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From: Keeley John
Sent: 10 February 2025 17:22
To: James Stannard
Subject: FW: PDNPA Comments on proposed turbine at Cote Bank Farm Chinley

Dear James,

Further to our brief telephone conversation last week I am sorry for the delay in responding causing you to have to chase me for a response. I was also ready to send to you last week but wanted to check with our landscape team, however in the absence of anything from them to add I have forwarded my response without.

I have now looked at the submission and have the following comments on the proposed turbine and its impact on the setting of the National Park landscape.

Before commenting on landscape impact I do have serious concerns about the quality of the submission and its supporting information as follows;

- The supporting statement nor the LVA consider the National Park despite it being within 270m from the boundary.
- The location shown for the turbine would appear to move between different documents
- The LVA photomontages seem to have it in a different location within the field than the location plan suggests.
- The LVA does not conform to the landscape Institutes guidelines for production of such assessments
- There are no montages from the two footpaths in the immediate locality of the site from where the landscape impact would be particularly obvious and prominent. I have not walked them but the topography would suggest a high adverse visual impact due to skylining in views of the National park
- The LVA viewpoints seem to be too car driver focussed as all are taken from roads which does not represent an appropriate or thorough approach to landscape assessment

designed to gain a full understanding of impact.

- No ecological assessment upon birds
- No BNG or precise details about the access road for construction and maintenance which would surely require land taking the proposal over the 25m de-minimis threshold?

Clearly some of the issues raised above are matters for your Council to determine and I will confine our comments to the impact on the National Park, however I view the above matters as raising such serious concerns that they would prevent any positive determination.

In terms of our remit my view is that the proposed turbine would have a significant adverse visual impact from public vantage points both from within the National Park looking out and in this case perhaps more importantly looking back in views of the Park. In these the turbine would appear in the foreground and the skyline of some views as a prominent and intrusive structure sitting in an isolated position in open countryside.

I have not walked the footpaths and this response is based on a desk exercise, nevertheless the turbine would clearly be very apparent from surrounding vantage points and the proposal would lead to a significant adverse visual change and impact. This would be exacerbated by the movement of the blades which would result in a much larger impact as such movement renders turbines disproportionately more obvious in the wider landscape and in glimpsed views than any static montage would suggest. The turbine would also appear to breach the sky-line in a number of views into the Park

To conclude, the Authority objects strongly to this proposal on the basis that proposed turbine would have an significant adverse impact upon the setting of the National Park landscape and its special qualities. In the absence of any ecological information it may also have an adverse impact on bird populations in the vicinity and the National Park. Finally the supporting LVA and supporting planning statement are inadequate to enable a proper and fully rounded assessment of the true landscape impact of the proposal.

Regards

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