberton, which lies within an area of attractive landscape and designated open countryside under the Adopted Borough of Milton Keynes Local Plan 2001-2011. The anemometry mast is located south east of the main cluster of buildings at Petsoe Manor Farm and has been in position for two years.

**CURRENT APPLICATION**

The application seeks permission for the retention of the anemometry mast of 50 metres in height for a further two years, until 30th November 2008.

**PLANNING HISTORY**

04/01577/FUL - Erection of 50 metres high anemometry mast and associated equipment to measure wind for a period of two years. Permitted on 4th November 2004 to run until 30th November 2006.

06/01349/FULEIS - Construction of a wind farm comprising 7 wind turbines up to 125m high, a substation, an anemometry mast, access tracks including access off the public highway, underground electrical cabling (all for a period of 25 years) and a temporary construction compound. Decision pending.

**MAIN ISSUES**

- 1) Whether the principle of the use is acceptable in a designated area of open countryside
- 2) Whether the proposal would have a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the area.

**PLANNING POLICY**

The most relevant policies in the Adopted Borough of Milton Keynes Local Plan (2001-2011) are as follows:

- D1 - Impact of the Proposal on the Locality
- D5 - Renewable Energy
- S10 - Open Countryside
- S11 - Areas of Attractive Landscape
- NE4 - Conserving and Enhancing Landscape Character

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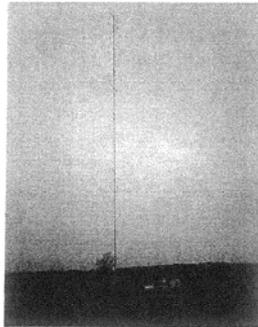


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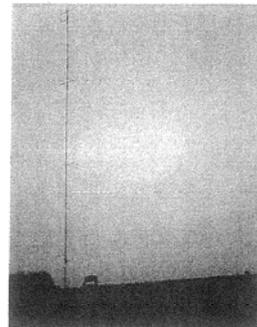
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### CHILLWIND MAST INSTALLATION

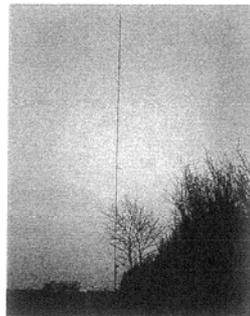
<i>Client:</i>	YEL	<i>Position Number:</i>	
<i>Address / Site Name:</i>	Petsoe Manor farm		
<i>Grid Reference:</i>	SP 91772 48907	<i>Elevation:</i>	
<i>Date Installed:</i>	24/25 <sup>th</sup> November 2004	<i>Time:</i>	
<i>Logger time:</i>	GMT	<i>Installed by:</i>	SH, BM, AB
<i>Instrumentation summary:</i> Campbell CR10X logger with 2 x A100LK anemometers, 1 x A100L2 anemometer, 1 x A100R anemometers, 2 x W200P wind vanes, 107 temp sensor			
<i>Tower Make:</i>	Chillwind	<i>Tower type:</i>	TMS50
<i>Height:</i>	50m	<i>No. Guy Stations:</i>	5
<i>Anchors used:</i>	5 x dig-in	<i>Guy Radius:</i>	25m
<i>SIM data number:</i>			
Additional installation notes: booms orientated 220, offset applied to direction vanes in program.			



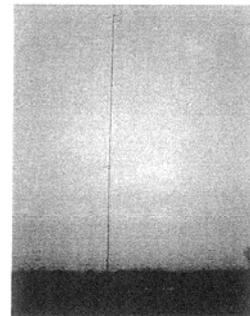
Installed mast looking N



Installed mast looking E



Installed mast looking S



Installed mast looking W

## CONSULTATIONS

Highways - No objections.

Landscape - No objections.

Emberton Parish Council - No objections provided that the permission is for one year expiring on 30 November 2007, or until the current wind farm application is determined, whichever is the earlier.

Five neighbour letters received with objections on the following grounds:

- Unsightly appearance of the mast
- No need to retain mast for a further two years as enough information will already have been collected
- Three of the letters do mention the wind farm application, to which they object and therefore also object to this development by association.

## CONSIDERATIONS

The existing anemometry mast was permitted for a limited period of two years because it was considered that the need to collect wind data outweighed its disadvantages in terms of open countryside policy and visual impact upon the Ouse Valley Area of Attractive Landscape. The applicants consider that retaining the mast until 30 November 2008 would provide a reference point for any members of the public looking towards the existing wind farm proposal from around the area, while the wind farm application is being determined. Whilst it is felt that the retention of the mast for a further period is justified for this reason, it is agreed with the Parish Council that this further period should be until 30 November 2007 or until the current wind farm application is determined, whichever is the earlier.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that planning permission be granted for a further period expiring on 30 November 2007, or until the wind farm application 06/01349/FULEIS has been determined, whichever is the earlier.