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Authority: East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Type of consultation: Planning Consultation

Full details of application/consultation: 23/01982/STPLFE – Erection of 2 wind turbines to 125m maximum tip height, 66.8m hub height and 115.7m rotor diameter to replace T1 and T2

At land at: Land West South and South East of Melton Wate Park, Gibson Lane, South Melton

Type of response: Support

Date of Submission: 27th September 2023

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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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CPRE North and East Yorkshire ('CPRENEY') welcomes the opportunity to comment on this application for the installation of 2no. replacement wind turbines at land near Melton Waste Park, South Melton submitted to East Riding of Yorkshire Council ('the Council') on behalf of Melton Wind Ltd. ('the applicant').

The Council granted planning permission for 2 wind turbines at the site in 2013 which became operational in 2017. Following this, a further application was approved on the 5th of February 2016 (14/01499/STPLFE) for a 3 turbine extension. The eastern most turbine has been constructed as approved by the 2016 permission. A further consent was granted in October 2016, to amend the permission to install a different turbine model with an increased the tip height (16/01231/STVARE) for the remaining 2 wind turbines from the original February 2016 approval. This

The principle of wind turbine development at this site has already been established and the proposal seeks to amend the specifications of the two western wind turbines of the approved Melton Common Wind Cluster, shown as T1 and T2 in the applicants Design and Access Statement which accompanies the application. The application seeks an increase in the approved tip height from 119m to 125m, and a corresponding increase in the previously approved rotor diameter from 92.5m to 115.7m. There is no change to the location of the turbines within the site, nor to the approved details of the crane hard standings, turbine foundations, or access tracks.

The applicant sets out in the preface to the DAS that the proposed change in the specification of the two turbines would *'increase the installed capacity of each turbine from 2.3MW to 4.2MW, providing an additional 3.8MW of capacity within the project'*. However section 3.4 of the same document sets out that *'the proposed amendment to the Melton Common Wind Cluster would deliver an additional four megawatts of renewable power, increasing the approved capacity of the two turbines in question from 4.6 MW to 8.4MW.'* This discrepancy should be clarified by the applicant.

The Melton Wind Cluster would supply power directly to local consumers via a private wire arrangement, helping to address significant local grid capacity constraints and facilitating economic development in the area.

CPRENEY recognise the need to transition away from fossil fuels towards a renewable and clean energy generation mix, including appropriately sited and locally supported wind turbines, to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 or earlier.

Having considered the documents submitted alongside the application that form the Environmental Impact Assessment and noting that there is no objection (at the time of writing) from the adjacent Parish Councils and residential community, CPRENEY supports the proposals. There are no significant changes to the impact on the landscape and visual or ecological environment reported in the EIA and the statutory consultees have no objections to the proposed development. For completeness, CPRENEY consider that the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and the RSPB should be consulted on the amendments given the proximity to the Humber Estuary SSSI.

CPRENEY reserves the right to comment further should any additional information be submitted in support of the proposal.