

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make some comments regarding industrial wind power stations and their effects on the local community.

We have been under threat of an industrial wind power station for over three years now and it has caused tremendous bad feeling and subsequently has divided our community. The stresses and strains on residents are horrendous. We do not just worry about the potential destruction of our views, which are beautiful, but most importantly the noise and potential health effects and environmental damage we will possibly have to face.

We already have a wind power station in the next village and the disturbance to some residents is shocking. One of the residents lives 1300 metres from the turbines and I have taken the matter of her noise issues to the head office of the developers (in a different country), but after some correspondence they just refused to respond or do anything about it. Nothing has changed, despite my extensive efforts and supporting technical reports (Location, Location, Location) and it never will, because they only care about the money.

We are now facing the threat of twice as many turbines and having had the experience of a public consultation for this proposal, it is evident that this developer is no better. All that was evident was that the lies are fed to the innocent residents in the hope that there will be no opposition, so that the developer can destroy the area, collect the money and go elsewhere, never to be seen again, to do exactly the same! The electricity output is negligible and expensive and as wind turbines can never provide base load electricity, which is what is needed, the destruction is meaningless... The wind is intermittent and unpredictable and therefore requires back-up from traditional manageable power sources for when the wind is not blowing at the right speed. We may as well use those manageable power sources effectively by running those efficiently and do away with wind turbines. Turbines will NEVER have a meaningful impact on CO2 emissions, if these are actually the cause of the greater evil (i.e. the biggest threat), which I am sure they are not!

In the meantime, the residents live in the shadow of a threat which could impact their lives for at least 25 years and not for the better! Justice has gone out of the window and democracy is no longer desirable by those in charge. Lives are destroyed, people have to suffer noise issues, sleep deprivation, unhappiness and possible health issues for the benefit of a select few (developers, investors, manufacturers). This is so wrong and there is nowhere to go, because the same can happen there (as happened to a family around here)....

Please do not let this happen to your people, as nobody deserves what we have been put through...

Yours faithfully,

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