

Reply to my letter to Tracy Brabin WYCA

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Hi Penny,

My name is Benn and I'm a Policy and Casework Support Officer in the Mayoral team.

Many thanks for your email and raising your concerns with the Mayor's Office regarding the proposed Calderdale Wind Farm. As The planning authority, Calderdale Council are the decision makers for this scheme, and as such, neither Mayor Brabin nor the Combined Authority (CA) can intervene on this matter.

The CA is currently developing the West Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS). When the strategy is finalised it may form part of an evidence base, and contain information that may be a 'material consideration' in the planning system alongside other matters - e.g. the council may use certain areas of the LNRS to form part of its decision. However, it is for the the local planning authority – in this case Calderdale Council - to determine what is a relevant material consideration based on the individual circumstances of a particular scheme or proposal and the CA have no say in this.

I would highly encourage you to raise your concerns with the relevant Calderdale ward Councillors, who represent the people, businesses and community groups of Calderdale: <https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/council/councillors-and-decision-making/your-councillors>

I hope this helps. Many thanks – Benn

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