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Important Newsletter Information for Residents

Planning Application by Severn Trent Water for 2 x 132m (433ft) Wind Turbines at Burton Joyce.

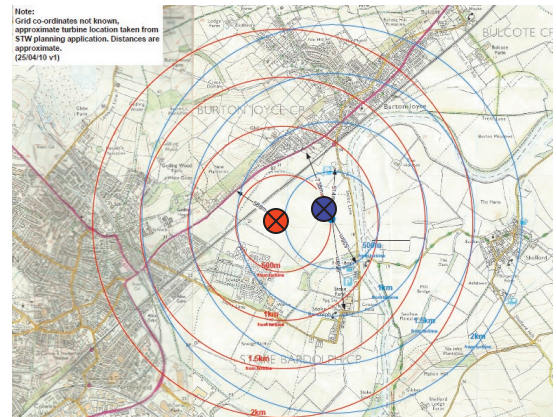
You should by now have received a letter from Gedling Borough Planning Dept ref: 2010/0289 informing you of Severn Trent Water's proposal to install 2 very large wind turbines in the fields next to Nottingham Road. Like many of the 3000 other households within a 2km radius you may not have been aware of the project or how it will impact on your lives.

Burton Joyce Parish Council has been aware of the impending planning application for several months and has set up a 30 person Wind Turbine Working Group to assess the original proposal which has now been revised to 2 x 132m turbines (equivalent to almost double the height of the Victoria Centre Flats at 75m). The Group reported back to the BJPC on Tuesday 4th May after reviewing the 1500 page application. Based on its recommendations, the BJPC has voted against the Planning Application. This newsletter and a series of items in the press will be published. There will also be two exhibitions in the centre of Burton Joyce to help inform our residents of the severe difficulties associated with having such large turbines so close to an urban built up area.

The BJPC, along with most of its residents, is acutely aware of the need for renewable energy. Nevertheless, any energy projects must have the benefits weighed against the impact to the communities they are built in. We believe the cost of the STW scheme to our village is too high. As an alternative, the BJPC has tasked a councillor to begin looking at a community power scheme using the weirs on the Trent. Hopefully, after reading our findings, you will agree and help us to stop the wind turbine development by objecting to GBC Planning Dept.

The 5 Key Objections

1 Noise. Turbines are known for emitting noise from the gearbox and the "whomp whomp" of the blades passing the tower—the closer one is to them the louder they are. The set back distance is of vital importance. Burton Joyce already has many noise complaints from residents about the STW works and the centrifuge fans that cause a whine throughout the night—these are heard as far away as the top of Lambley Lane and Criffin Road. Recent measure-



ments show these to be over 90 decibels and officially classed as a nuisance. The proposed turbines are 500m closer and will be 106 decibels—it would seem reasonable to expect a problem. The sound has been described as "a helicopter that never lands". Burton Joyce is fairly noisy during the day due to the roads and rail, so any noise would be masked. However, it gets very quiet at night—but the turbines do not.

Scotland has had turbines for longer and has changed to a 2000m set back to avoid such issues. We have houses at 580metres and hundreds plus at around 1000m or less.

How close is your house? Come and see at the Exhibition

CGI Artist Impressions

Larger views online at
www.burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk



