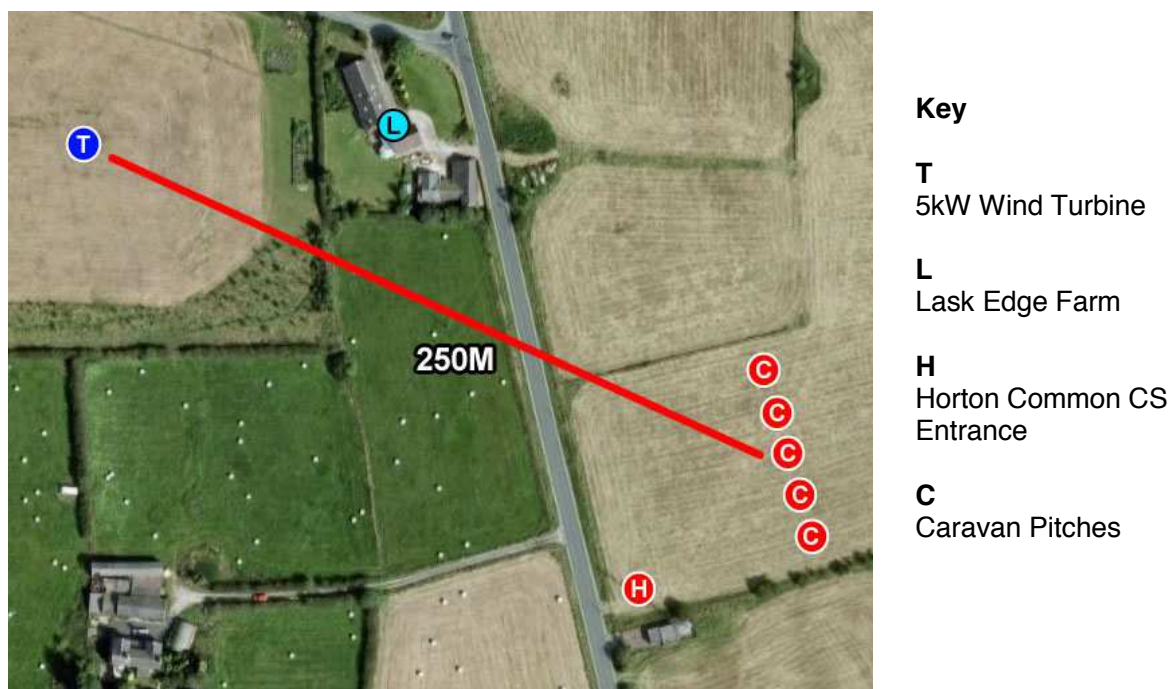


Horton Common CS Caravan Site

Lask Edge Farm, ST13 8QS

Opinions of visitors to the caravan site between March 1st and October 31st 2015

In 2014 the appellants secured planning permission to setup a section of one of their fields as a Certified Site with the Camping and Caravanning Club. On December 9th 2014 under planning permission they erected the 5kW R9000 in the field behind Lask Edge Farm. The wind turbine is just 250 meters from where the visitors to Horton Common caravan site position their caravans and motorhomes.



Key

- T**
5kW Wind Turbine
- L**
Lask Edge Farm
- H**
Horton Common CS Entrance
- C**
Caravan Pitches

On February 12th 2016 emails were sent to Horton Common CS guest who visited between March 1st and October 31st 2015 requesting their comments on the wind turbine. Please note during this period the 5kW wind turbine was up and operational.

Please also note that when these visitors came to Horton Common CS in 2015 they were not aware a wind turbine was located 250 meters away from the caravan pitches. The appellants were also not aware if they did or did not support wind turbines in general. Therefore these visitors were impartial in providing their opinions on the wind turbine.

The Camping and Caravanning Club of all their 1,600 small caravan sites across the UK has voted Horton Common CS the best of 2015.

Confidential contact information of these visitors cannot be provided, however if requested by council officials/planning officers these email comments can be shown on appointment for validation. Please continue onto the next page to review their comments.

"To be honest I don't think I even noticed it. And I certainly was not disturbed by any wind turbines during my stay at Horton Common caravan site. I have never had any issues with being near wind turbines as I feel these are much better for the environment than coal power suppliers and I think all camp site owners should help do their bit with providing greener power and something we could all aspire to."

Anna-Marie Bull

"We visited Horton Common C&CC CS in June 2015. The wind turbine did not disturb or cause any problems in anyway while staying on the caravan site and definitely would not stop us visiting the caravan site or area again. We enjoyed our stay whilst we were there"

Gloria and Alan Smith

"Hi Chris, I have no problem stating that the wind turbine in your garden caused us no disturbance whatsoever during our stay at Horton Common."

Liam Beales

"By the way we were quite impressed with the windmill generator, hardly noticeable and so quiet, I expect a number of your neighbours are also considering investing in one. Anyway we appreciate all the things you are doing to protect the environment and improve facilities for us weekenders."

Pauline and Geraint Lewis

"When I stayed on your field with our caravan last year with my husband and our two dogs we did not hear any noise or disturbance at all."

