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It is totally unacceptable that Selby District Council has not set minimum separation distances for wind turbines. We are particularly concerned about this in Pine Tree Close as the planning application for the nearby turbines involves particularly large turbines that are too close to an increasing number of homes (reference here to the new houses being built along Leeds Road).

Visceral Vibratory Vestibular Disturbance (VVVD or Wind Farm Syndrome) and the research performed by Dr Pierpoint, is receiving significant recognition by the scientific community, not least from Professor Lord May, (former Government Scientific Adviser) which is being given wide coverage by the national media. Dr Christopher Hanning of the British Sleep Society, states that Dr Pierpoint's research should be "required reading for all planners". As the entire village of Thorpe Willoughby falls within the 2Km minimum distance for dwellings, as recommended by Dr Pierpoint, and each turbine in the Bishopwood wind farm proposal falls within 2Km of a dwelling, this raises some highly pertinent issues for the above planning application. I trust, therefore, that you will carefully examine Dr Pierpoint's findings.

The British Wind Energy Association calls in to question the reliability of Dr Pierpoint's work, but only with respect to the *quantity* of the data. I am in no doubt that she will continue to further her studies and substantiate her findings. The BWEA also claim that only a small percentage of cases occur. However, many cases go unreported and the increase in awareness of wind farm syndrome is likely to increase the number of reports. Bishop Wood wind farm is close to such a large number of dwellings that it is probable that there would be a significant number of sufferers in the area. If this planning application were to go ahead, I would keep a record of all my correspondence with you for future reference as evidence of the negligence of Selby District Council, ensuring that the Council could not claim a lack of awareness of the health issues at the time of consideration of the planning application.

The reliability of Dr Pierpoint's data is not the only issue for your concern. The increased recognition and media coverage of her work is irrefutable and the wider acceptance of wind farm syndrome is inevitable. If this planning application is

approved, Thorpe Willoughby and Hambleton will become regarded as uninhabitable by outsiders, having a detrimental effect on these local communities.

I recommend setting minimum distances is the best way to protect Selby District residents from the worst effects of wind turbines. A minimum distance which is linked to the size of turbine would protect our increasing community. 2km is reasonable for the larger turbines (145 metres). The number of turbines should also be taken into consideration. It must not be permissible to have more than one turbine at the minimum distance.

Minimum distances should be set for distances from homes, roads, pathways, public areas and areas used for recreational activity.