View from Poplars Sports Ground



View from Maris Drive



View from Mid Nottingham, Road

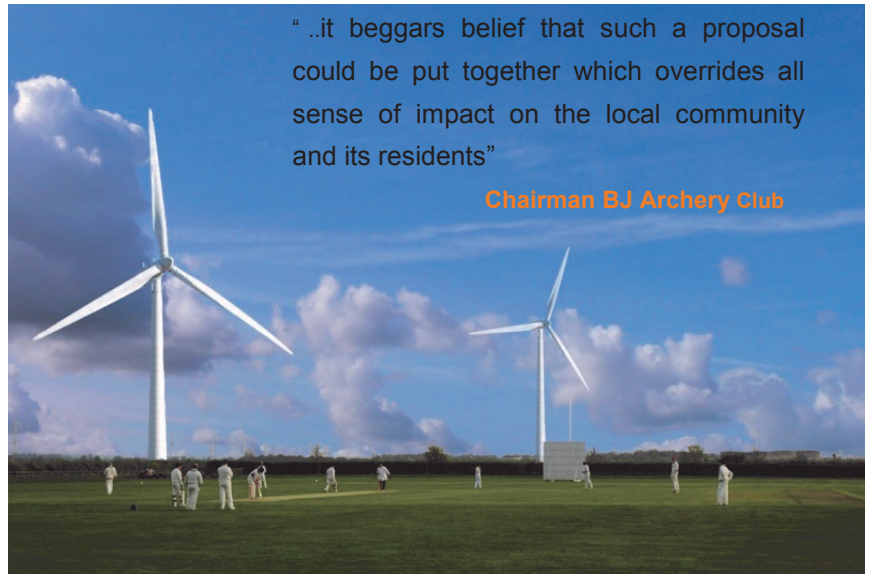


View from A612 junction

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2. Water Contamination. The land at Stoke Bardolph has been contaminated by 100 years of sewage/sludge dumping. Just 7 metres below the ground is an aquifer (sandstone rock, full of water) which provides us with a source of water. STW propose to sink piles 15 metres into this aquifer to support the turbines. Our BJPC Geologist has assessed that rain water could drain down the side of the foundations from the fields contaminating the water supply. The Working Group is in urgent discussion with the Environment Agency about this matter .



“..it beggars belief that such a proposal could be put together which overrides all sense of impact on the local community and its residents”

Chairman BJ Archery Club

**TOO BIG
TOO CLOSE
Campaign**

Wind Turbine Display—Carnarvon Rooms, BJ, opp. Co-Op **May 22th & 29th**
9am to 5pm. Visuals, Noise & Flicker Mapping. **How does it affect you?**

3 Shadow Flicker & Solar Flicker.

Particularly at the Poplars and properties on Nottingham Road opposite the Turbines. These houses cut into the hillside at the rear and have little light coming in and will be subjected to highly intrusive flicker at times as the blades rotate in front of the sun. The normal “mitigation” is to fit blinds. We do not think that this is acceptable. Millfield Close will also be affected depending on the time and seasons. The display will give examples from various house positions for residents to view.

4. Effect on the Poplars Sports Ground.

Wind turbine number 2 will be sited close to the Poplars, STW have stated in the application that it will be subjected to the most shadow flicker. The whirling distraction, flicker, nuisance and safety aspect particularly with the cricket, football and archery has led the Clubs to write to the BJPC that their use of the facilities may cease. This loss of revenue may affect the viability of the Poplars with the potential loss of this facility this may affect 18 junior and senior football teams, 5 cricket teams, Archery and Lawn Bowls plus regular community events

5. Visual Impact. These 433ft turbines can be seen from over 15 miles away. Built in a green belt they do not comply with current regional strategy. Taller than Big Ben and the London Eye these are the biggest turbines we have found on the UK mainland and also the closest to such a large number of people.

What Can you Do.....?

OBJECT

Write or email GBC Planning using our template and info supplied or your own More letters are available online .
www.burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk
or www.re-volt.org.uk
Submit objections no later than the end of May. Each individual resident can write an objection.

More Objection letters at the **Resident Villagers Oppose Local Turbines website**
<http://www.re-volt.org.uk/objection.html>

Did we mention...? Notts Wildlife Trust has objected to the scheme, or that the power generated by the turbines is sold to the National Grid & not used in the community for which STW receives large monetary subsidies.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme run by the BJPC and Safer Neighbourhood Police team are looking for street coordinators to help reduce crime by 10 fold on streets with an active scheme. No cloaks or lantern patrolling, mainly email exchanges and warnings for people on your street. Can you help protect your road? Meet 6.45pm Tuesday June 1st Carnarvon Rooms, Burton Joyce opp co-op

Other Village News

Bus Plug To Be Removed

NCC tell us that the Bus Plugs are to be removed in September. Replaced with 2 way traffic all hours, no HGVs, 20mph speed limit and cameras. Stoke Lane is to remain restricted. Some debate is still to go on about the finer details.

The Grove Open Space

Thanks to the 400+ people who turned out for the official reopening of the refitted Grove and Gala at the top of Willow Wong. The quiet park is ideal for picnics and has a conservation area, wild flower meadow, 18 bird and bat boxes together with a BJ Primary School education area, bird box and feeder webcams piped into the school.

Roberts Recreation Playground

Next to the Lord Nelson this well used BJPC park is due to start a £200k refit over the winter 2010 Plans will be drawn up including landscaping and new equipment to bring the park up to date ready for the next generation of active children.