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Dear Mr Pegram

Thank you for your letter requesting information on the potential of your proposed wind turbines at **Holmfield Avenue, Shalcombe** to affect terrestrial television reception in the locality.

The BBC no longer carries out manual assessments of the impact of wind-farms to terrestrial television reception. However, we have launched a web-based tool so that wind-farm developers can carry out the assessments for themselves.

The wind-farm assessment tool can be found at:

<http://windfarms.kw.bbc.co.uk>

After entering the turbine locations, the user is sent, by email, an estimate of populations that may suffer interference from the proposed wind-farm. The tool is not intended to be a substitute for an on-site survey, commissioned by the developer, by which the potential for disruption to television services may more accurately be assessed.

If there is a potential of interference to television reception (predicted or measured) then local authorities will usually expect wind-farm developers to take remedial action (and this will typically require an on site survey to determine appropriate remedial measures).

All wind farm enquiries to the BBC and Ofcom now result in the enquirer being directed to this website.

Regards

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