

Stop Linton Wind Farm



Dear Supporters

The Public Inquiry into the appeal by Enertrag against the decision to refuse planning permission for eight giant wind turbines next to the villages of Linton, Hildersham, Hadstock and Abington has been running for two weeks. The first week was held at Abington Hall and the second at SCDC Offices in Cambourne. So far, the Inspectors have heard evidence relating to the impact of the turbines on the landscape and cultural heritage. Our experts informed the Inquiry that the turbines would have a significant adverse impact on the landscape, the treasured listed buildings and conservation areas in the local villages. Our Barrister highlighted the numerous deficits in Enertrag's Environmental Statement. The evidence given by our witnesses was robust and our legal team was thorough in exposing deficiencies in Enertrag's case. SLWF have been in attendance every day, and we very much appreciate the support shown by the many people who have come along. The Inspectors have expressed considerable interest in whether Enertrag consulted the public before compiling their Environmental Statement, as per the guidelines. It is our view that this process was inadequate.

The Inquiry timetable has slipped due to the volume of evidence heard and the Inspectors have decided that it will not be possible to complete the Inquiry within the allocated time. Consequently, noise evidence has been adjourned until the week beginning 6 September 2010. The Inquiry timetable is now:

16-19 February, Linton Village Hall

Local residents who wish to speak to the Inquiry are invited to attend on Tuesday 16th February from 9.30 am and on arrival should report to the Inspector. Statements should be read and a written copy handed to the Inspector. Our advice is "keep the message simple and speak from the heart". We suggest the statement should consist of around two sides of A4 and take around five minutes to present.

The rest of the week will cover planning and ecology issues.

23-26 February, Abington Hall

The Inquiry will hear objections to the wind turbines from the Secretary of State for Defense and NERL (UK Airspace Radar).

The Inquiry was originally scheduled to run for only ten days, it is now up to 16 days and a further week of noise evidence has yet to be heard. Therefore, our plea for donations to support our case is very real. If you are able to give, please send a cheque to our Treasurer, Sally Hamilton, at Park Farm, Great Chesterford, Essex, CB10 1RN. Cheques should be payable to *Stop Linton Wind Farm*.

Alternatively we have On-line banking:

Account 'Stop Linton Wind Farm' sort code 30-92-76 account number: 0773264.

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We very much appreciate your support at the Inquiry. It demonstrates to the Inspectors the strength of feeling against the wind turbines.

Regards

Dr Phil Harrison
Chairman SLWF