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9th April 2025

Dear Mr Swithenbank

SMD/2025/0148 and SMD/2025/0149

I have consulted with the Parish Councillors and informed them of the two applications which are requests for a screening opinion in respect of the proposals to install wind turbines off Blakelow Road on Morridge Top..

The view of the council is that it is essential that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is carried out. The main reasons for this are:

- the size of the proposed turbines, being more than three times the size of the existing ones and would be substantially more visually intrusive;
- proximity to the Peak District National Park;
- the absence of evidence to support the assertions that an EIA is not required.

It is also the opinion that the EIA should consider the two proposed turbines and not as two separate entities that do not interact.

Yours Sincerely

**A. W. Howard
Clerk to Onecote Parish Council**