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Sent: 12 August 2020 18:12
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Cc: Charlotte Mapanga; Chris Shields; Nadya Petrova; David Gray
Subject: RE: Proposed Energy Development on Land Adjacent To Hownsgill Industrial Park Templetown

Hi Caroline

I haven't allocated the Scoping Report within the team yet – it may be my colleague David Gray who deals with it. I'll make a few quick observations and maybe we could have a chat about them.

The site lies on the main ridge forming the watershed of the Derwent and Browney catchments. As such it would be visible in views on the skyline from a wide range of vantage points across the broad valley of the Derwent to the north-west, from the more rolling terrain of the branching valley head of the Browney to the south and east, and from the higher southern Derwent / Wear watershed to the south-west. How much of the main buildings would be visible in these views, and how visible the stack would be at distance, might influence where views were taken.

Most of your viewpoints lie south / south-east / south-west of the site. I wonder whether there will be enough difference between 4,5,6 and 9 to be meaningful? A single viewpoint – for example 5 – would be reasonably representative of views from that quarter.

At the same time we don't have any views from across the Derwent in the west.

Examples would include a view from the A68 east of Mosswood where the stack would be seen on the skyline in the same view as Hownsgill viaduct.



These opposing flanks of the Derwent are heavily wooded and views of the ridge tend to open up on higher ground – places like South Snods (which may be similar enough to the A68 view)



...and Shotley field – which like a lot of the more open ridge top is just beyond your 5k study area.



In terms of views from the AONB the Whitehall Moss view is a good start. There is also a decent view from the Healeyfield road – where (like Whitehall Moss) the stack would be seen in close association with the masts at Pontop.



The ridge is generally open to view from higher ground of the AONB around Smiddy Shaw – again just outside of your 5k.



I think it might be worth considering a wider scatter of representative viewpoints to help understand some of the issues better. I'm not necessarily expecting significant harm in these more distant views – but I know for example that the AONB partnership will want to know what the effects would be – and having the study cover these kinds of views would answer those questions. It might be useful to have wireframes for some of these views, as estimating scale of a 50m stack might be difficult.

Hope that helps.

Happy to chat through – as David will be too. I'm on leave tomorrow; around Friday.

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Fao Ged Lawson, Landscape Team Leader

Dear Mr Lawson,

I have been passed your contact details as the appropriate person to assist regarding the above and landscape matters. I understand that you may not deal with this matter yourself and I would be grateful if you would pass on this message to the right person or forward their contact details.

You may be aware that a scoping request has been submitted to the local authority (ref SCO/20/00006) and in support of that process we would like to consult with the authority on the proposed location of viewpoints to be used in the landscape and visual impact assessment. Please find the attached plan showing the locations. In addition we propose to include photomontages from viewpoints 2 and 5, see images attached.

I will be pleased to receive any comments from you regarding the above and any other information that you consider relevant. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely

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