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Planning Application for Gartree Wind Turbines Ref 09/01220/FUL

Dear Sir,

I support the concept of renewable energy.

However I believe there are reasonable grounds to object to the inappropriate location of the proposed Gartree wind turbines:

1. **Too High:** It would without doubt be intrusive and visually dominant, overwhelming the immediate environment. Set on the ridge up to 30 metres above Lubenham the proposed turbines will rise to a total of up to 150 metres above it. The visual impact of the turbines would be inescapable. (Planning refs EV1,EV5(2),EV11.)
2. **Too Close:** The proposal will place turbines too close to local residents. Guidelines in Scotland and many European countries are to place turbines at a distance no nearer than 2 kilometres from residents. Most of Lubenham is closer than 1.2 kilometres to the proposed turbines. (Planning refs EV5(2)(3) EV11)
3. **Wildlife:** It would represent a major hazard for the wildlife in the area, particularly local colonies of bats, some quite rare. Otters range the area as do various reptiles. Red Kites, Hawks, Skylarks and other less common birds are also found locally. (Planning refs RM/6, RM/9, RM/11.)
4. **Amenity:** The area is popular for a variety of leisure pursuits - walking, riding, cycling, etc - wind turbines would have a serious and detrimental effect for both local residents and visitors. (Planning refs EV5(2)(3)(11) RM(6))

I reserve the right to comment further.

Yours sincerely

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