

APPLICATION NO: 09/01166/FULM

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

APPLICANT:

Severn Trent Water Limited
C/o TNEI Services Ltd
Milburn House
Dean Street
Newcastle Upon Tyne
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AGENT:

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LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT:

Curborough Sewage Treatment Works, Watery Lane, Curborough, Lichfield

DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT:

Erection of a single wind turbine plus underground cabling, access track, control building, temporary site compound and ancillary development.

Planning Permission is hereby **REFUSED** for the above development in accordance with the application, plans and drawings received on 18th November 2009 for the following reason(s).

REASON(S) FOR REFUSAL:

1 The proposed turbine, due to its location and scale, would result in an unacceptable visual intrusion in the local landscape, thereby harming the character and appearance of this part of the countryside and it is not considered that this harm would be outweighed by the contribution made by the turbine to sustainable energy generation. The proposal is therefore considered to be contrary to Policies QE1 (Conserving and Enhancing the Environment), QE5 (Protection and Enhancement of the Historic Environment) and QE6 (The Conservation, Enhancement and Restoration of the Region's Landscape) of the Regional Spatial Strategy for the West Midlands (2008); Policies D2 (The Design and Environmental Quality of Development) and D4 (Managing Change in Rural Areas) of the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Structure Plan (2001) (saved policies); Policies E6 (Development in Rural Areas) and DC1 (Amenity and Design Principles for Development) of the Lichfield District Local Plan (1998) (saved policies) and to Government Guidance contained within PPS7:Sustainable Development in Rural Areas.

2 The proposed turbine, due to its scale and its proximity to residential properties, would have a dominating and overbearing impact on the outlook of neighbouring residents, thereby materially detracting from the amenities of these residents and it is not considered that this harm would be outweighed by the contribution made by the turbine to sustainable energy generation. The proposal is therefore considered to be contrary to Policy D2 (The Design and Environmental Quality of Development) of the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Structure Plan (2001) (saved policies) and Policy DC1 (Amenity and Design Principles for Development) of the Lichfield District Local Plan (1998) (saved policies).

3 The proposed turbine, due to its scale and location, would materially detract from views of Lichfield Cathedral, thereby having an adverse impact on this Grade 1 Listed Building, which is a heritage asset of national importance and it is not considered that this harm would be outweighed by

the contribution made by the turbine to sustainable energy generation. The proposal is therefore considered to be contrary to Policies QE1 (Conserving and Enhancing the Environment), QE5 (Protection and Enhancement of the Historic Environment) and QE6 (The Conservation, Enhancement and Restoration of the Region's Landscape) of the Regional Spatial Strategy for the West Midlands (2008); Policies D2 (The Design and Environmental Quality of Development) and NC18 (Listed Buildings) of the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Structure Plan (2001) (saved policies); Policies C1 (Listed Buildings), L48 (Protection of Views) and DC1 (Amenity and Design Principles for Development) of the Lichfield District Local Plan (1998) (saved policies) and Government Policy contained within PPS 5: Planning for the Historic Environment.

REFUSED PLANS

Figure 1.1

Figure 1.2

Signed DATE OF DECISION: 30th March 2010

On behalf of Lichfield District Council

PLEASE SEE NOTES OVERLEAF

IMPORTANT ADVICE TO APPLICANTS

PLEASE READ

If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse planning permission they may appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, in accordance with Section 78 of the Town & Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended), within six months of receipt of this notice, or in exceptional cases a longer period as the Planning Inspectorate may allow. You must use a Planning Appeal Form when making your appeal, which is obtainable from The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/02 (k), Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN, Telephone: 0117 372 6027/372 6212 or downloadable from the Planning Inspectorate web site: **www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk**. If requesting forms from the Planning Inspectorate, please state the appeal form you require. Only the applicant has the right of appeal.

The Inspectorate have introduced an online appeals service which you can use to make your appeal online. You can find the service through the appeals area of the Planning Portal – see **www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs**. The Inspectorate will publish details of your appeal on the internet (on the Appeals area of the Planning Portal). This may include a copy of the original planning application form and relevant supporting documents supplied to the Local Authority by you or your agent, together with the completed appeal form and information you submit to the Planning Inspectorate. Please ensure that you only provide information, including personal information belonging to you that you are happy will be made available to others in this way. If you supply personal information belonging to a third party please ensure you have their permission to do so. More detailed information about data protection and privacy matters is available on the Planning Portal.