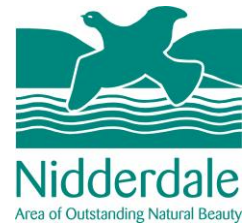


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APPLICATION TYPE: 010 Other Minor
APPLICATION NO 17/04362/FUL
PROPOSAL Siting of 1 no. Wind Turbine (6.5m to hub) (Revised Scheme).
LOCATION Clifton
GRID REF:
APPLICANT: C/o Agent

My observations on the above application are as follows:-

The applicant's agent describe this as a revised version of an application that was withdrawn in 2016 to which the JAC objected in line with a previous refusal of consent for a larger turbine that was also dismissed at appeal on the grounds of harm to the AONB.

The latest proposal is in fact no different from the 2016 application. Although smaller than the turbine proposed in the 2013 application, it will be highly visible in the landscape from a wide range of surrounding viewpoints and will have a damaging effect on its openness. It will be seen as an alien feature in largely unspoiled scenery and will draw attention to the cluster of development at Willow Tree Farm, adding to its presence in the landscape in a way that detracts from its character and value. There are undoubtedly several existing detractors in this open and highly prominent landscape but the turbine would merely consolidate their impact. It should be noted that the obtrusive overhead electricity supply network in and around Clifton has now largely been placed underground by Northern Powergrid as part of a national scheme to reduce the adverse impact in protected landscapes like AONBs.

The Joint Advisory Committee objects to this application.