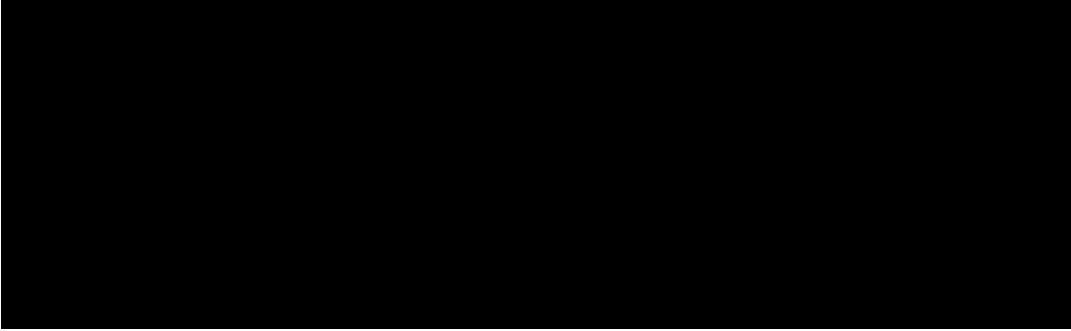
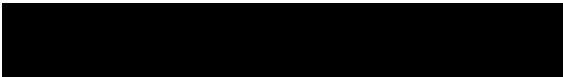




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ST13 7NN Leek Comments by: Miss Erin Cartledge

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Submission: Objection

Comments: We would like to formally strongly object to the Padwick Windfarm application.

There are a number of reasons that we would site as the development being totally inappropriate for the area and these are as follows -

The environmental damage that will be caused to the local wildlife, flora and fauna as well as the disastrous impact upon the closely located Coombs valley nature reserve and the Swineholes wood SSSI.

Secondly there will be catastrophic scaring of the landscape which will be seen for miles around as the proposed 8 gigantic turbines will tower above the landscape looming over the village of Ipstones. The proposed 200 meter turbines which are taller than Blackpool Tower are inappropriate in scale creating a blot on the skyline in a tourist area (Churnet Valley).

Thirdly there is going to be a massive impact upon the local traffic as hundreds of construction lorries will be needed to build these turbines which will clog up already very congested small roads in and around Ipstones. The local roads are too small to accommodate huge waggons and I understand that this could last anything up to 18 months.

Fourthly, the obvious accompanying increased levels of pollution that will come with construction and ground disturbance such as dust, traffic fumes, noise and light.

Fifthly, There will be a dramatic change in the local area which has many Grade II and grade II* buildings surrounding the proposed site such as Padwick Farm, Bradshaw Farm, Sharpcliffe Hall (C1215AD) and Whitehough (Fortified manor house) to name but a few. The looming turbines will also be impacting upon the village conservation area around St. Leonard's Church (originally Saxon later rebuilds), Old Hall Farm (from 1315 onwards) and Above Church House as well as The Mount (former gothic vicarage).

The turbines will also be disruptive when operational due to the expected flicker from the blades and the noise of the turning gears.

Finally, there will be a dramatic effect on local village house prices and rateable values for the purposes of assessing council tax which will not only affect the village but the Staffordshire Moorlands Councils budget.

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