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My Ref: LTR980CP

Dear Chris,

**RED GAP MOOR WIND FARM – PLANNING APPLICATION (REF H/2009/0231)**

Thank you for your letter dated 19th May 2009 in connection with the above. I have pleasure in enclosing the Teesmouth Bird Club's response to the Application (RPT035/ECP).

Whilst the TBC **DOES NOT OBJECT** to the Application, our written response identifies a number of concerns, particularly relating to levels of research and mitigation and enhancement, which we summarise as follows:

- (1) We recommend the appointment of an independent Environmental Manager by the developer who will be an integral part of the Project Team, both before and during construction, to ensure that environmental issues are at the forefront of site activities.
- (2) We recommend a significant widening of the mitigation works to include significant acreages of set-aside and or stubble as over-winter food sources and spring nesting sites.
- (3) We are concerned at the inadequate assessment of cumulative impacts in association with other existing and planned wind farms, and the assessment for site selection. The conclusions drawn by the ES for these elements are not supported by the level of research and analysis.
- (4) We strongly recommend post-construction monitoring of collision risks by an independent ornithologist for at least the next five years and the publication of the results to inform the UK wind farm industry.
- (5) We endorse breeding and wintering bird monitoring as outlined in the ES following construction.

I hope you find these comments useful and will consider making them Conditional should your Council approve this development.

Yours sincerely,  
TEESMOUTH BIRD CLUB

Ted Parker  
VICE-CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN OF CONSERVATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Cc to: Martin Kerby (RSPB), Ian Bond (Hartlepool BC), Mike Leakey (Natural England), URS Corporation Limited.