

<b>APPLICATION NO</b>	<b>PA/2010/1371</b>
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Mr A Turnbull
<b>DEVELOPMENT</b>	Planning permission to erect two 10kW vertical axis wind turbines
<b>LOCATION</b>	Prospect House, access tracks between Glebe Farm and Prospect House Farm, Barnetby le Wold
<b>PARISH</b>	<b>BARNETBY</b>
<b>WARD</b>	Brigg and Wolds
<b>SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>Grant permission subject to conditions</b>
<b>REASONS FOR REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE</b>	Objection by Barnetby le Wold Parish Council

## **POLICIES**

**Regional Spatial Strategy for Yorkshire and the Humber:** No specific policies apply.

**North Lincolnshire Local Plan:** Policy DS21 (Renewable Energy) states that the generation of energy from renewable sources will be permitted provided that:

- (i) any detrimental effect on features and interests of acknowledged importance, including local character and amenity, is outweighed by environmental benefits; and
- (ii) proposals include details of associated developments including access roads and other ancillary buildings and their likely impact upon the environment.

Policy DS1 (General Requirements) requires a high standard of design for all developments.

PPG24 (Planning and Noise) recognises that noise can have a significant effect on the quality of life enjoyed by communities. The guidance introduces noise exposure categories to assist local planning authorities in their assessment of applications for residential development close to noise sources.

## **CONSULTATIONS**

**Highways:** No objections.

**Ministry of Defence:** No objections.

**NATS:** No objections.

**English Heritage:** No objections.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Objects to the application on the following grounds:

- (i) the noise it will create; and
- (ii) proximity to domestic properties and visual impairment on the Lincolnshire Wolds.

## **PUBLICITY**

A site notice has been posted and neighbouring properties notified by letter. No representations have been received.

## **ASSESSMENT**

This application relates to land adjacent to Prospect House Farm which is situated in the open countryside approximately 400 metres from the village of Barnetby. It is proposed to erect two 10kW vertical axis wind turbines each with a height of 11.4 metres. The pole of the turbine would be of galvanised metal construction with the blades being a composite white/light greyish colour. Access to the site would be gained from an existing farm track.

**The main issues which need to be addressed in determining this application are whether the proposal would visually harm the character and appearance of its open countryside setting and whether it would cause a noise nuisance to any nearby residential properties.**

The proposed turbines are fairly low and small-scale compared to other similar purpose turbines on the market. They would be visible from the unclassified Melton Ross to Bigby Road but this is a relatively low volume traffic route. Their grey and white colouring will help them blend in with the surrounding landscape and skyline.

With regard to noise impact on residential properties, as previously stated, the application site is well removed from the main body of Barnetby village. The nearest residential property is 3 Prospect Farm Cottages which is approximately 95 metres away from the closest proposed turbine. The Environmental Protection team have assessed potential noise nuisance and whilst they consider that the location, scale and nature of the turbines are such that adverse impact on residential amenity is unlikely, they have requested that appropriate conditions are attached to any permission granted as an absolute safeguard.

## **RECOMMENDATION      Grant permission subject to the following conditions:**

1.

The development must be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason

To comply with section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2.

The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: 2010/1371/1, 2010/1371/2, 2010/1371/3 and 2010/1371/4.

Reason

For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3.

The rating level of noise emissions from the wind turbines shall not exceed a value of 35dB(A)LA90, 10min up to wind speeds of 10m/s at a height of 10 metres above ground level at 3 Prospect Farm Cottages (grid reference 506245/408633).

Reason

To ensure the living conditions of nearby dwellings are protected in accordance with policy DS1 of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan.

