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Object to Proposal

My objections are set out in a 7-page letter dated 17 June, 2008, to Mr. Mullineux. The comments are mainly technical, are seriously critical of the Environmental Statement produced by DulasLtd. on behalf of the developer, and reflect both the author's experience in the renewable energy field and in climatic change, over many years. As the letter explains in detail, the Environmental Statement is extraordinarily cavalier in its statements on Landscape and Visual Assessment; arguably dishonest in its claim that the proposed development would not be highly intrusive from the Offa's Dyke Path (photomontages have been carefully examined); claims about load factor, electricity generation, households provided for, and carbon emissions avoided grossly exaggerated; references to PPS1 and its Supplement and to PPS22 and its Companion Guide seriously skewed; references to low frequency aerodynamic noise fail to reflect recent research; distance of turbines from bridleways and criticism of British Horse Society and Countryside Commission very arrogant; impacts on property prices inadequate; and offers of £10,000 per annum per turbine to community when electricity consumers' subsidies per turbine per annum will run at least at £221,625 [at £302,212.50p if the developer's/ES claims were correct] ludicrous. It is for others to judge whether a Chesterfield firm with experience in building industrial estates, office blocks, retail parades, and 22 "eco-friendly" homes in Norwich is the appropriate vehicle to "industrialise" the landscape for local people and walkers along Offa's Dyke Path.