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From: Matthew Phillips
Sent: 07 December 2015 10:09
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From: James Jamieson [<mailto:james.jamieson@tgcrenewables.com>]
Sent: 07 December 2015 10:05
To: Matthew Phillips
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Matthew,

Further to our phone call and our call with your colleague Ann Jones this morning, we would have liked to register to speak at this afternoon's committee. I have now been informed this will not be possible.

However I would like to formally request that the applications be deferred.

Ann has spoken to the chair of the committee, whose initial thought was that the reasons for refusal can not be overcome. However I think there is need for further consideration of the issues, and they can be overcome, for the following reasons. I think that this will benefit all parties.

I am concerned that we have not received the final NRW comments re newts, and there is the need for a discussion re the community's view on land use on the site (temporary solar farm / permanent industrial).

I have tried to engage with the ward member and the Community Council re the land use issue but to no avail. From the community's point of view, a low profile temporary installation may be preferable to a permanent loss of the land form industrial development.

In terms of the newt issue, we discussed the draft NRW comments with our ecologist whilst you were off and we're happy to commit to the requested mitigation measures (exclusion fencing in particular) and having reviewed the draft concerns raised, can respond to the outstanding issues. However we require the final comments to respond to.

Furthermore, I am surprised that we were not notified of the applications going to committee, and I am now travelling to an appeal hearing in Yorkshire so would have requested the applications be deferred.

I trust our position is clear and you agree that it is worthwhile exploring the issues in more depth through follow up discussions re land use and newts (based on a final NRW consultation response which is outstanding).

Please pass this request on to the chair of the planning committee for inclusion as a request in the late info pack.

Let me know if you have any queries, I'm on the mobile today, 07718 190 370.

Kind regards,

James