

Read Source 1, the on-line newspaper article called 'Wind farms could blight one in six beauty spots' by Ben Leach.

- 1 What do you learn from Ben Leach's article about the issues and concerns regarding the building of wind farms?

(8 marks)

| A02, i English A03, i English Language | Skills |
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| <p>Mark Band 4 'perceptive' 'detailed' 7 – 8 marks</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • offers evidence that the text is fully understood • shows a detailed engagement with the text • makes perceptive connections and comments about concerns and issues raised in the text • offers appropriate quotations or references to support understanding |
| <p>Mark Band 3 'clear' 'relevant' 5-6 marks</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows clear evidence that the text is understood • shows clear engagement with the text • begins to interpret the text and make connections between issues and concerns • offers relevant quotations or references to support understanding |
| <p>Mark Band 2 'some' 'attempts' 3-4 marks</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows some evidence that the text is understood • attempts to engage with the text • makes some reference to the issues and concerns mentioned in the text • offers some relevant references or quotations to support what has been understood |
| <p>Mark Band 1 'limited' 1-2 marks</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows limited evidence that the text is understood • shows limited engagement with the text • makes limited reference to the issues referred to in the text |
| <p>Band 0</p> | <p>Nothing to reward</p> |
| <p>1. Indicative Content Candidates' responses may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issue is the building of wind farms at places which are protected because of their natural beauty. • The issue has been taken up by campaigners and environmentalists in some of the areas, such as North Cornwall who think their countryside will be ruined. • The concerns include the 'free for all' that is happening and the size of the turbines which will have an impact on the countryside; people are very upset about this and want a change in the planning system. • Another concern is that the turbines will kill birds. | |

- Examples are given of the devastating effect on the beauty of several specific places: Cornwall, Staffordshire, IoW, and Cumbria where Natural England are against the plans.
- An alternative view of the issue is put by the British Wind Association who point out that a bigger concern is the effect of climate change which we need to address through alternative energy sources.
 - There are obviously two sides to the issue with strongly held views