

EIA Screening and Scoping

- 1.1.1 Wind turbines are industrial installations for the production of electricity and therefore fall under category 3a of schedule 2 of the Town and County Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.
- 1.1.2 Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 requires developments that may have a significant impact on the environment to be screened by the Local Planning Authority prior to application, in order to assess the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment.
- 1.1.3 Prior to preparing the planning application, The Applicant engaged in a confidential pre-application process with the LPA to discuss the Proposed Development in principle, identify potential environmental sensitivities, and seek advice on the appropriate planning and regulatory requirements. Following this pre-application engagement, The Applicant elected to take a precautionary approach to environmental assessment and progress the proposal as EIA development. Accordingly, it was agreed with the LPA that a formal screening opinion for the proposed development would not be required.
- 1.1.4 The application has therefore been prepared as a full EIA development, incorporating comprehensive environmental assessments across all relevant topics to ensure that the potential impacts of the proposals are fully identified and addressed.