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### Middlemoor Wind Farm, Northumberland

#### Client

Npower Renewables Ltd.

#### Location

Middlemoor, North Charlton,  
Alnwick, Northumberland

#### Services Provided

Historic Buildings

#### Date of Completion

August 2008

#### Key Issues

Wind Farm Environmental  
Impact Assessments.



CgMs provided expert witness at appeal, handling cultural heritage matters on behalf of Npower Renewables Ltd. An 18 turbine scheme with associated plant and infrastructure was proposed. The Environmental Statement was prepared by Entec, but CgMs reviewed the material and concluded that the proposed wind farm would not harm the historic environment and as such were happy to defend the scheme at appeal. A variety of issues were tackled including impact on the setting of features such as the listed SAM Heiferlaw Tower, Charlton Hall (Grade II\* listed) and Alnwick Castle Registered Park. CgMs argued there would be negligible harm to the historic environment arising from the wind farm.

The appeal was granted and the Inspector found the wind farm “would not materially harm the simple, large scale open nature of the landscape”. Whilst some views and relationships between cultural heritage and their surroundings were acknowledged to be diminished by proposals, the Inspector concluded that “overall, I consider that the proposal is acceptable and recommend approval, subject to conditions mitigating harm which might arise.”

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