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Dear Sir

Planning Application Ref: 2 / 2007 / 1271

Erection of 5 wind turbines and associated infrastructure at Fleeter Wood Land adjacent to West House, Dearham

As a visitor to West Cumbria I wish to **object** to the above application for wind turbines and associated infrastructure.

Tranquillity is one of the countryside's most valued assets and an important indicator of countryside quality. This proposal would result in unacceptable harm to the local landscape in terms of its intrinsic quality and local distinctiveness. These are not agricultural buildings and the building of what is in effect a power station will industrialise the landscape.

This proposal would have a significant impact on the wider landscape setting. The wind turbines would be clearly visible from the Lake District National Park, the Solway Coast (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty), Cockermouth gem town and Maryport, where tourism is a developing industry. The Allerdale Ramble passes close by the proposed site.

A report of the Small Business Council of the DTI (July 2006) says;

- *'We argue that the current trend towards high levels of wind energy development onshore presents an unacceptable threat to rural businesses...'*
- *'.....The effects on the rural economy of onshore wind development should be a material consideration in the determination of application(s) and should form part of the cost-benefit analysis.'*

Because the wind farm will dominate the area it seems inconceivable that it will not affect local tourism and the local economy. Job opportunities generated may be limited during the construction phase and will in no way counter the long term impact on tourism.

The significant cumulative impact will utterly dominate the immediate countryside. There are already a number of wind farms in the immediate area, as well as further on-shore sites being proposed.

The moving blades will create a constant distraction to passing drivers and nearby houses will suffer from noise and flicker disturbance.

Other Comments:

Yours faithfully,

Signature: