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Dear Michael

I am so sorry that I cannot be with you on 5 August, as we will be away on holiday.

Local residents have undertaken a most impressive campaign against the siting of wind turbines at Hempnall. No one could fail to be aware of the deep concerns shared by many hundreds of residents in Hempnall and the surrounding area about these proposals. As the local Member of Parliament I have myself received many representations from concerned residents.

I believe that the proposals would be in breach of a number of South Norfolk Council's planning policies. These include:

- **Protection of Landscape**, since South Norfolk Council's own *Wind Turbine Sensitivity Study* identifies the proposed site as 'Tributary Farmland' which has a high sensitivity;
- **Development in the Open Countryside**, since the proposal does not respect the site's intrinsic beauty, diversity of landscape, wealth of natural resources and ecological, agricultural and recreational value; and
- **Renewable energy**, since the project's benefits are outweighed by demonstrable harm to the locality from visual intrusion, various types of pollution, and the safe and free flow of traffic.

I have myself written to the Planning Authority to draw their attention to these issues and for your convenience I enclose a copy of my letter.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you and all the other activists involved in the campaign for having produced such a strong case against this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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