

Stop Linton Wind Farm



South Cambridgeshire District Council says "No"

I am delighted to be able to write to you and confirm that South Cambridge District Council has voted to confirm their Planning Officer's recommendation to reject the application for Wind Turbines at Linton.

On 2 September 2009 SCDC Planning Committee met and heard presentations from myself, Esther Cornell, Chair of Linton PC, and Tony Orgee, District Councillor, and all of us spoke against the application. Enertrag UK Ltd chose not to attend. The Committee heard that in excess of 1300 letters of objection had been received by SCDC, but only 21 letters of support had been received, and that Linton Parish Council's own poll has shown overwhelming objection with 77 per cent of residents voting against the scheme. The Committee commended SLWF for the quality of our Rebuttal Documents and photos. The Planning Committee then debated the application with many excellent contributions, notably from District Councillor, John Batchelor, and voted *unanimously* against the application.

This now means both South Cambridge District Council and Uttlesford District Council have voted against the application, in addition to the rejections from 11 Parish Councils and one Town Council. This is absolute confirmation of the public outrage and opposition to the application. We are not "NIMBYs". We, our 1700 members, and the District Councils are proud to be protecting our environment and landscape.

Cambridge News reported on the meeting and details are available here:

http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/cn_news_cambridge/displayarticle.asp?id=446067

The Public Inquiry

You may remember from my previous newsletters that SCDC had asked for further information from Enertrag, and that Enertrag had initiated an Appeal by Public Inquiry for "non determination", as SCDC's deliberations would take longer than the statutorily required 16 weeks.

Our next step is to ask you to write another letter. The letters commenting on the application which you sent to SCDC and UDC will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the inquiry documentation. However, we are advised that significant additional weight is given to further letters written commenting on the appeal.

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The deadline for writing to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the appeal process is **7 October 2009**, so I am afraid I need to ask you to attend to this as a *matter of urgency*. Also, if at all possible, we ask that you send the inspectorate four duplicate copies of your letters.

The address for printed letters is:

The Planning Inspectorate
Room 4/04 Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Temple Quay
Bristol
BS1 6PN

Please state the Planning Inspectorate Appeal Reference:

APP/W0530/A/09/2108277 for South Cambs DC and

APP/C1570/A09/2108275 for Uttlesford

And finally please quote SCDC case number 2108277 which in fact covers both Districts.

Alternatively, rather than posting a physical letter, you can submit via the internet at www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs

<http://www.pcs.planningportal.gov.uk/pcsportal/ViewCase.asp?casename=APP/W0530/A/09/2108277&caseaddress=COO.2036.300.8.2059267>

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Just click on the above, or copy and paste the entire link to your browser. At the bottom of the page that appears, click where shown to access the case documents, and at the bottom of this next page click on "Comment on this case" (just before the heading "LPAs only"). State the reasons for your objections and a list of some of those you might consider can be found by clicking on:

www.stoplintonwindfarm.org.uk/pages/reasons_for_refusal.htm

Having posted a letter either physically or on line, your views will be submitted to the Public Inquiry which is scheduled to commence on the 2 February 2010. Public expression is an important part of the Appeal process, so please take the time write and make your views known.

The Stop Linton Wind Farm Committee

Finally, I would like to update you on the Stop Linton Wind Farm Committee.

I am extremely proud of the work and achievements of the Committee. After nearly three years of hard work, we have navigated an extremely complex defence with great professionalism, huge dedication and significant success. As you will have read earlier, both District Councils, 11 Parish Councils, one Town Council have all voted to reject the application. We have sought and achieved the support of both our local MPs and have generated membership of some 1700. All great achievements, and it has been an honour to serve as your Chairman.

However, work commitments over the coming six months, combined with the intensity of effort required during the Appeal process, requires me to step down as Chairman. The Committee has elected the following Committee Members to take the action group forward through to a successful outcome of the Appeal process:

Chair:	Dr Phil Harrison
Vice Chair:	Jim Heathcote
Vice Chair	Bill Thomas
Treasurer	Sally Hamilton
Landscape:	Roger Shaw
Health:	Dr Sue Robinson
PR	Tom Tron

Sheila Elliott has kindly volunteered to continue to provide support to the Committee and we thank her for this.

We look forward to your continued support through this campaign, and will be in touch in due course with further plans for the appeal.

Yours

Bill Thomas
SLWF