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Dear Martin

Re: Application no 1/08/20439 Domestic wind generator, Earnstrey Hill House, Abdon

Thank you for your consultation on this application. Paragraph 21 of Planning Policy Statement 7 states that "the conservation of the natural beauty of the landscape (in AONBs) ... should be given great weight....in development control decisions in these areas." Section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 requires district councils to "have regard to the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area of outstanding natural beauty". These requirements are reflected in Policy E1 of the South Shropshire Local Plan which states that "Development will not be permitted which would adversely affect the character or natural beauty of the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty".

This proposal is lies within the Shropshire Hills AONB and is likely to have an adverse effect on this nationally protected landscape. The proposed turbine will be very visible from the adjacent Abdon to Ditton Priors road and is not well related to the buildings it is designed to serve.

I understand that you have been negotiating with the applicants to try and find an alternative site. A position lower down the slope, closer to the house and away from the road is likely to be more acceptable. However, care should be taken with the siting to ensure that the turbine will be seen against the backdrop of the mature trees on the lower slopes of Brown Clee when viewed from the road leading to Upper Earnstrey Park. The Shropshire Way runs along this road for a short distance and it is important to minimise the visual impact of the turbine from this location.

Please feel free to contact me as above if you think I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

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