

Appendix C

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DETAILS OF PLANNING APPLICATION

Parish: Boxworth & Conington

Reference: S/1663/04/F

D.o.E. Coding:

Map Boxworth & Conington
Ref: 54, 69A, 70, 83, 84, 98A

Grid E 534322
Ref: N 266052

Applicant: Cambridge Wind Farm Ltd
Agent Your Energy Ltd

Date Red'd: 10/8/04

Description: Wind Farm Comprising 16 Wind Turbines, Anemometry Mast, Substation and Associated Infrastructure

Location: Land South West of Huntingdon Road (A14)

Previous Applications affecting this land: 79/0446-A A/D, 78/1002, 04/0457-PNA, 03/1055-PNT, 00/1346-PNT, 82/0347, 03/1047, 91/1180, 78/1488

Other related files:

Environmental Impact Assessment:

Yes

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No

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**Amendments &
date received:**

**Planning Committee/Delegation
and date:**

6.4.05

**Date of
Notice**

7.4.05

Decision: ~~Part/Approved/with conditions~~ Refused ~~Deferred/Withdrawn~~

Section 106 Agreement:

Yes

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No

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D.o.E. Action: Appeal Lodged/Application Referred

Date

Decision: Part Allowed/with conditions/Dismissed

Date

Directions:

Date

NOTES:

CHARGE AND FEE PAID £

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

TO: Your Energy Ltd
Felaw Maltings
Felaw Street
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP2 8SJ

The Council hereby refuses permission for Wind Farm Comprising 16 Wind Turbines,
Anemometry Mast, Substation and Associated Infrastructure

at Land South West of Huntingdon Road (A14 Trunk Road) in the Parishes of Boxworth and
Conington
(for Cambridge Wind Farm Ltd)

In accordance with your application dated 9th August 2004

for the following reasons:-

- 1. The scheme, by virtue of the size, scale and extent of the wind turbines, would dominate and adversely affect the landscape character of the area, particularly the open and gently undulating rural character of the area. As a consequence it conflicts with Structure Plan 2003 Policies P7/4 and P7/7, South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2004 Policies EN1 and EN44 and national advice in PPS1, PPS7 and PPS22.**
- 2. The scheme, by virtue of the size, scale and extent of the wind turbines, would adversely affect the historic landscape pattern by introducing intrusive and standardised industrial forms which will visually connect Boxworth and Conington, in particular, and by virtue of its dominating impact upon the setting of and views from Conservation areas, particularly Elsworth and Fen Drayton. As a consequence it fails to comply with Structure Plan 2003 Policies P1/2, P7/6 and P7/7, South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2004 Policies EN4, EN30 and EN44 and national advice in PPS1, PPS7 and PPG15.**
- 3. The scheme would harm the effective operation of the radar installation at Cambridge City Airport and therefore be detrimental to the safety of aircraft in the area contrary to national advice in Circular 1/2003 "Safeguarding aerodromes, technical sites and military explosive storage areas" and PPS22.**

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4. The scheme, by virtue of the size, scale and extent and proximity of the wind turbines to the A14 Trunk Road, would be likely to cause drivers to temporarily avert their attention from the road, thereby increasing the risk to highway safety on this road, which is subject of high volumes of traffic, congestion and a high percentage of tail-end shunt accidents. Further the imposition of a condition precluding work from starting on the wind farm until such time as the A14 Improvement Scheme has been completed is considered to be unreasonable, given that there is no prospect of the scheme being completed during the time limit of a permission.
5. The applicant has failed to demonstrate that the operation of the wind turbines would not be likely to give rise to unacceptable noise levels to residents by reason of insufficient information having been provided upon variations in background noise with varying wind direction, alternative locations and varying meteorological conditions.
6. The applicant has failed to demonstrate that the operation of the wind turbines would not cause a detrimental affect, either direct or indirect, upon local biodiversity, particularly upon species of bat. The proposal would not therefore comply with Structure Plan Policies P7/1 and P7/2 and South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Policy EN13.

D. B. H. Russell

Dated: 7th April 2005.
Council Offices, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB3 6EA

Development Services Director.

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