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**AGENDA NO 7
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

DATE 12th MARCH 2008

**REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR,
DEVELOPMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD
SERVICES**

07/3519/FUL

**Within An Arable Field to the South Of The Seamer/Hilton Road. The Field Is Located Approximately 1.7km To The North West Of Seamer, ,
Erection of a 60m temporary guyed wind monitoring mast for a period of 24 months.**

Expiry Date 28 February 2008

UPDATE REPORT

Additional correspondence has been received in respect to the application, 4no. letters of objection and two letters from consultees.

Additional comments from consultees are as follows;

CSS Spectrum Management Services (responsible for UHF Radio scanning telemetry communications)

Have no objection to wind farm within 1km radius of the site.

Ingleby Barwick Town Council

No comments

The 4no. letters of objection have been received from the following addresses,

- Kingsbridge, Hilton Road, Seamer,
- 3 Moorberries, Hilton,
- Bridge House, Seamer Road, Stainton,
- 20 Tanton Road, Seamer,

Objections are summarised as follows;

- It is inappropriate to site a test mast in an area that is unsuitable for a wind farm.
- The monstrous construction in this rural area would be devastating.
- They would interrupt the outlook of the Pennines to the West and the Cleveland Hills to the south.
- This would be a catastrophic development for people in the area.
- The case for wind farms is far from proven as to their effectiveness and efficiency.
- If wind farms have to be approved it would make more sense for them to be grouped in very large numbers on sites of low sensitivity such as brownfield industrial sites as against to having them scattered throughout rural England.
- The site is too close to residential development and would be detrimental to local people.
- Increased traffic from a wind farm involved in construction and maintenance would add to the already heavy traffic flow through the village. Alternative sites should be considered.

MATERIAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The above objections are repetitions of those already made and considered within the main report. The consultee responses raise no objection to the scheme and as such, it is recommended that the application be determined in accordance with the Main Report.

Background Documents

Stockton on Tees Local Plan (STLP).
PPS 22 – Renewable Energy

Corporate Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer Mr Andrew Glossop Telephone No 01642 527796

Financial Implications

None

Community Implications

As report

Environmental Implications

As report

Human Rights Implications

The provisions of the European Convention of Human Rights 1950 have been taken into account in the preparation of this report

WARD AND WARD COUNCILLORS

Ward	Ingleby Barwick East
Ward Councillor	Councillor K C Faulks
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