Lesa & Brian Loftis

"Horton Common CS is one of the best we have stayed on, we found it very peaceful. We didn't even really notice the wind turbine, let alone be disturbed by it, in fact the only real thing we were disturbed by was the weather, which can't be helped. If anything, it is great to see people making the most of alternative, responsible methods and we will certainly be planning another visit this year."

Rebecca Shearing

"Lovely peaceful and quiet site with fantastic scenery and views. The wind turbine was not something that anyone in our family or friends even noticed until when talking to the owner he pointed it out to us in conversation. It did not interfere in any way shape or form to our holidays here and this lovely site is one that we keep returning to. Horton common site is fantastic and the turbine surely is better for the environment in the long run and does not interfere to the surrounding area what so ever."

Colleen Hampton

“Hi Chris, we don't recall seeing a wind turbine of any kind when we were on the site. Is it the one you can see in the middle distance of the photograph on the website? If so this certainly would not have disturbed us in anyway or spoiled our enjoyment of the wonderful view from your site. We are well used to seeing wind turbines in the countryside and I am happy to know that renewable resources are being used to generate electricity.”

Lynda Edwardes

“With regard to the wind turbine in the vicinity of Horton Common Camp site. During our stay at the above campsite it is safe to say that we hardly noticed the wind turbine. The idea of the campsite is that you look in the opposite direction from the wind turbine towards the distant hills. On approach to and from the campsite one could not say that the wind turbine was obtrusive in any way. Even during periods of high wind it was not possible to discern any noise from the turbine. It would be hard to find a reason why the turbine would be a detriment to tourism or other social use in this area and we have had no hesitation in recommending this site to friends who regularly stay in the Congleton area.”

Nigel Bradley

“To be perfectly honest, we hadn't even noticed the wind turbine, your email was the first we knew about it. Therefore, having said that, of course the wind turbine clearly would have had no impact whatsoever on our stay with you. It certainly didn't disturb our stay in any way and would not stop us from visiting your site, or the area in general, again.”

Wendy Beardmore

“We stayed at Horton Common Site last May and had a brilliant time, The wind turbine did nothing to detract from our enjoyment, in fact we barely noticed it and think it is an excellent idea to encourage green energy; especially where the caravan site is situated. In fact we are returning in March.”

Jacki and Sean Kenny

“Gary Alcock here just to let you know I didn't realize there was a wind turbine during my stay at Horton Common was so peace full and quite didn't know it was there.”

Gary Alcock

Please continue.

"From our perspective having stayed on your caravan site on frequent occasions during last summer and autumn, we have not been conscious of any noise emanating from the turbine each time we have visited your house to pay our fees etc or when we have been outside in the adjacent field even during periods of high winds. The only noise intrusion we've been aware of is from the passing road traffic. Given the emphasis and encouragement these days from the government for renewable energy sources such as wind turbines and solar panels, we believe every encouragement should be given to people like yourself generating electricity as the turbine is relatively small in size and not a blot on the landscape given the surrounding area of natural beauty. The adjacent communication tower is by far a much greater intrusion on the countryside landscape adjacent to your house and the caravan cs."

Chris & Sue Grey

"During our stay for 8 nights in August last year at no point did your wind turbine disturb us during the night or during the day as we sat out side our caravan taking in the lovely views. We look forward to our next visit this coming August. I think you should be praised for taking Advantage of Wind Power. It's a clean fuel source. Wind energy doesn't pollute the air like power plants that rely on combustion of fossil fuels, such as coal or natural gas. Wind turbines don't produce atmospheric emissions that cause acid rain or greenhouse gases. By doing that you are protecting the lovely views for hopefully many more years."

Duane & Denise Young

"We had a super stay at Horton Common in October last year. The views were outstanding and the site was very peaceful. Despite some very windy weather, we were not disturbed by the small wind turbine. On the contrary, it was good to see that natural resources were being harnessed. We will certainly be returning to the site in the future."

Lynda & Steve Parker

"We have stayed on your site and cannot see what the issue is with the wind turbine, it's not noisy or big and not in your face it can hardly be seen, the government are asking all of us to use alternative energy so we don't see what the problem is."

Sylvia and Pete Clarke

"Sorry but I don't seem to remember your wind turbine from our stay so I guess it couldn't have disturbed us at the site."

Jeff Lister

"We are regular visitors to Horton Common, for it's views and great access to the beautiful countryside. It has been sympathetically laid out and care has been taken with screened planting to reduce it's impact on the environment. With the environment in mind the owners have a single small unobtrusive wind mill, which in no way can be considered a blight. I understand the concerns over wind farms with there large white turbines spreading across a skyline, they can be distracting even detrimental, but this is one small individual mill. We should be encouraging people to make a difference to the environment when it doesn't have a negative impact, and this is one of those positive developments where the owners have been willing to invest in all our futures."

Hugh Stanistreet

"My wife and I have stayed at Horton Common C&CC site on several occasions during 2015 and were unaware there was a wind turbine near to the site as we never noticed it visually or audibly. It had no impact on our stay or view whatsoever."

Kevin & Louise Errington