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Dear Mr Clark,

 **Blandford Hill Wind Farm Application Ref. 2/2014/0768/PAEIA**

I would like to register my **support** for the planning application for Blandford Hill Wind Farm.

I understand that this wind farm would have 4 turbines with a total installed capacity of up to 8MW and be located east of the A354 at Winterborne Whitechurch.

 I accept that the wind farm will have some visual impact on the landscape and would expect to see this wind farm from various locations. The landscape is a living thing, not a photograph, and the knowledge that these turbines are making electricity efficiently without contributing to climate change, and without leaving a toxic legacy means to me that they would actually be protecting the countryside that I am looking at.

**I realise that this wind farm might be seen from some heritage sites, such as the church in Winterborne Whitechurch. Given care has been taken to provide the most sensitive layout possible, I think this change has to be balanced against other factors.**

I like the look of wind turbines, their shape and the way the blades turn in the wind**, I would be quite willing to see the wind farm in the countryside.**

The planning application is for 25 years, not forever, and the wind turbines can be easily taken down and the countryside restored to its original appearance unharmed.

I am satisfied that the noise will have little or no impact and am confident that the planning guidelines on noise levels already in place are sufficient to deal with this issue.

I am aware shadow flicker and a possible effect on television signals can be addressed with modern technology and good wind farm layout. I am not concerned that this will be a problem

It is important to minimise risk to bats,birds and other wildlife. I know that assessments and guidance on this is part of the planning process. Climate change, however, is the biggest risk to our local species.

The UK has 40% of the European wind resource I would feel happier about our county if Dorset played its part in helping the UK take advantage of it .Wind energy is clean, affordable, safe and can deliver low carbon energy now.

Other comments:

 My personal message is: ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­

 Yours sincerely, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_