

Stop Linton Wind Farm Newsletter

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Dear SWLF supporter,

Firstly, a Happy New Year.

We are sure that a number of you will walk off some of the food and drink enjoyed over the Christmas period with a brisk ramble through the countryside, delighting in the peace and tranquillity. If you want to ensure that in future years you can still enjoy a seasonal stroll then please use this time to help us fight this unnecessary, hugely intrusive proposed wind farm.

At this time of year families, neighbours and friends tend to get together and this provides the opportunity to make sure everyone is aware of the threat that the wind turbines pose to the amenity and quality of life of people living in all the towns and villages in the area. Talking to other groups that have fought wind farm applications we know that even at the end of their campaigns there are still people saying "What wind farm?". If the decision is to approve then once they start to be built this turns into "If only we had known!" Please take the chance when out and about to check whether people are aware of the wind farm and what it could mean to them and their families over the next 25 years and probably the 25 years after that!

We need to rally local opinion against this inappropriate scheme. The developers, Enertrag, are happy to keep a low profile knowing that the less people know the better it is for them. So please get out there and spread the word!

New years Resolutions.

Can we suggest a couple that may help turn 2008 into a wind turbine-free year:

- 1) To sign up five new supporters to the Stop Linton wind Farm Action Group. We already have over 800 signed up and if everyone of these now sign up five new members then this would give our campaign real momentum with getting on for 5000 supporters. We are accused of being a vocal minority, we have to show everyone that we may be vocal but we are not a minority! People can sign up on our website - www.stoplwf.org.uk
- 2) Contact your local Parish Councillor to express your objection so that they are aware of the strong local opposition and back this up with a letter to the Parish Council and copy it to your District Councillor and MP if you can. At the end of the day we have to give this our best shot. The worst thing that can happen, if we are unsuccessful, is for any of us to say "if only I had done".

The Government seems to be finally recognising that offshore is the place to generate electricity from wind power and we have to avoid being one of the last onshore wind farms before common sense prevails because once it is approved there will be no way of stopping it being built and then probably replaced at the end of the first 25 years. Please do your bit by delivering these two resolutions now!!

Wadlow Wind Farm Appealed.

It has been confirmed that the developer, RES, has appealed against the decision to refuse the 13 turbine scheme near West Wrating. It is likely that the appeal and our planning application will be heard around the same time next year. Each scheme will be heard independently and the success or failure of each should not have significant impact on the chances of the other. We would urge you to support the Wadlow campaign - www.stop-wadlow-wind-farm.org.uk

and we will be asking for their support in our fight as well.

Finally have fantastic 2008 and thank you for your support in our fight.