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Dear Mr. Whitham,

I am writing in support of Enertrag UK's proposed wind farm development at Hempnall, reference as above.

It is now widely accepted by the scientific community that global climate change is one of the greatest threats facing the world today. Planning Policy Statement 1 supplement reports that the UK is likely to see '*more extreme weather events including hotter and drier summers, flooding and rising sea-levels increasing the risk of coastal erosion.*' Every effort must be made to combat climate change and the threat that this places on our communities. Wind energy has a crucial role to play in this challenge by providing clean energy within the UK, thereby reducing CO₂ emissions that contribute to climate change.

The Hempnall Wind Farm, with a capacity of 14MW, will provide a clean source of energy to around 7,000 homes and save approximately 28 tonnes of carbon dioxide from being emitted into the atmosphere each year. Whilst there has been much talk about the visual impact the wind farm will have on the landscape, this is a subjective issue. Any impact must be weighed against the benefits that the scheme will bring, including reductions in CO₂, contribution to government targets and both local community benefit and the wider national and global benefits.

If the UK is to meet current government targets of producing 20% of electricity from renewable sources by 2020, *every community must play its part and act now.*

Hempnall Wind Farm should be seen as an integral part of a world-wide effort to minimise climate change and its effects. Wind energy, a proven renewable technology, should be utilised in conjunction with other renewable resources as they become viable.

Yours sincerely,