

News Release

Consultation starts for windfarm in West Lindsey

A PLANNING application for a windfarm at Hemswell Cliff has been submitted to West Lindsey District Council. The application is for 10 turbines with a maximum height of 126.5 metres for each turbine.

It also includes:

- A permanent and temporary anemometer mast (Wind monitoring mast)
- Substation and control building
- Temporary construction compound
- Construction of underground electrical cabling
- New access tracks and upgrade of existing access tracks and site access points from the A15 and Middle Street for a period of 25 years.

This planning application is classed as a 'major' development and it is the first large scale proposal of this kind in the district. As a result the consultation deadline has been extended from 21 days to 35 days for residents and 42 days for Parish Councils.

West Lindsey District Council has sent 1200 consultation letters to residents and businesses within a 4km radius of the site.

Suzanne Fysh, Head of Service Developments and Neighbourhoods at the council said: "We have consulted more people than normal and extended the consultation period from 21 days to 35 days. This is to give as many people that will be affected by this proposal as possible to respond.

"However I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone only planning considerations can be taken into account and these are called 'material considerations'. We have put some advice on our website to help you before you submit your comments. "

Material Considerations include:

- Local Plan policies
- Government planning guidance

- Planning law and previous decisions
- Highways safety and traffic issues
- Noise, disturbance and smells
- Design, appearance and layout
- Conservation of historic buildings/ trees
- Residential amenities/Environmental Impact

Examples of issues that are not taken into consideration include:

- Matters covered by other laws (e.g alcohol licensing).
- Private property rights (e.g. boundary or access disputes)
- The applicant's morals or motives
- Suspected future development
- Loss of view or effect on value of property
- Personal position of applicant/objector.

For further details please visit:

The application and accompanying plans may be viewed online at www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/planning/.

If you do not have internet access you can view our website using the facilities at:

- Gainsborough, Guildhall, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough, tel: 01427 676676.
- Market Rasen Area Office, Festival Hall, Caistor Road, Market Rasen, tel: 01427 676676
- Lincoln Central Library, Freeschool Lane, Lincoln, tel: 012522 782010.

Please quote application reference number 128940 when submitting comments. All comments must be made by October 13 2012.

Comments can be made by email to: planning.customer.care@west-lindsey.gov.uk

Online at: www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/planning/

Or by letter (at the above addresses)

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