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Dear Alan

### **Proposed Heckington Fen Wind Park – Proposed Photomontage Viewpoints**

Further to ecotricity's correspondence with the Department of Energy and Climate Change and the Council regarding the above project and s36 Electricity Act 1989 application dated 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009, please find enclosed a set of plans and a schedule relating to the suggested photomontage viewpoint locations for the proposed wind park.

Thirty viewpoints have been identified for photomontage production based on a broad set of environmental criteria chosen so as to give a wide coverage in terms of landscape and visual factors. The viewpoints have been selected to best represent sensitive landscape and visual receptors in the study area. The main criteria, as set out in the accompanying schedule, used to identify sensitive receptors and select appropriate viewpoint locations are:

- o Study Area – located within 35km of the application site;
- o Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) – situated within the ZTV of the proposals;
- o Valued landscape - within or adjacent to designated landscape areas (eg AONB);
- o Landscape character – within a range of North Kesteven / Boston and other local authority character units;
- o Residential property – from (or near to) local settlement / residential areas / properties;
- o Recreation – from (or near to) local open space, rights of way and water, land or property with public access; and
- o Public highways – certain points along local roads (eg the A17 and A1121).

The proposed viewpoint locations also take account of upstanding cultural heritage features in recognition of the contribution they make to present day landscape character, views and visual amenity.

Please note that final viewpoint locations may need to be revised slightly during the EIA process; substantial variations or omissions will be consulted on.

If you have any questions or require further information regarding the proposed photomontage viewpoints please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to receiving your comments in due course.

Yours sincerely

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