

29<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Dear Sir/ Madam

**Planning Application CB/14/00925 Brogborough Landfill Site Woburn Road Lidlington**

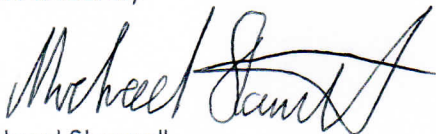
The need for renewable energy arises from the Climate Change Act 2008. The Act acknowledges Carbon emissions from extant energy sources are a cause of climate change. It sets legally binding targets to reduce emissions by at least 80% from 1990 levels by 2050. A European Union Directive 2009/28/EC sets the Government another target; by 2020 15% of all UK energy consumption is to come from renewable sources. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report; Impact, Adaption and Vulnerability describes the impact of climate change on human and natural systems.

In Central Bedfordshire Council's Supplementary Planning Document; Wind Energy Development in Central Bedfordshire, the Council assesses its landscapes' capacity for wind farm development. The document states there is potential for 48 wind turbine installations across the Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Clay Lands. The Marston Vale is part of Central Bedfordshire's clay land. A conclusion of this landscape assessment is the 6 turbine Brogborough wind farm could be located in the Marston Vale landscape without causing it too great a harm.

CPRE Bedfordshire is in favour of renewable energy schemes because they contribute to increasing energy consumption from renewable sources and to reducing Carbon emissions. The proposal for a wind farm at Brogborough would help Government achieve its emissions and energy consumption targets, and mitigate the impact of climate change on human and natural systems. Nevertheless we disagree with this proposal because the number of turbines and their configuration impact part of the Marston Vale landscape and to some extent the community at Cranfield.

CPRE Bedfordshire would hope that if Central Bedfordshire Council refused planning permission for the wind farm the developer FCC would submit a revised scheme. We would prefer a scheme consisting of 3-4 turbines positioned further away from Cranfield and the Marston Thrift SSSI and closer to the A421 roadway. Over time the cumulative landscape impact of a 3 -4 turbine wind farm, the single turbine at the Millennium Country Park and the turbine at Stewartby, will be further mitigated by the developing Forest of the Marston Vale.

Yours sincerely



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