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Authority: East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Type of consultation: Planning Consultation

Full details of application/consultation: 22/00575/STVARE - Variation of Condition 27 (approved plans) to vary turbine details (as added by 18/40153/NONMAT) of planning permission 08/01964/STPLFE (APP/E2001/A/05/2088796) - Erection of 9 No. wind turbines, substation and construction of vehicular access and ancillary works

At land at: Witherwick Wind Farm, Cowden Lane, Witherwick, East Riding of Yorkshire, HU11 4UH

Type of response: Support

Date of Submission: 2nd April 2022

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All CPRE North and East Yorkshire comments are prepared by the charity using professional planners whose research and recommendations form the basis of this response in line with national CPRE policies.

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Comment

CPRE North and East Yorkshire ('CPRENEY') welcomes the opportunity to comment on this s.73 application to vary condition 27 attached to the original permission (as added by 18/40153/NONMAT) of planning permission 08/01964/STPLFE.

Planning permission was granted for Withernwick Wind Farm in April 2009 and the wind farm has been operational since March 2013. A non-material amendment was granted in September 2018 to add a new planning condition to the existing permission setting out specific plans and documents that the permitted development should be in accordance with.

The Proposed Development seeks make a minor material amendment to Withernwick Wind Farm by varying this planning condition under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act, via a variation to the approved plan Figure 4.4 Rev B Typical Wind Turbine Detail. The proposed minor material amendment would allow the installation of Rotor Blade Extensions ('RBE') on the existing operational turbines. The RBE's can be retrofitted to the turbines, therefore, they should not be required to be removed and replaced. The proposed RBEs at Withernwick will add 2.5m to each turbine blade, resulting in an increase from 41m to 43.5m; the rotor diameter will increase from 82m to 87m; and the tip height will increase from 111 to 113.5m.

The applicant, Energiekontor Uk Ltd, received planning permission from the Council for the same s.73 application to vary condition 27 relating to the same RBE proposal at Withernwick Wind Farm in December 2018 (DC/18/02932/STVARE/STRAT), however, it lapsed prior to implementation. The applicant seeks to reinstate that permission.

CPRENEY have no objections to the proposed extension and support the use of renewable energy technologies in appropriate locations. As the windfarm already exists, CPRENEY supports the 'upgrading' of the turbines in order to make them more efficient.