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Dear Mr Ingram,

Re.: Cotton Farm Wind Farm – 0802296FUL

I have received considerable correspondence from my constituents regarding the planning application submitted by Npower for a wind farm at Cotton Farm.

I have viewed the proposals myself at the exhibition in Offord Cluny; there I saw images of the likely visual impact of the 7 or 8 proposed turbines with each being higher than St Paul's Cathedral at 127 metres in height and therefore considerably higher than all other buildings in the area. I have also met with the Cotton Farm Action Group to discuss the likely impression of this development on the surrounding communities.

In view of the significant amount of correspondence I have received from residents objecting to this application, together with the overwhelming public vote against a Wind Farm, I would like to formally register my objection to the proposal. Whilst I appreciate the need for more sources of renewable energy, I do not feel that Npower have provided enough evidence of the viability of this project.

Furthermore, I understand that health and safety fears have been raised as to the proximity of the turbines to homes. I believe that the effect will be detrimental to many people's lives as there will be considerable noise and vibrations as the wind farm is situated just 600 meters from the nearest home. I have also been advised that there may be interference with mobile phone signals as well as television reception.

The visual impact on the Ouse Valley way will be considerable and will almost certainly have an adverse affect on house prices and the desirability of the area. The turbines can be viewed from quite some distance believed to be up to 30 kilometres away.

A significant amount of time and effort is going into plans to improve the environment of the Ouse Valley Way and to make it more attractive for locals and tourists. These turbine plans run totally contrary to this objective. It would be counter productive to talk about improving the environment (in one way) by damaging the environment in another way. The impact on the local road infrastructure during construction may also be considerable.

I would, therefore, be very grateful if you would consider my representations together with those of the residents that I have enclosed, when making a decision on this planning application.

Yours sincerely