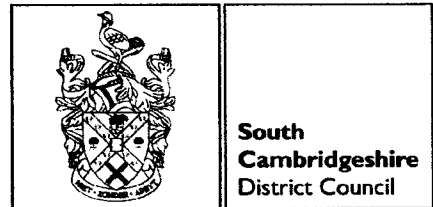


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Dear Sir

**Scoping Opinion made under Regulation 10 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment)(England and Wales) Regulations 1999:
Proposed Wind Farm, Site at Linton**

Further to your request for an Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion for a proposed wind farm on land to the south west of Linton, by letter dated 24th April, I am pleased to provide the following Opinion. The site falls partly in this District Council's area, within the county of Cambridgeshire, and partly within Uttlesford District, within the county of Essex. This Opinion relates to interests in South Cambridgeshire District. For an Opinion relating to interests in Uttlesford District, you should lodge a request with that District Council.

I attach a copy of all responses received from consultees for your assistance.

The Assessment should consider all matters set out in Part 1 of Schedule 4 of the above Regulations, and the specific matters raised by consultees. In addition to the matters identified in your letter, the assessment should specifically consider the potential impact of the proposal on the following matters:

- 1) Alternative sites considered and reasons for the selection of the submitted site.
- 2) Reasons for the specific size and number of turbines selected for the Linton site.
- 3) Cultural heritage assessment, which will consider the setting of important features, including conservations areas at Linton, Hildersham, Great and Little Abington, listed buildings, Historic Parks and Gardens, Sites of Archaeological Interest and Scheduled Ancient Monuments.
- 4) An assessment of cumulative impacts of this project with other wind farm development projects consented or planned for the area surrounding the proposed development site, including Wadlow Farm at West Wrattling (S/1018/06/F).
- 5) Socio-economic assessment - local employment effects, wider community benefits, opportunities for recreation, tourism and education.
- 6) Proximity and affect on use of footpaths and bridleways in the vicinity, and impact on horse riding establishments in the local area.



- 7) Impact on the operation of Linton Zoo, including animal safety and welfare.
- 8) Conformity with civil aviation en-route radar requirements, as part of aircraft safety and airspace considerations.
- 9) Natural England recommends that standard breeding and wintering bird surveys are undertaken for a full year to provide a baseline for the whole site. protected species and Biodiversity and habitat enhancement. County Wildlife Sites. The SCDC Ecology Officer recommends that scarce arable flora assessments are carried out.
- 10) Cambridgeshire County Council as Local Highway Authority has advised that a range of traffic surveys in the vicinity if the site should be undertaken.
- 11) The Divisional Environmental Health Officer, South Cambridgeshire District Council, has recommended that a quantitative acoustic assessment should be undertaken, using appropriate monitoring locations. Monitoring locations should be agreed with agreed with Mr Wilson (contact John Wilson, Divisional Environmental Health Officer, T: 01954 713142 Fax: 01954 713248 john.wilson@scambs.gov.uk).
- 12) Site safety measures.

The following bodies should be added to your consultation list:

Parish Councils of Hinxton, Little Abington, Pampisford and Bartlow (Parish Meeting).
British Horse Society
National Grid
Ofcom
Essex Wildlife Trust

As part of the planning statement, an assessment for the need for the facility and the suitability of this site to meet identified should be included, together with local wind speed data.

My colleague, David Hamilton, Landscape Design Officer, and I would be pleased to advise on viewpoint selection for photomontages in due course.

Yours faithfully

Ray McMurray
Acting Area Officer

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