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Dear Dr Constable

Thank you for your letter of 19th April in which you outlined the concerns of the Renewable Energy Foundation in relation to the Institute of Acoustics Good Practice Guide on the application of ETSU-R-97 for the assessment of wind turbine noise.

The IOA has produced this document in response to a request from the Department for Energy and Climate Change. The remit of the project was not to question or investigate the underlying principles of the ETSU method, but to advise consultants on the best way of applying that particular method. To that end the IOA Council appointed a working group of professionals experienced in that area, and in whom they had confidence to carry out the work required.

In producing their report the group has reviewed and considered all the relevant available evidence, and a list of references is included in the report.

Obviously, as President, I would be extremely concerned if any member were not complying with the membership Code of Conduct. The IOA has a procedure for dealing with such cases and the matter would be fully investigated by the Institute if a complaint were made against an individual member.

A consultation was held on the draft guide and all responses were carefully considered by the working group. The latest version of the Guide is to be circulated to IOA Council members shortly, for final approval. I will ensure that the document is thoroughly scrutinised before it is released.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Bridget Shield
President