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I am objecting to the Hills of Gold Windfarm project (SSD 9679)

- I strongly object to the suggestion by the EAPET that the turbines removed, now, be reinstated. These were non-compliant turbines, because they were
  - too close to residents' properties – high noise and visual impact
  - too close to the national park's boundary
  - provide a combined negative visual impact (magnitude of project) as applied to the 2016 Wind Farm Energy Guidelines and the draft 2023 Energy Guidelines.

Many properties would see the turbines from their homes. It is not possible to mitigate the negative view by tree screening. The towers are atop a narrow ridgeline and tree screening, as suggested by Engie, is not possible. It is impractical and unfair to ask residents to plant trees in front of their windows. The magnitude and sensitivity guidelines on combined visual impacts should apply. To reinstate the turbines would be non-compliant with the guidelines. Visual guidelines would not be upheld