

Addendum

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Update

Further information in the form of a letter was received from the Agent on 21st March 2018. The attached Erratum refers to some of the issues in this representation.

Within the letter dated 21st March 2017 under point 2 it is argued that extending the height of an existing turbine in a context of other insitu turbines will not alter the character of the area. The proposal is considered to alter the character of the area by introducing a wind energy plant of excessive scale which will appear out of place in this rural landscape.

The issue of increased height relative to the existing turbine is underlined in this letter. However, scale is the key consideration which makes the proposal unacceptable.

The letter draws attention to the verifiable photomontages dated October 2017. The Council's evidence is based on a visual assessment of the site including use of the verifiable photomontages submitted October 2017.

Within the letter it is argued that the height difference between the proposed turbine and an existing turbine located close to the site is not relevant. It also states that the report appears to apply a test which does not exist and not a material planning policy consideration. The scale of the proposed turbine relative to the existing turbine is a relevant material consideration which is given significant weight in this case.

Within the letter it is argued that the 'fall-back' position has not been considered and that the report fails to explain why the additional height

creates such impact, to merit refusal. The proposal is distinguishable from the fall-back position of the existing turbine and therein lies the demonstrable harm to visual amenity and landscape character.

Recommendation

That the Committee notes the contents of the Addendum and agrees with the recommendation to refuse, as set out in paragraph 9.1 of the Planning Committee Report.