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Dear Sir,

I attended your presentation at Aston Village Hall on behalf of the Ramblers Association to gather facts about your proposals for Wind Turbines at Aston Hall Farm. I thank you for that.

I/we are very concerned about this proposal and the effect it will have on the countryside environment in that area.

As you aware a Public Right of Way passes through the area and will pass between your proposed turbines. The path appears in at least 2 books/leaflets encouraging local people to take advantage of walking in this rural area. The route has been enhanced recently by the creation of a water meadow environment by Staffordshire Wild Life Trust with the support of Severn Trent Water. The Wild Life Trust has a leaflet describing the a circular route passing through these meadows for the public to enjoy. From comments made to us many people take advantage of these walks throughout the year.

Your proposals will ruin the amenity for the general public which the path supplies. At a time when we should be encouraging people to get out and enjoy the local countryside we will be making that less enjoyable, so reducing the chances that they will. The presence of the turbines will have both a terrifying visual and an aural impact on the area as well as subjecting users to the extremely unpleasant shadow and flicker as the blades rotate with the potential for inducing migrane and epileptic fits.

The Ramblers Association is thus opposed to this development because:-

- * it makes the area less attractive to walkers because of the visual and noise pollution caused by the turbines
- * of the overwhelming presence of the turbines at some 130m total height towering above the trees
- * it turns a rural countryside and a wild life site into an industrial environment

We acknowledge the importance of finding low carbon footprint ways of generating power but would ask you to think again and choose more suitable areas for siting turbines.

Your Sincerely

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