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Development Control Officer  
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Dear Sir

**Planning Application No:** 2/2003/0765  
**Location of Development:** Part of Bushes Farm, Riverside Farm and Tomson Farm, Anderson and Winterborne Zelston  
**Description of Development:** Erect 9 No. 105m high wind turbine generators, 1 No. 65m high anemometry mast, substation and associated infrastructure, modify vehicular access.

The Lower Winterborne Parish Council wishes to register **its objection to this planning application** for the reasons detailed in Annex A.

During its evaluation of the Environmental Statement, the Parish Council has noted that:

- Volume 2 of this document is based on the 1998 NDDC Local Plan, rather than the 2003 version.
- It contravenes policies in the NDDC Local Plan and Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Structure Plan. These are listed in Para 6 of Annex A and extra explanatory notes provided in Annex B.
- It contains the inaccuracies and inconsistencies outlined in Annex C.
- It raises a number of questions and lists a number of reports that are still awaited. These are listed in Annex D. The questions need answers and the outstanding reports need to be received and evaluated before this application is determined.

**For these reasons the Parish Council believes that the Environmental Statement is flawed and that it should be rejected and returned to the Applicant to be updated and corrected.**

In view of the importance of this, the first application for a Wind Farm in Dorset, and the overwhelming opposition by residents, the Parish Council requests that:

- This application is determined by the Development Control Committee (DCC), following a visit to the site.
- To assist the DCC members in their deliberations and to show the true impact of the proposed development on Winterborne Zelston and the neighbouring countryside, the applicant is asked to provide a scale model of the site and surrounding area, and to fly helium filled balloons, tethered to fly at 105metres with a visible marker at 65m (the height of the wind turbine), at each of the proposed turbine locations for the duration of the site visit.
- Consideration be given to:
  - Extending the time allotted to this application and to speakers at the DCC meeting, as we do not believe that the current allocation will allow the full debate that this application deserves.
  - Expanding the representations section of the briefing notes provided to DCC members, as we do not believe that a series of short phrases can truly reflect the very valid issues raised in the vast amount of correspondence received in response to this application.
  - Moving the DCC meeting to a larger venue.

I would appreciate your views on the points raised. Furthermore, should you wish to discuss any of the matters raised in this reply, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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Parish Clerk

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Enclosures:  
Annex A  
Annex B  
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