



# NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

## POLICY MANUAL

### WIND TURBINES

**Originated Date:** Adopted 21 January 2013 – Min. No. 17/13 (as Policy 67)

**Amended Date/s:** Amended 20 February 2017 – Min. No. 54/17  
Reviewed 18 August 2022

**Applicable Legislation:** *Local Government Act 1993;*  
*Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993;*  
Northern Midlands Planning Scheme

**Objective** To provide guidance for consistent and equitable assessment of applications to develop wind turbines.

**Administration:** Community and Development

**Review Cycle/Date:** 4 year review. Next review 2026.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Where a planning permit is required for a wind turbine, the Northern Midlands Council has determined that assessment should have specific regard to the visual and acoustic impact of the proposed turbine.

#### 2. OBJECTIVES

To ensure that applications for wind turbines:

- (i) Address the acoustic impact of the proposed turbine on surrounding dwellings; and
- (ii) Address the visual impact of the proposed turbine on the streetscape or landscape.

#### 3. APPLICATION OF THE POLICY

Applications for wind turbines must provide an acoustic report to demonstrate the impact on surrounding residences, and photomontages to demonstrate the impact on the streetscape or landscape, unless the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the planning authority that the information is not relevant to the assessment of the application.