

LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH COUNCIL

LOWER WINTERBORNE WIND FARM  
Planning Application No. 2/2003/0765

ANNEX B – CONTRAVENTIONS TO POLICIES

**NORTH DORSET DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN 2003**

The proposed development contravenes the following policies:

Overall Local Plan Strategy

**Paragraph 1.16 sections 7. and 8.**

Policy 1.1 Sustainable Development Strategy

The proposed development will remove 3.20ha from agricultural use.

- (i) This is a ‘major’ development as defined in **paragraph 1.24**
- (iii) and (iv)

Policy 1.6 Development in the Countryside

In Volume 2 of the Environmental Statement (3.6) accompanying the planning application reference is made to section (ix) **Infrastructure**. This section relates to building developments **NOT** wind farms.

**PROTECTING THE COUNTRYSIDE**

Policy 1.8 Standard Assessment Criteria

- (ii), (iii), (v) and (xi)

Policy 1.12 Rivers, Water & Drainage Services

- (ii)

One of the benefits of the proposed improvements to the bridge across the River Winterborne is to relieve localised flooding of approximately 6 acres of farm land but this will only increase the incident of flooding further downstream in the village of Winterborne Zelston.

The removal of 3300m<sup>3</sup> of spoil and its replacement with a like amount of concrete for the turbine bases will have an effect on an area already prone to flooding.

Refer to Item 6. Annex A for more details.

Policy 1.19 Lighting Standards

- (ii) Whilst we appreciate that this applies to new developments we believe it can equally apply in this case to the height of the wind turbines, 105m.

### **Policy 1.23 Setting of Listed Buildings**

In the Lower Winterborne Parish Area there are:

2 Grade I Listed Buildings

3 Grade II\* Listed Buildings

40 Grade II Listed Buildings

Grades I and II\* identify the outstanding architectural or historic interest of a small proportion (about 6%) of all listed buildings.

### **Conservation Areas**

In particular **Paragraph 1.108**

### **Policy 1.24 Character of Conservation Areas**

In particular the policy states ‘**changes of use of existing buildings and land which have an adverse effect on the character or appearance of the Conservation area will not be permitted**’

## **ARCHAEOLOGY**

### **Policy 1.28 Archaeological Remains of National Importance**

Part of the Roman Road from Badbury Rings to Dorchester will be destroyed by the construction of an access track.

The proposed development will have an adverse effect on the setting of Combs Ditch, which is probably late prehistoric in origin.

### **Policy 1.29 Archaeological Remains of Local Importance**

Parts of historic hedgerows will be destroyed. It is statutorily prohibited to remove any historic hedgerows.

Another very important element within the local landscape is a medieval deer park that abuts the proposed site.

## **Landscape Character Areas**

### **Policy 1.33 Landscape Character Areas**

According to the NDDC proposals map No. 21, 22 & 24 the proposed site is situated on the Chalk Uplands (Dorset Downs).

Please see attached Countryside Character Area 134.

### **Policy 1.36 Sites of Nature Conservation Importance**

There are two Sites of Nature Conservation Importance abutting the proposed site and a third is within 0.5km of the site.

Refer to item 15 Annex A

### **Policy 1.37 Other Landscape Features of Nature Conservation Importance**

**Policy 1.38 Protected Species and their Habitats**

A number of birds found at the site, Skylark, Song Thrush, Yellowhammer, Linnet and several species of farmland birds are protected and are on the Red List of the Birds of Conservation Concern and the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. Brown hares are also resident on the site and these too are on the UK Biodiversity Action Plan

There is evidence at the proposed site of bats that are protected species under Schedule 5 Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981).

There is also evidence of badger setts on the proposed site and this species is protected under The Badgers Act (1991) and Protection of Badgers Act (1992)

**BOURNEMOUTH DORSET AND POOLE STRUCTURE PLAN**

The proposed wind farm **does not meet any of the strategies** on which the **County Structure Plan** is based.

The proposed development contravenes the following policies:

- Environment Policy C**
- Environment Policy D**
- Environment Policy F**
- Environment Policy M**
- Environment Policy Q**
- Environment Policy R**
- Environment policy S**