

Baydon Meadow Wind Turbine  
Environmental Report

Preface

This Environmental Report seeks to address the local environmental effects of the proposed Baydon Meadow Wind Project. It is not a formal Environmental Statement for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 1999 but assesses the potential effects arising from the proposal.

A wind project is (in the terminology of the 1999 Regulations) a Schedule 2 development which "requires EIA if it is likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of factors such as its size, nature or location." Guidance on the 1999 Regulations, and their appropriate adoption, is provided by DETR Circular 02/99.

On the basis of the advice contained in Circular 02/99, the applicant considers that statutory EIA is not required, and that the environmental information in this Report provides sufficient information for safe determination of the planning application. *This opinion was upheld when on 5 September 2002, following a formal, written request for a "screening opinion", West Berkshire District Council confirmed to the applicant in writing that the proposal was not "EIA Development" (see overleaf).*

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Dear Sir

Town & Country Planning Act 1990  
**Land at Baydon Road Near Membury**

I refer to your letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> August 2002 and supporting information relating to a proposed wind turbine proposal at the above site, and in particular the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment.

The development represents a major proposal, within the countryside and within a sensitive area, being within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.


Clearly there will be a significant amount of 'environmental information' that will be required. However to that effect the assessments made within your letter and supporting information are considered appropriate and I would also advise that it would be appropriate to consider providing detailed visual impact assessments (including ZVI), landscape statement and design statement, and a detailed noise report and assessment. I would also advise that this letter is without prejudice to any further information that may emerge as being relevant and required.

In light of the above, and under Regulation 5(4) of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) 1999, I do not consider the proposal as you outline represents an EIA development.

Please note the above is without prejudice to the outcome of any development proposal for the above site, or the requirement for additional Information where appropriate.

If you wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



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