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Dear Ms Roebuck

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
REGULATIONS 2011 (SI 2011/1824)
Appeal by Piran Renewable Investments Ltd
Site at Harts Farm, Radmore Lane, Abbots Bromley, Rugeley, WS15 3AP**

I refer to the above appeal. The Secretary of State has considered the application in accordance with Regulation 12(1) of the above Regulations.

The development proposed, namely Installation of a wind turbine with a hub height of 36.8m and a tip height of 48.5m., falls within the description at paragraph 3(i) of Schedule 2 to the above Regulations, and exceeds the threshold in column 2 of the table in that Schedule, but in the opinion of the Secretary of State, having taken into account the criteria in Schedule 3 to the above Regulations, would not be likely to have significant effect on the environment by virtue of factors such as its nature, size or location.

The proposed development is located within a broadly rural and agricultural area. As such, the proposed development is likely to have an impact in terms of the views to and from the local landscape. The planning application is supported by a number of technical environmental reports to outline the potential impacts. There is the potential for environmental impacts such as noise whilst construction of the turbine takes place, however these are mostly limited to construction and non-significant. Longer term impacts associated with the operational phase e.g. visual and noise impacts are anticipated to be very localised and unlikely to lead to significant effects. The potential for cumulative effects has been assessed and it is considered that due to the distance between each of the proposed turbines within the wider locality and the intervening screening, significant impacts are unlikely.

Having regard to the criteria set out in Schedule 3 of the EIA Regulations, it is not considered that the development is likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of factors such as its nature, size or location.



Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by Regulations 12(1) and 6(4) of the above Regulations, the Secretary of State hereby directs that this development is not EIA development.

Under regulation 23(1) of the above Regulations, you must take steps to secure that this screening direction is placed on the part of the Planning Register which relates to the application in question. I would be grateful if you could do so to ensure that the Secretary of State's view is publicly available.

Yours sincerely

Hannah Nelson

(Signed with the authority of the Secretary of State)

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