



STOP LITLINGTON WIND FARM

Put the turbines where the wind is, not where the people are.

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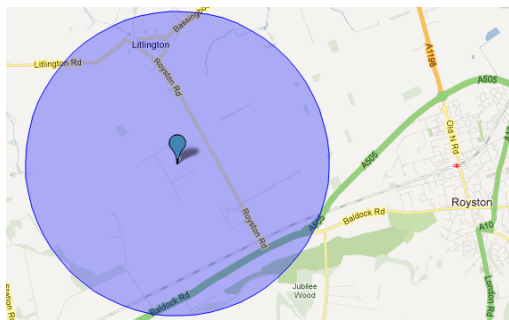
Stop the industrialisation of our rural landscape!

The prospect of a wind farm being built so close to the village of Litlington has aroused enormous strength of feeling amongst residents concerned with how it could impact our lives and our community. This newsletter is intended to keep all concerned informed about what is happening, how it could affect you and what you can do about it.

What has happened?

On 31st October, Highfield Wind Energy, held an exhibition in Litlington Village Hall displaying their proposal to build a wind farm in the Parish of Litlington. The plans call for the erection of industrial scale wind turbines 100 metres tall – that's taller than Big Ben – and there would be 5 of them.

In Scotland a minimum separation distance of 2 kilometres is recommended between turbines and housing in recognition of the impact these vast industrial structures can have on people living close by.



2km zone showing how the turbines will dominate the entire village and surrounding area.

There is no equivalent policy in England and the entire village of Litlington falls within 2 kilometres of the proposed development.

'Absolutely useless, completely reliant on subsidies and an absolute disgrace.'

Duke of Edinburgh

Who are we and why have we been formed?

We are a group of concerned residents who have formed an action group to oppose the plan.

We believe that the amount of renewable energy that could be generated from the site proposed would be small compared with the enormous impact the proposal would have on our landscape, health and well being.

For all the claims about renewable energy and environmental benefits, this is first and foremost a commercial venture that promises to enrich the developer at the expense of our community.

'...the arrogance and greed that has characterised the wind industry from the outset has caused it to ride roughshod over local concerns.'

Geoffrey Lean

What have we done so far?

Whilst wind energy arouses a wide range of opposing views, what matters most is how this proposal will affect us in our community. We will set out our precise objections to the proposal once the application has been submitted and the full scale of the proposal becomes clear. In the meantime we have been working on the following:

- An action group has been formed to oppose the plans;
- Individual members of the action group are researching the areas of impact that will form part of the planning application;
- A web site has been set up to keep everyone informed about what is happening and how the plans could affect the community – www.stoplitlingtonwindfarm.com
- Contact has been made with a wide range of interested parties who could be impacted by the proposal;
- Contact has also been made with other action groups.

'How is it that wind, with a 4,000-year head start, is such a small player in the energy scene? Could it be - just possibly - that the answer has something to do with physics instead of economics and politics?

Dr. Howard Hayden

What happens next?

A planning application is expected to be submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council very soon. This must include an Environment Impact Assessment to look at the effects on landscape, noise, heritage, nature etc.

Once the application has been submitted the planning department has 16 weeks to make a recommendation whether to approve or reject the application. This recommendation will then be voted on by a planning committee made up of district councillors.

With your support we can prevent this damaging proposal being imposed upon us and preserve our cherished local community.

'The dream of environmentally friendly energy has turned into highly subsidised destruction of the countryside.'

Der Spiegel

What you can do

The best opportunity to make your views known will be when the planning application has been made and the planning authority seeks views from interested parties.

We will let residents know as soon as the application has been lodged and how best to make your feelings known. In the meantime you can do the following:

- Visit our website at www.stoplitlingtonwindfarm.com for the latest news and information;
- Register through our web site to be kept informed of progress;
- If you have any relevant information or views please let us know;
- If you would like to help us keep everyone informed about what is happening by delivering leaflets, contacting organisations and attending meetings – email us or write to us at the details shown below.

No energy when it's too hot;
 No energy when it's too cold;
 No energy when the wind's too strong;
 No energy when the wind's too weak.
 This Goldilocks approach is not the answer to our energy needs!

Stop Litlington Wind Farm Action Group