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Planning Committee

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Subject: Site visits related to planning applications for wind turbines at various locations across the West Lindsey.

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Purpose / Summary:

The report relates to five current planning applications for wind turbines all of which are the subject of finely balanced issues and have the potential, due to their height, to have an impact on the wider landscape. All of these application are intended to be reported to the Planning Committee at a later date for determination.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

A. That Members undertake a Planning Committee Site Visit for application 128607 (Planning application to install 2no. 50kw wind turbines and ancillary works – 25m to hub and 35m height to tip of blade - "Grayingham Grange", Grange Lane, Grayingham) prior to it being reported for determination to a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

B. That Members undertake a Planning Committee Site Visit for application 128608 (Planning application to install 2no. 50kw wind turbines and ancillary works- 25m to hub and 35m height to tip of blade Waddingham Grange

Farm, Waddingham) prior to it being reported for determination to a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

C. That Members undertake a Planning Committee Site Visit for application 128559 (Planning application for proposed siting of 1no. 36.4m high wind turbine- Grange Farm", Station Road, Torksey) prior to it being reported for determination to a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

D. That Members undertake a Planning Committee Site Visit for application 128502 (Planning application for installation of wind turbine - 50 metres to hub and 77 metres to blade tip - "Lodge Farm House", Kettlethorpe Lane, Kettlethorpe) prior to it being reported for determination to a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

E. That Members undertake a Planning Committee Site Visit for application 128536 (Planning application for installation of wind turbine - 50 metres to hub and 77 metres to blade tip- "Ferry Farm", Ferry Lane, Kettlethorpe) prior to it being reported for determination to a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: None arising from this report.

Financial : None arising from this report.

Staffing : None arising from this report.

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights : The planning applications will be considered against Human Rights implications especially with regard to Article 8 – right to respect for private and family life and Protocol 1, Article 1 – protection of property and balancing the public interest and well-being of the community within these rights.

Risk Assessment : None arising from this report.

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities : None arising from this report.

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Details of these planning applications can be found at:-

<http://planning.west-lindsey.gov.uk/planning/>

The relevant application numbers are 128607, 128608, 128559, 128502 and 128536

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

Yes

No

Key Decision:

Yes

No

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report relates to five current planning applications all of which are the subject of finely balanced issues and raise considerations of wider importance. They are intended to be reported to a subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee..

2. Background

- 2.1 **128607 Grayingham** - The application seeks planning permission for the erection of two, identical horizontal axis turbines (25m to hub and 35m height to tip of blade) in association with an existing farm operation (within which they will be situated). The site is to the east of Grayingham village near to Uncle Henry's farm shop.
- 2.2 **128608 Waddingham** - The application seeks planning permission for the erection of two, identical horizontal axis turbines (25m to hub and 35m height to tip of blade) in association with an existing farm operation (within which they will be situated). The site is to the northwest of Waddingham village near to the road that connects the village to the A15. .
- 2.3 **128559 Torksey** - The application seeks planning permission for the erection of a single horizontal axis turbine (36m height to tip of blade) in association with an existing farm operation (within which it will be situated). The site is 2.5km east of Torksey village, near to the Saxilby to Gainsborough railway line.

- 2.4 **128502 Kettlethorpe** - The application seeks planning permission for the erection of a single horizontal axis turbine (77m height to tip of blade) in association with an existing farm operation (within which it will be situated). The site is adjacent to the A125 between Fenton and Kettlethorpe. This turbine falls within the parameters of a larger turbine to which a wider publicity procedures apply and special Committee arrangements (although paper B on this agenda reviews these arrangements)
- 2.5 **128536 Kettlethorpe** - The application seeks planning permission for the erection of a single horizontal axis turbine (77m height to tip of blade) in association with an existing farm operation (within which it will be situated). The site is adjacent to the A156 and Fosdyke near to the A57/A156 junction at Drinsey Nook. This turbine falls within the parameters of a larger turbine to which a wider publicity procedures apply and special Committee arrangements (although paper B on this agenda reviews these arrangements)

3. **Discussion**

- 3.1 It is not normally required that members visit a site collectively before considering an application. It is also noted that two of the five applications fall within the parameters outlined in Paper B of this agenda and therefore special arrangements for publicity and determination of the applications currently apply. Nevertheless, all of the turbines proposed have the potential to be seen over a wide area and possibly have a significant impact on the prevailing character and appearance of parts of the district. The merits of otherwise of all five applications are finely balanced and, whilst officers will present a detailed report, make a balanced recommendation and will present photographs to a subsequent Meeting, it is considered that only a visit to the site and its surroundings would enable Members to make a judgement on the site specific issues.
- 3.2 Access onto private land is required in order to make an assessment of some of the relevant issues for some of the applications affected, such opportunities not normally being available to Members if visiting the site on their own outside of the Meeting.

4. **Proposal**

- 4.1 That Members undertake a Development Management Committee Site Visit for applications 128607, 128608, 128559, 128502 and 128536 prior to them being reported for determination to a subsequent meeting of the Committee.