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Bradnop
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19/07/2026



For the Attention of : Mr. Ben Hurst
Case Officer

Staffordshire Moorlands Planning Department

RE : Formal Objection to Planning Application SMD/2026/0326

Proposal : Erection of 8 large wind turbines and associated infrastructure at Land off Bradshaw Lane, Bradnop.

Dear Mr. Hurst,

We are writing to formally lodge our strong objection to the above-mentioned planning application. As the owners of approximately 7.5 acres of land in close proximity to the proposed site, we are deeply concerned about the negative impact this development will have on our local landscape, wildlife, and community.

Impact on Wildlife and Environment :

Our land borders the local railway line, and the closest proposed turbine would be situated approximately 400 yards from our boundary. We have actively invested in the ecological health of this area, planting over 2,500 trees and hedges of native varieties to encourage biodiversity. We frequently host large wildlife originating from the Coombes Valley Nature Reserve. The installation of eight large-scale turbines would be severely detrimental to this habitat, particularly for the large birds of prey that are currently in abundance in the area.

Visual and Residential Amenity :

Beyond the environmental concerns, we believe the visual impact of such a large-scale industrial installation is inappropriate for this rural setting. Furthermore, the noise pollution and the constant atmospheric pulsation associated with wind turbines are known to cause significant distress, including migraines and sleep disruption to those living and working in close proximity.

Economic and Community Impact :

We are also concerned about the inevitable devaluation of surrounding property and land. We would like to request clarification on whether the Planning Department has considered any mechanisms to support local owners whose property values may be negatively affected by this development. It appears that the primary beneficiaries of this proposal are the applicant and the land owner, at the direct expense of the local community and the unique character of the Bradnop area.

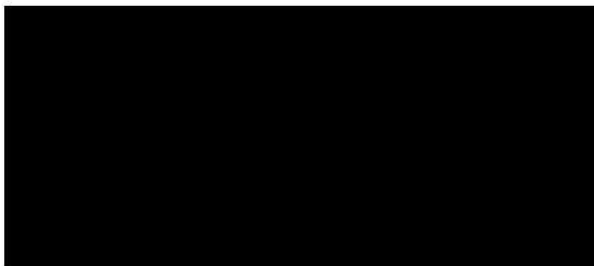
There is only one Bradnop, and its rural beauty is a valued asset to the area. We urge you to consider and refuse consent for this application.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding the next steps in the planning process.

Yours respectfully,

Mr Richard and Mrs Pauline Danks.

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Planning Department

Objection to planning application: SMD/2026/0326

Proposal: Erection of 8 wind turbines at Padwick Farm, Bradshaw Lane, Bradnop

For the attention of: Mr Ben Hurst

I am to register my strongest possible objection to the proposed development of eight large scale wind turbines at Padwick Farm (planning application SMD/2026/0326).

While I support renewable energy in appropriate locations, this specific site is entirely unsuitable due to the catastrophic ecological damage it will inflict on the local environment and it's wildlife.

The development, if allowed to go ahead will have a devastating impact on Coombes Valley Nature Reserve. The proposed site sits in direct proximity to RSPB Coombes Valley, a nationally significant ancient woodland and nature reserve. Introducing industrial scale machinery to this sensitive boundary will shatter the tranquility of the reserve, disrupt delicate ecosystems and undermine decades of vital conservation work.

Furthermore, there would be the displacement of wildlife via wind pulsation. The continuous low-frequency noise and physical pulsations generated by turbines of this scale are known to cause severe distress to wildlife. This constant ground and air vibration will drive mammals and terrestrial species away from their natural habitats, creating a dead zone around the development, which leads me onto my next crucial point that is the fatal threat to birds of prey. The skies above Bradnop and Coombes Valley are home to vital populations of birds of prey. These birds face a dual threat: direct, fatal impact with the fast moving turbine blades and severe displacement caused by the massive wind draughts and air turbulence the blades create, which disrupt their hunting patterns and force them to abandon their territories.

Lastly, the visual impact. What a devastating blot this would be in a beautiful area. It would certainly be one way of keeping people and vital tourism away. My family and I are frequent visitors to this wonderful area, and enjoy the beauty and tranquility of Coombes Valley, as do around 20,000 to 25,000 people each year.

My daughter is currently being taught at Beaver Hall riding school. What impact would this development have on the many horses being housed there?

My parents own land close to the riding school and have worked tirelessly over the last 3/4 years to rewild their land. They have planted over 2,000 native species of trees and have since seen a significant increase of wildlife on their land. Both sites are in extreme close proximity to the proposed development.

It's hard to imagine the devastating impact this development would have on local businesses, wildlife and tourism alike. What a dystopian travesty this would be.

For these reasons, the environmental cost of this project far outweighs its green energy benefits.

I urgently request that the planning committee protects our local biodiversity and refuses the application.

Yours sincerely

Amy danks
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