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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).

The proximity of the proposed development is also of great concern. These turbines are much bigger than most turbines and none of this size has been erected so close to housing. European recommendations state that these turbines should not be built any nearer than 2 km to the nearest dwelling.

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.

The symptoms identified by Dr Pierpoint include:

1. Sleep problems: noise or physical sensations of pulsation or pressure make it hard to go to sleep and cause frequent awakening.
2. Headaches which are increased in frequency or severity.
3. Dizziness, unsteadiness, and nausea.
4. Exhaustion, anxiety, anger, irritability, and depression.
5. Problems with concentration and learning.

## 6. Tinnitus (ringing in the ears).

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.