

SEDFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

CONSULTATION FROM NEIGHBOURING PLANNING AUTHORITY

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PROPOSAL: APPLICATION FOR THE RETENTION OF 50 METRE HIGH METEOROLOGICAL DATA GATHERING MAST FOR A FURTHER 12 MONTHS

LOCATION: ROYAL OAK FARM ROYAL OAK DARLINGTON CO DURHAM

APPLICANT: Darlington Borough Council
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BACKGROUND

Darlington Borough Council has received a planning application for the retention of a metrological data recording mast located on agricultural land at Royal Oak Farm in Darlington Borough.

As the development is close to the boundary with Sedgfield Borough, Darlington Borough Council has sought this Council's views as a neighbouring planning authority.

THE PROPOSAL

The application is made for the continued use of the metrological measuring mast for a period of a maximum of 12 months to provide further information in relation to the wind yield potential for the site and to allow for optimisation of turbine configuration. The site currently has planning permission for 5 no. wind turbines on the site.

CONSULTATION RESPONSES

No objections have been raised by Forward Planning or the Council's landscape architect.

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PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The mast which is the subject of this application is 50 metres high and is located on agricultural land within Darlington Borough Council, 2km south west of Shildon at an elevation of 200m above sea level. The mast consists of a pole tower held in place by metal wires anchored to railway sleepers embedded in the ground. The mast has currently been in situ for approximately 3 years and this application will extend this period for a further twelve months in order to collate further information with regards to wind speeds.

It is considered that as the mast does not have a significant impact upon the appearance the surrounding area its retention for a further 12 months is acceptable.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that no objections are offered to the proposal.
