

MIQ response from Tom Whitehead 5147 re Matter 16

From: Tom Whitehead
Sent: 30 August 2019 12:13
To: Tony Blackburn
Cc: Nigel Morrell
Subject: Re: Rossendale Local Plan

Further to our previous correspondence below, and representations made in October 2017 and October 2018 (attached for ease of reference), I write ahead of today's deadline in response to the inspectors' MIQs.

I am a chartered town planner working pro-bono on behalf of a number of community groups in the locale; those groups are set out in the attached reps. A number of parties from each of the groups have written to you this week individually on specific areas of interest under the MIQs, and I am aware of submissions to you from Anne McKown, Alan Rawsterne, John Newcombe, Chris Woods, Alan Heyworth, and Falmai Binns (these are the parties also referred to in the attached email from our Chair, Nigel Morrell, of yesterday). For the avoidance of doubt, I can confirm it is our clear intention that all these parties are included in the umbrella group I act for, and are therefore procedurally entitled to participate in the hearings under my umbrella representation. I understand our current ID is 5147, although it has previously been ID 1775. I hope this is helpful.

I understand that you are liaising with each of those parties directly in relation to their attendance at the hearing. We intend to also appear at the hearing to talk on landscape visual impact matters, although as yet cannot confirm an attendee until we have clarity on hearing dates. We are meeting again as a group again on the 10th Sept, and I hope to be able to confirm the speaker after that meeting. I hope that is acceptable to you and the inspectors.

Our previous representations still stand. The 2017 rep. referred to a Secretary of State call-in decision on the Scout Moor windfarm extension (a planning application in Rossendale), and it was remiss of me not to include a red line of that decision, showing the location of the proposed development. I enclose a copy of that red line, which also helpfully illustrates the administrative boundary of Rossendale council to assist the inspectors. The Secretary of State refused that proposed extension to the existing windfarm given the visual impacts, and our 2017 representation contended that this relates to the same 'area of search' the council is currently draft allocating for turbine development. Again, I hope this red line plan is helpful.

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