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Report by Helen Pressley	**Date of report:** 07/10/2026	**Ref**:73692/CON
Registration: 25/09/2026	**LDFC:**	**Expiry Date:** 16/10/2026
Site Visit:	**Site Notice:** N/A	**Press Date:** N/A
Objections:	**Con Area:**	**Adv Type:** N/A
Reason for Delay:		**EIA:** NA
N/A		**Dec Level:** DEL
		Stat Class:

Proposal: Article 18 consultation from Rossendale Borough Council (ref. 2025/0267) Construction and operation of 12 wind turbines with a maximum height to the tip of the blade of 180 metres (above ground level), together with associated ancillary infrastructure comprising crane pads and hardstandings; new access tracks; improvement and widening works to Scout Road; onsite substation; underground electrical infrastructure and cabling; fencing and boundary treatments; external lighting; drainage infrastructure; habitat and moorland restoration works; public right of way works; landscaping; temporary construction compound and staging area; underground electrical grid connection to the Rossendale Bulk Supply Point; and associated engineering works; alongside the retention of and improvements to existing access tracks associated with the existing Scout Moor Wind Farm (Further Environmental Information).
Location: Land At And Adjacent To Scout Moor Wind Farm Rossendale And Rochdale

Description
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This is a consultation on amendments to the scheme that was initially responded to by Bury MBC in January 2026. The changes include the reduction in the number of turbines from 17 to 12 (removal of T2, T5, T12, T13 and T17) that would also lead to a reduction in the overall project footprint. Some of the proposed turbines have also been repositioned (T1, T3, T4, T6, T7, T8, T19, T10, T15, T16 and T18).

Relevant Planning History
72300 - Article18 Consultation Consultation from Rossendale - 17 turbines

72264 - Consultation from Rochdale - 17 wind turbines

73651- Consultation from Rochdale - 12 turbines

Publicity

N/A

Statutory/Non-Statutory Consultations
Traffic Section - Request to be consulted on any Construction Traffic Management Plan conditions as it could raise Traffic Management issues, as, whilst the site itself does not affect our highways, the route to it could. However, the routing seems to take traffic and abnormal loads through Edenfield rather than highways within Bury.

Pre-start Conditions - N/A

Development Plan and Policies

Issues and Analysis
Visual Amenity - The proposed turbines would be located at varying heights on Scout Moor. The proposed turbines would be some 80m higher than the existing turbines, but given the varying topography of the land, it is considered that the difference in height would not be noticeable at the distances proposed from Bury and as set out within the submitted visuals. The proposed turbines would be viewed against the backdrop of the existing wind turbines. It is therefore considered that the proposed development would not have a significantly adverse impact upon visual amenity from the viewpoints within Bury.

Highways issues - The updated Transport Assessment (June 2026 reference June 2026 10109692) states that the proposed development will be accessed from the existing access at the junction of the A680 Rochdale Road and Scout Road, which was constructed as part of the existing Scout Moor Wind Farm. This access is also shared with Scout Moor Quarry. This replicates the information presented in the original Transport Assessment.

As also outlined in the previous version of the Transport Assessment is estimated that construction personnel and materials will access the site from the via the M56 and M66 corridors, using the B6527 and A680 to access the site. The site Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP), which is proposed to be secured via planning condition, will set access routes to and from the site to avoid unnecessary trips through surrounding local residential areas (including Edenfield) as far as is possible.

The Traffic Section/Local Highways Authority have requested to be consulted on any Construction Traffic Management Plan conditions as it could raise Traffic Management issues, as, whilst the site itself does not affect our highways, the route to it could. However, the routing seems to take traffic and abnormal loads through Edenfield rather than highways within Bury, although it is acknowledged that the A56 between the M65 and Ramsbottom should be included within the Study Area for assessment.

In response to Bury's original consultation response the applicant has confirmed that they agree that Bury’s Local Highway Authority, as well as all Local Highway Authorities covered by the AIL routing, should be consulted by the LPA’s on the future discharge of condition application(s) relating to Construction Traffic Management Plans. This position by the LPA has not been amended since the original consultation response in January 2026.

Other matters - Bury MBC is not the determining authority for the application and as such any responses from statutory consultations will need to be considered by the allocated LPA. Bury MBC will request that the determining authority give every consideration to any representations received from residents of Bury when they assess the acceptability or not of the scheme.

Recommendation: Raise No Objection

Conditions and Reasons:

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Case Officer Date	Sign off Officer Date
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