

## **CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

YOUR REF: 4/24/2334/F1  
OUR REF: 7/2025/E0063  
LOCATION: Highfield Farm, Bigrigg, Egremont, Cumbria  
PROPOSAL: Removal of existing wind turbine and erection of replacement wind turbine, up to 76m blade tip height, with associated development.

The National Park is designated as an area of exceptionally high landscape value. The highest level of protection is given to this landscape by development plan policies and the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 189), which states that “great weight should be given to conserving and enhancing landscape and scenic beauty in National Parks” and that development within the setting of National Parks “should be sensitively located and designed to avoid or minimise adverse impacts on the designated areas”.

The application site lies circa 5km from the boundary of the Lake District National Park, separated by pastoral fields, built development and the A595.

The site lies within the Type D: Lowland Area of Distinctive Character as defined by the Lake District National Park Landscape Character Appraisal SPD. This Area of Distinctive Character is situated at the western edge of the Lake District National Park and extends beyond the park boundary to the west, forming part of the National Park’s setting.

The area generally comprises a lowland agricultural landscape, dominated by undulating topography with dissecting valleys. The site displays some of the key characteristics of this character type, being dominated by pasture with hedgerows, along with variable field patterns relating to topography. The LCA identifies vertical development as a particular risk to the landscape character type.

The 30.5 metre increase in blade tip height would result in a noticeable change to landscape and would result in visual effects that would be harmful to the views from the Lake District National Park across its setting. It is however acknowledged that these impacts would be experienced at a distance when viewed from within the National Park.

In summary I am of the view that the proposed development would result in a minor adverse visual and landscaping impact on the setting of the Lake District National Park.

Please consider and weight these harms in your planning balance.

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