



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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28th August 2014

Dear Sirs,

Re: Appeal by Mr Richard Walker, Walker and Son (Hauliers) Ltd

PINS Ref: APP/N2739/A/14/2221816

LPA Ref: 2013/0722/FUL

Selby District has a long history of power generation and has a positive approach to supporting renewable energy generation. This policy is embodied in the Core Strategy and in the positive approach that the Council has taken in approving low carbon and renewable energy generation projects. This is exemplified by the conversion of over 1GW of generating capacity at Drax from coal to renewable biomass. The District is also set to host the largest carbon capture and storage project in Europe.

At the smaller scale of renewable energy generation such as individual wind turbines, wind farms and anaerobic digestion the district has approved the majority of planning applications and demonstrated that it has a positive support. The District has a large operational wind farm at Rusholme and has approved the majority of single turbines that have been brought before planners. There have been over 40 applications for single turbines.

However there comes a point where projects are proposed which are simply unacceptable in a local context. The substantial harm that they cause to the local environment and living conditions for families in close proximity to the proposed development simply cannot be justified by the minimal benefits that they bring to the local economy and the minimal energy generated. This was the case with the turbine at Wistow Lordship which was refused at appeal earlier this year because of its unacceptable impact on residential amenity and the local landscape. Appeal ref APP/N2739/A/13/2204642 the turbine in this case was 61 meters to blade tip.

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The proposed turbine at Lumby is another example of a turbine which has gone beyond the bounds of acceptability. The turbine is much higher at 87metres. The site is in Green Belt, the location is one of the most prominent positions in the District and the turbine is sized well beyond the needs of the farm on which it would be located. Other wind turbines have been approved in Green Belt in Selby District but none of them are in such a prominent position and none of them are as large as this one.

Over 25 families in the vicinity of the proposed turbine have sent me copies of their objections and made representations to me. I am aware that many other families have submitted objections to the proposal and that the total number is 70 or more. I would like to add this as my objection to this proposal. Local opinion is important, Green Belt is important.

Turbines should only be permitted where they are in scale and where their impact can be made acceptable. This cannot be the case for this turbine which would be in a high profile location, within 125 meters of a main highway into the district and sitting atop a local landmark and high point in a valued landscape close to important heritage assets.

The decision to refuse the turbine was taken by elected councilors in Selby District and the decision to refuse the turbine should be upheld.

Yours sincerely,



Nigel Adams MP