



Issue 3

# STOPCWF Newsletter

## Stop Cambridge Windfarm

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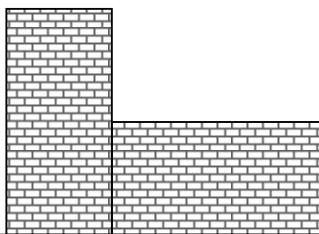
### Update

We are expecting "Your Energy" to submit their planning application for 16 wind turbines within the next two to three weeks. This means that the StopCWF campaign will start to incur substantial costs.

A fight of this nature, unfortunately, is not won by hard work alone. It demands professional help to ensure that we present winning arguments to secure the rejection of this application.

In other areas of the country where local planners have turned down wind farm applications, the action groups have had help from the following professionals:

1. An environmentalist, experienced in this field and who has had success in stopping this type of planning application from being approved.
2. A lawyer who has argued and won the legal aspects of this type of planning application.
3. An acoustic company who will be able to report on the real levels of sound disturbance in the villages.



Boxworth Church

Man

Proposed Turbine

Wood Green Turbine

4. A landscape planner and .... most importantly

5. Support of the majority of the community

### How can you help ?

We have identified successful people in the fields mentioned above but they do not come free. In due course we will need funds to pay for them.

We have very strong arguments and a number of issues in our favour but as in all things there is no guarantee. One thing you can be sure of, if we do nothing the wind farm will go ahead.

### Join the Campaign .....

When considering an application of this type the planners give high regard to the strength of feeling coming from the local residents. So the time to write letters will come soon.

**What we need now** are more people to be aware of this proposal, it's size and the implications to the local population.

Our membership is growing by the day but we need **many many** more people if we are to fight this application successfully.

Thank you to all those people who have already joined the StopCWF campaign and offered their support. However....

1. Have you completed a membership form yet?
2. Could you tell five more people about the situation we face and get their support?
3. Have you spoken to all your local friends about the situation?

We also plan to have an exhibition, which will enable more people to develop an informed view about the Cambridge Wind Farm proposal.

## Spread the word .....

In the meantime, in addition to the points given in our first Newsletter here are some more issues you can make people aware of:

- The 16 wind turbines will be 2 ½ times the height of the Wood Green turbine and will be seen from Ely. Think what it will be like living next to them?
- It is highly likely that the road used to access the Wind Farm site for delivery of turbine parts and concrete (currently the country road from the A14 Cambridge service station towards Boxworth) will need to be widened, meaning the loss of long established hedgerows.
- Rural areas where wind turbines have been built have been reclassified as industrial areas.
- The hole excavated for each wind turbine's foundation has a volume approximately equivalent to a 25m swimming pool. It will then be filled

with concrete, which will never be removed!

- Wind power does not replace power stations. It adds to the amount of electricity we could consume. If every household turned off the standby facility on their TV's and stereos we would save the output of two average power stations. This would be a far 'greener' solution than building these high-rise industrial units.
- Wind turbines built off shore can generate more power due to their size. Theoretically it would take 612 onshore wind turbines to replace a small power station, as opposed to 208 off shore. But remember, wind turbines will never fully replace power stations due to intermittent winds and the need to provide backup.
- Genuine CO2 savings are indeterminate because fossil-fuel fired power stations are needed as backup during windless periods.

## Next Meeting

We are now waiting for Your Energy to present their application to the planners. In the mean time, work will continue with our legal and environmental advisers and as mentioned earlier, we will be holding an exhibition, which will be advertised to a wider audience than just the local villages affected.

**The next StopCWF meeting is planned for 21<sup>st</sup> July and will be held in the Elsworth Pavilion at 7.30pm.**

At this meeting we will aim to update everyone on the present situation and ensure that new attendees to our meetings are fully aware of all of the issues behind this campaign.