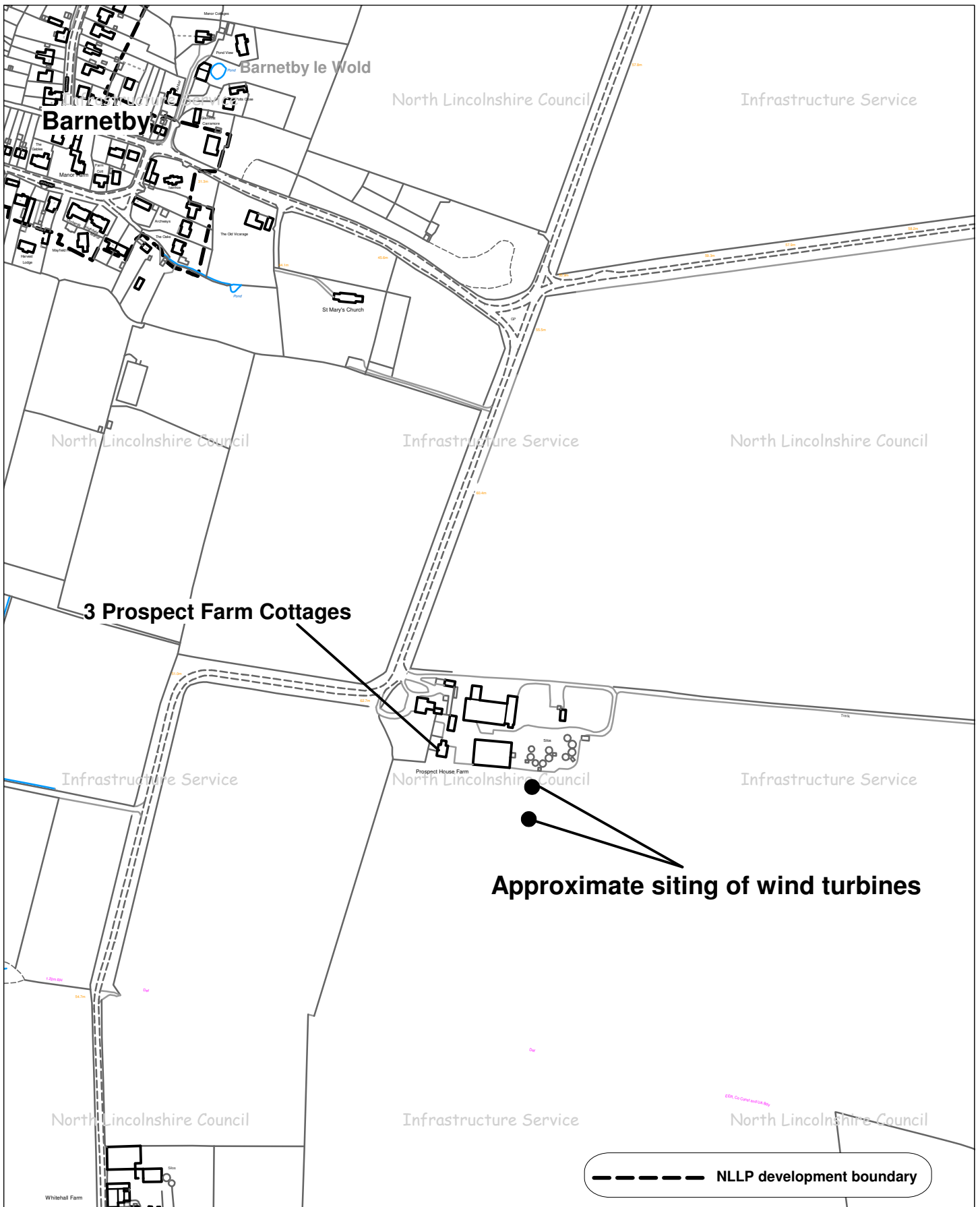
4.

Prior to commissioning of the wind turbines, the operator shall submit a scheme for the measurement of noise emissions from the wind turbines to the local planning authority. This scheme shall provide for the measurement of specific noise source levels at 3 Prospect Farm Cottages. This scheme shall be approved in writing by the local planning authority prior to its implementation.

Except for the purposes of discharging this condition, the turbines shall not be permitted to commence operation to produce electricity until they comply with the noise limit stated in condition 3.

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