

THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

Question 35

Question 35 Should the Plan identify areas suitable for wind turbine development? If so, should the extent of areas be different for different sizes of turbine? Please give reasons for your response.

The Trust is not inherently opposed to new wind turbines but believes that consideration of any application for more turbines in County Durham should give full weight to the specific arguments of both CPRE and the Durham Wildlife Trust in each case on their location and type.

In relation to Durham City, the Trust has always been committed to the maxim that no development should be allowed which interferes with long views of the World Heritage Site. Therefore, in order to protect the Outstanding Universal Value of the Durham Cathedral and Castle World Heritage Site, no wind turbines should be permitted which would cause harm to the significance of the WHS (including cumulative or consequential harm) through impacts on its appearance, character or setting.