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Andrew

Could you please advise what the deadline for our response is in connection with the above application? I understand that officers and members attended a site visit in Northamptonshire last week to a recently approved wind farm, can I please ask why officers from my department were not invited to attend?

I need to give you notice that (as you can expect) there are a number of issues with this application.

We are currently seeking views from other local authorities with wind farms. We are particularly concerned to establish whether the use of ETSU-R-97 "The assessment and rating of noise from wind farms", is widespread, especially in relation to proposed sites with low existing background noise levels. We are also considering whether or not we should be advising the LPA to appoint a specialist noise consultant to provide expert advice on the application. I appreciate that such advice (if given) may impact upon your deadline for determination of the application. However, in light of our recent research into the data submitted and concerns over the applicability of the "recognised" assessment methodology to this particular site it may be better for the LPA to employ a specialist noise consultant to advise. I will let you know the outcome of our findings with other authorities and our recommendations shortly.

Kind Regards

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