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**Your Reference:** 09/00247

**Our Reference:** DE/C/SUT/43/10/1/6830

10 May 2010

Dear Mr Ritchie

**DE Reference Number: 6830**

**Site Name: Myreton Additional Turbines**

**Application Number: 09/00247**

**Proposal: Request for Review - Erection of two 800kw Wind Turbines at Myreton Crossroads, Keith**

Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) again on the above Planning Application dated 5 May 2010.

I am writing to tell you that the MOD has no objection to the proposal.

The application is for 2 turbines at 89 metres to blade tip. This has been assessed using the grid references below as submitted in the previous application.

Turbine	100km Square Letter	Easting	Northing
1	NJ	50169	56775
2	NJ	49956	56849

In the interests of air safety, the MOD requests that the turbines are fitted with aviation lighting. All turbines should be fitted with 25 candela omni-directional red lighting at the highest practicable point.

The principal safeguarding concern of the MOD with respect to the development of wind turbines relates to their potential to create a physical obstruction to air traffic movements and cause interference to Air Traffic Control and Air Defence radar installations.

Government guidance on renewable energy developments as set out in Paragraph 25 of Planning Policy Statement 22 stipulates that:

*“ ...It is the responsibility of developers to address any potential impacts, taking account of Civil Aviation Authority, Ministry of Defence and Department for Transport guidance in relation to radar and aviation, and the legislative requirements on separation distances, before planning applications are submitted. Local Planning Authorities should satisfy themselves that such issues have been addressed before considering planning applications”.*

Defence Estates Safeguarding wishes to be consulted and notified of the progression of planning applications and submissions relating to this proposal to verify that it will not adversely affect defence interests.

If planning permission is granted you must tell us;

- the date construction starts and ends;
- the maximum height of construction equipment;
- the latitude and longitude of every turbine.

This information is vital as it will be plotted on flying charts to make sure that military aircraft avoid this area.

If the application is altered in any way we must be consulted again as even the slightest change could unacceptably affect us.

I hope this adequately explains our position on this matter. If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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