

4 Conclusions

This study has built upon the methodology for scenario analysis utilised in the Wind Farm Development and Landscape Capacity Studies and is intended as an Addendum to the East Durham Limestone and Tees Plain report.

The principal findings of the scenario analysis undertaken for this Addendum study are:

- The Butterwick/Walkway wind farm plus one other wind farm development (i.e. Scenarios 4, 11, 14 and 15) would possibly be acceptable.
- The Butterwick/Walkway wind farm plus two other developments (i.e. Scenarios 3, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 13), may be acceptable if it can be shown that there would be no possibly unacceptable effects on local landscape character and scale, and in the case of Scenario 10 no unacceptable effects on the settlement of Sadberge.
- Development of Sites B & C (i.e. Scenarios 1, 2, 9 and 10) would result in possibly unacceptable effects on Sadberge;
- The Butterwick/ Walkway wind farm plus three or more wind farm developments between Darlington and Sedgefield (i.e. Scenarios 1, 2, 5, 6 and 9) may be unacceptable, unless effects on settlement including Sadberge, Great Stainton and other settlements, local landscape character and scale can clearly be shown to be acceptable.

Erratum note: Scenario 11 was omitted in error from the first bullet point outlining the principle findings of the scenario analysis. The spelling of principal has also been corrected.