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Kirkleatham Wind Turbine, Redcar

Client

Stratus Environmental Ltd

Location

Redcar

Services Provided

Cultural heritage impact assessment

Date of Completion

July 2013

Key Issues

Visual impacts on the setting of listed buildings and a conservation area.



CgMs was appointed to undertake a heritage assessment in support of a planning application for a 500 kW turbine at Elring Klinger's automotive parts factory outside Kirkleatham. The turbine site lies less than 200m from the Kirkleatham conservation area, which contains 23 listed buildings, of which 12 are Grade I or II*, including the Grade I-listed Sir William Turner's Hospital (above).

The proximity of the development to this cluster of designated heritage assets meant the potential for setting impacts was a concern for the developer, potentially delaying or preventing consent. CgMs worked to produce a very robust assessment to minimise these risks. The assessment, produced within a month of being commissioned, concluded that the proposed turbine would affect the setting of the buildings, but that the effects would be minor and should be balanced against the benefits of the development. This conclusion, supported by a focussed and clear analysis of the contribution of the buildings' surroundings to their significance, was accepted by the local planning authority and planning permission was granted.

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