

Monitor's Site Report

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ID:	61064	Visit no. for this registration	1st
Project name	Withernwick Wind farm		
Contractor	C A Blackwell (Contracts) Ltd		On site contact name
			Mr Brian Barton
Site description and location	Erection of 9 wind turbines 69m masts, 111m to blade tip on agricultural land near Withernwick East Yorkshire		
Observations	Comments		
1. Considerate	Project has been widely publicised in local media, a CLO has been appointed to keep in touch with local businesses and communities such as Parish Councils and the like; traffic management plan in place; directions to site are given and delivery times arranged; all unloading can be done within compound other than loads that go direct into site working area which will all have traffic marshals in position; smoking shelter in compound; access to site office is signed and post code will bring you into office compound which has powered access gate; good area of surfaced car parking in compound, van sharing and 'eco' cars help reduce travel; ramped access to ground floor office and good access into car park via a controlled gate with guard for people of all abilities to meet site manager.		
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2. Environment	The Company have an environmental policy, copy displayed in office; environmental assessment done including ecology and archaeology, Environmental Action Plan agreed, no major issues identified although two adjacent areas of farmland, one is organic the other not so extreme care of vehicular movements to avoid any cross contamination also watching brief on archaeology and work on hedgerows undertaken out of nesting season; energy saving measures in place including switch off policy (notices on walls); power from generated supply, water from; all energy usage monitored; WMPlan in place; minimal waste being created all excavation and topsoil reused on site; all stone imported for roadways is 6F2, timber sorted and reused, office waste, paper and ink cartridges recycled; secure stores for hazardous materials, bunded tank for diesel spill kits/trays available; alternate energy sources have been considered some grey water used; local cleaner employed (advertised on Community website); carbon emissions monitored and definite efforts to reduce; embodied energy of materials have been considered in use of 'PFA' concrete not 'OPC' also recycled materials (6f2) and new water attenuation ditches will give environmental benefit to area.		
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3. Appearance	Interesting site to visit in this very rural area; the fact that it is not making much of an impression on the local community is, perhaps the pertinent point and apart from signage such as 'construction traffic' there is little to suggest such a large undertaking in progress; route on approach was clear and mud free; the site perimeter near the compound appeared litter free and all weed growth around fence line was under control; the welfare and offices looked clean/ modern/ well maintained, local contract cleaner comes; site walked by site team and improvement notices given to any sub-contractors not keeping site/ facilities clean; regular plant check and expectation to look after Company vehicles.		
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4. A Good Neighbour	The site is very rural with few near neighbours; 'no construction' traffic signs have been deployed to prevent vehicles using route though nearest village; the Company are keeping in touch with local Parish Councils, community groups and have made good use of the local website to keep in touch; they have had an open day for interested parties to go and walk the site; CCscheme complaints/ comments procedure in use; site manager had to resolve one issue over a grassed area on road side damaged by concrete wagon (quickly reinstated); any positive comments passed on to site team; 24 telephone number available; any feedback to site is quickly picked up off community website; without going into arguments over wind power these masts will put 18.5 megawatts of electricity into the National grid.		
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5. Respectful	Site has good welfare provision for operatives and staff well screened in compound area plus some satellite units; operatives in good level of ppe; cover up policy observed and monitored by site manager; induction procedure covers issues such as shouting/ swearing, courteous behaviour to members of the public; no offensive material allowed to be displayed; radio's use not an issue on this remote site; mobile phone use necessary but safely; canteen with separate changing/ drying room; operatives must use canteen for breaks; Company staff and operatives have branded work wear; sun bloc and hand care creams provided in toilets; clean ppe available for visitors; site has male/ female toilets; really good well used shower block no lockers .		
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6. Safety	Safety plan is implemented on site by site team who update the file as the site progresses, 14 day audits also client audit; protected route to site office in compound; no plant movement of site although deliveries of large turbine parts has been considered and action plan in place; any temp works will have all protection in place; no problems with any scaffold on site; accidents recorded in usual way, 'near misses' reported and investigated which in turn will help study causes/ trends; daily briefing updates on safety and risk information; Incident & Injury Free presentation plus suggestion box and safety committee help improve/ promote safety; emergency procedure in place, drills held; operatives understanding of English determined at induction.		
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7. Responsible	Nearest hospital with A&E route map displayed for operatives also 'grab and go' in emergency; several 3 day first aiders who are identified at induction, have suitable equipment and are identifiable on site by helmet stickers; sub-contract first aid noted; visitors to site are escorted; inductions are site specific; operatives medicals recorded at induction, information is available in case of emergency; operatives skills also recorded; visitors do sign in, short regular visitor induction and CSCS card checked; some contact made with local schools; Company have a Equal opportunities/ diversity policy, no issues on site; occupational health advice available mainly in poster and toolbox talks; company operates a zero tolerance on drink and drugs; on line information available for the site.		
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8. Accountable	The site manager had made himself aware of scheme expectations and seemed keen to do well in scheme; banner displayed, posters on prominent display on fence/line; scheme is mentioned at induction; Company do appraisal on site managers and identify training opportunities; Company contact information prominently displayed; site file for scheme related activities; CCscheme is promoted widely at meetings/ induction and on the website; client attends meeting plus does much of the community liaison to help meet scheme requirements.		
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Total (out of 40):	Summary and conclusions		
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Very impressed with this site; I think the site team are doing an admirable job, not only in the construction process but also the way they are interacting with the local community which is most important; thanks to Brian Barton for his help with the visit.			
Any photos taken	No		Date of visit
			7 th September, 2012
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Score per section	Score references	Score per section	Score references
1	Major non-compliance	4	High level beyond compliance
2	Minor non-compliance	5	Exceptional measures taken
3	Compliance		