Consultation: PDR Onshore Wind Turbines[1]

Community Planning Alliance Response

Question 1a Do you agree that a new PDR should be introduced for a wind turbine in nondomestic settings? Q1b: Please explain your answer.

Yes, we agree that a new PDR should be introduced for a wind turbine in nondomestic settings

We welcome the list of excluded sites mentioned in Table 2 (page 21) and would request that this becomes a general list of exclusions for all permitted development applications as we have experience of a developer who wishes to put a temporary road across a peat moss that Natural England considers to be a restorable, irreplaceable habitat. When questioned, the developer stated that "*There is no guidance or legislation which sets out that Permitted Development rights cannot be used in areas of irreplaceable habitats*".

Q3a: Do you agree with a maximum 30 metre tip height for the non-domestic wind turbine? Q3b: Please explain your answer. Q3c: Do you agree with a maximum rotor swept area of 200m2? Q3d: Please explain your answer.

We believe this needs more explicit definition. No development higher than 15m should be within 500m of any residential dwellings, including when taking the maximum rotor swept area into consideration.

Q5a: Do you agree with the proposed list of areas where the PDR will not apply? Q5b: What, if anything, would you change about the proposed list of excluded areas?

We welcome and support the list of excluded sites mentioned on page 16 and in Table 2 (page 21) and would request that this becomes a general list of exclusions for **all permitted development** applications as we have experience of a developer who wishes to put a temporary road across a peat moss that Natural England considers to be a restorable, irreplaceable habitat. When questioned, the developer stated that "*There is no guidance or legislation which sets out that Permitted Development rights cannot be used in areas of irreplaceable habitats*".

Q6a: Do you agree with the proposed additional condition to minimise visual impact on nearby heritage sites and important landscapes?

We welcome and support the proposed additional condition to minimise visual impact on nearby heritage sites and important landscapes.

[1] https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/69b966d1635612b767a46649/permitted-development-rights-for-onshore-wind-turbines-england.pdf

Q7a: Do you agree with requiring a buffer distance of the tip height + 10% from the boundary of the curtilage? Q7b: Please explain your answer.

No, we do not think this buffer distance is sufficient in relation to residential properties. As we mention in our response to question 3 above, no development higher than 15m should be within 500m of any residential dwellings, including when taking the maximum rotor swept area into consideration.

Kind regards

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About the Community Planning Alliance

The Community Planning Alliance[2] is a national umbrella group for over 700 communities[3], all are campaigning against inappropriate development in their areas, and all disagree that decisions are being made in the 'public interest'. We have extensive knowledge and experience of the planning system, and our aims include seeking increased community participation, better environmental protections and the right homes and infrastructure in the right places.

[2] https://communityplanningalliance.org/

[3] https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?ll=52.97433203327261%2C-1.0471043976708527&z=7&mid=1nFg3i1Ft5-K4LadaEMCb0wr17-I33Kk