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18<sup>th</sup>

January 2013

Dear Mr Sakyi,

**Re: Planning Application No. 11/02028/FULEIS  
Wind farm in Haversham cum Little Linford (Orchard Way)**

I am writing to register my objection to the proposed construction of a wind farm and associated infrastructure in Haversham. My objection has been formed following many of my constituents contacting me with objections to the proposal.

Please find below the reasons for my objection:

**Noise**

I have concerns about the noise the turbines would make, changing the character of the area that development is proposed to the detriment of local residents. I understand that this can have poor health implications for local residents.

There is also evidence from other areas which have had wind turbines built whereby noise complaints have been received. There are also active discussions nationally over whether minimum distances from dwellings wind turbines should be increased due to the affect it has on people's health.

**Proximity**

I am concerned that the Turbines will be very close to the ancient woodland of Little Linford Wood and far closer than the developer's own ecology reports recommend. This will impact both the people who enjoy this ancient woodland and the wild life which inhabits it.

Worth noting also is that the proposed turbines would straddle the Swan's Way, one of the most popular bridleway routes in the country. They are also too close to the many other bridleways and public footpaths

The British Horse Society recommends a set off distance of at least four times the turbine height from a national route bridleway. Milton Keynes Council should ensure that these BHS guidelines, developed to ensure the safety of riders and horses, are observed.

**Visual impact**

The proposed site is in open countryside which is widely enjoyed as an amenity by many of my constituents as well as many people across Milton Keynes. The construction of 127m high turbines will completely and permanently alter this landscape and greatly impair the peace and enjoyment of the planned Country Park at Stantonbury, Linford Lakes and Hanson Environmental Study Centre.

The size of the turbines relative to the village of old Haversham which contains several Grade 1 and 2\* buildings, including the 12c St Mary's church in Haversham, makes the choice of this site inappropriate and unacceptable.

The proposed turbines will be 700 feet above sea level and therefore visible across the whole of Milton Keynes and beyond, as far as Luton.

### **Health and Safety**

There are general concerns over the health and safety risks of wind turbines; I understand that two leading manufacturers of wind turbines have documented health and safety risks:

Vestas recommend that for health and safety reasons workers stay 400m from their turbines wherever possible.

GE Electric produced a report investigating “ice throw” acknowledged ice chunks can travel “several hundred metres”.

The most common cause of accidents is blade failure and blades can travel significant distances if they fail. For example part of a blade was thrown 1.3km when a turbine failed in Germany.

The distances of the proposed turbines to footpaths, bridleways wild life habitats and housing presents an unacceptable health and safety risk to residents, horse riders and walkers in the area.

### **Flooding**

The area the developer proposes to build the wind turbines will see large amounts of concrete being used to create miles of access road on high ground above Haversham. There have been persistent problems with flooding in the area as it is an area with underwater springs and a reservoir and these plans would reduce water absorption on the site, causing water runoff down the hill, potentially flooding the road and nearby houses.

I would be most grateful if you could consider the above when making any decision regarding this planning application. I must stress that there has been a great strength of feeling from the local community and I would hope this will be considered.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Lancaster TD MP



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