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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:** The development would without doubt be intrusive and visually dominant, overwhelming the local environment and visible from Leicester and Rugby. Each turbine would be approximately the height of a 40 storey block of flats. Set on the ridge above Market Harborough the visual impact of the turbines would be inescapable. (Planning refs EV1,EV5(2),EV11.)
2. **Too Close:** Thousands of people live within 2 kilometres of the proposed turbines. Recent studies suggest a 2 kilometre separation distance from residents. (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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