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Comments: I would support a wind farm in principle but have concerns over several issues with this particular proposal and stress that a rigorous Environmental Site Impact Assessment is essential for the following reasons :

The number of turbines (8) at the height at approx 200 metres will dominate and transform this rural area . How much will this impact on the view towards the Churnet Valley which currently constitutes a significant tourist attraction , bearing in mind the financial gain to the area from eg the Churnet Valley Railway, local B and B accommodation and other tourist facilities etc ?

The site map indicates several turbines at very close proximity to the Coombes Valley RSPB Reserve. This reserve has worked to increase its biodiversity for both flora and fauna for a long time and has increasing success in the numbers of endangered migrant song bird species. How will any potential damage to this success be measured effectively especially in regard to the reserve's contribution towards the UK's 30-30 commitment ?

Padwick Farm is on an isolated track at the end of a narrow single track lane leading to the B5053. Preparation, construction and on going access for such a large site will inevitable add to the traffic congestion on the B5053. Traffic flow and congestion is already a huge issue for the village of Ipstones . What steps will be taken to ensure that the road infrastructure meets the demands of such a project and does not further contribute to existing traffic congestion problems in the Ipstones area, particularly in the village of Ipstones ?

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