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WIND TURBINES

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INTRODUCTIONS

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PLANNING POLICY CONTEXT

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National Policy Guidance

PPS1- sets out overarching policies

Dec 2007 supplement issued; “Planning and Climate Change”

- Policy to reduce emissions
- Tackling Climate Change
- Planning to promote investment in renewable energy projects in relation to Gov't targets
- What Gov't expects of Local Planning Authorities



National Policy Guidance

PPS22 – Planning for Renewable Energy

Sets out key principles:

- Capable of being delivered in any part of England
- Wider social and economic benefits need to influence decisions
- Technical and commercial considerations should not be assumed by planning authorities



National Policy Guidance

PPS22 – Planning for Renewable Energy (continued)

Sets out further advice, eg in relation to:

- National designations eg Conservation Areas
- Local designations eg nature conservation sites
- Landscape and visual effects
- Cumulative Impacts
- Noise



Regional Policy Guidance

Regional Plan for East Midlands

Policy 39 sets out policy for low carbon energy generation:

Advises that, in setting wind turbine policy criteria, LPAs should consider:

- Landscape and visual impact
- Effect on natural and cultural environment
- Effect on built environment
- Number and size of turbines
- Cumulative effect
- Contribution of wind generation to the regional renewables target
- Contribution of wind generation to national and international environmental objectives on climate change.



Local Policy Guidance for Harborough District

Harborough District Local Plan

Wind Turbines – HDC Developer Guidance Note

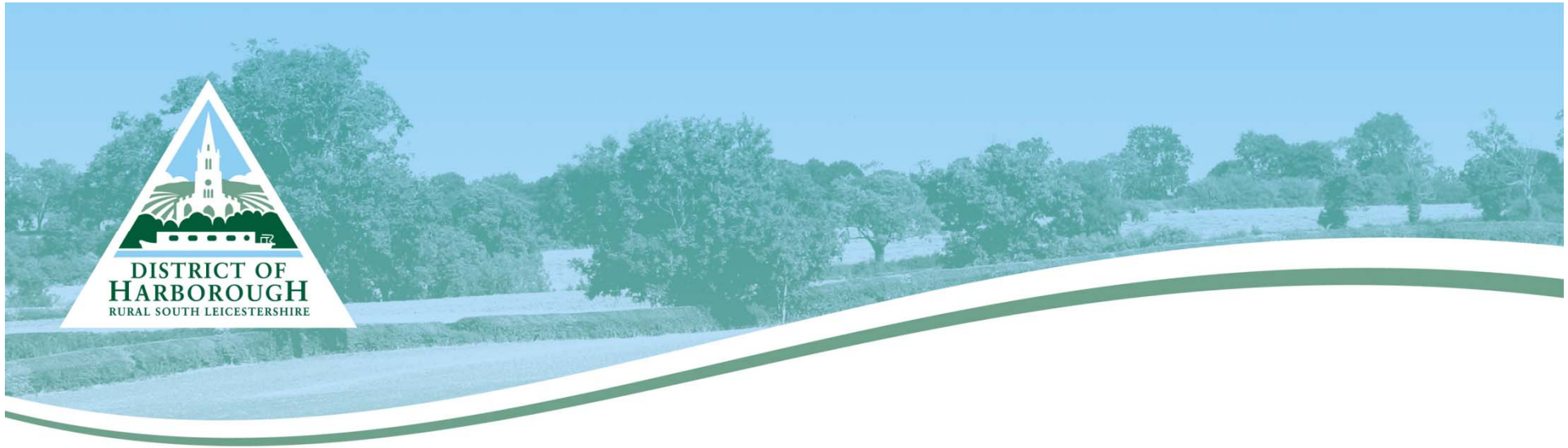
Planning for Climate Change – Leics wide study

Harborough wide Landscape Character Assessment



PLANNING APPLICATION PROCESS

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Overview:

- All applications are different
- But the process is broadly the same



The Application Process :

- Pre Application
- Application Stage
- Post Application



Pre Application Stage:

- Dialogue
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Potential submission of the application



Application Stage (1):

- Received, checked, registered
- Consultation & publicity



Application Stage (2):

- Officer assessment
- Decision time



Post Application Stage:

- If approved
- If refused
- Other scenarios



Questions & Answers