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Comments: I would just like to point out that apart from how this would severely affect, if not, completely ruin the lives of many of the local residents of the immediate and more widespread area, the impact on the wildlife that currently inhabit the land immediately around us would be great. My property stands roughly 45m below the base of the proposed site of the nearest turbine to our property, which will be a mere 380m away from us. This makes the blade tip of this enormous structure, a towering height of approx 295m looming over the top of us. Also, we lie due North of the proposed site, meaning we would be very likely to be subjected to shadow flicker, as well as noise pollution day and night. Despite us having 18m high trees only 13m from our south-facing frontage, there will be no escaping the turbine from dominating the view from all aspects of our house and garden. We moved here only 2 years ago, seeking a peaceful and secluded stress free life after living in Knutsford. We were hoping to escape the constant (at peak times, every 30 seconds) noise and sight of low flying aeroplanes over our house and the town, when they were either coming in to land or taking off from Manchester airport. Never did I imagine that we would have the threat of something far worse thrust upon us and our neighbours. What I also fear we may lose, apart from our sanity, is the presence of the abundant wildlife in our immediate vicinity that we had stupidly taken for granted. The small area of woodland behind our house has been home to breeding tawny owls, green woodpeckers, dippers in the waterfall that is part of the Coombes valley brook that runs behind our property and the redstarts that nest in the walls of our dilapidated outbuildings. I imagine, like us, that they would like to re-establish themselves much further away from this proposed wind farm. Unfortunately, that would be something I doubt we would be able to do if this project comes to fruition.

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