



THE PLANNING APPLICATION

SIEGE believes that Ridgewind may be applying for planning permission this Winter. This means that there will be a planning consultation taking place that enables people and organisations to make representations, a list of statutory bodies will also be consulted. The planning officer prepares a report and recommends approval or refusal of the application. Councillors on the planning committee will take a decision. If the decision is refused the developer has 6 months to take the matter to appeal and they can ask for a public enquiry. Beware – even if the local planning authority refuses permission a substantial number of refused applications have been reversed on appeal. One planning officer stated that: ‘the power of lobbying on issues like landscape and noise had a powerful impact on decision’, so writing to the planning officers at the appropriate time will be crucial. We are going to need everyone to write letters again but please wait until we ask you to do so.

LATEST NEWS

TURNCOLE FARM WIND FARM

A preliminary notification has been received by Maldon District Council that the developer Renewable Energy System Ltd. Intends to site a wind farm on Turncole Farm. The proposal is for 13 wind turbines, each 120m (400ft) high.

This particular site is situated a mile outside both Southminster and Burnham and extends North East to join the Middlewick farm site. (See map overleaf)

Turncole together with Middlewick gives a combined total of 29 turbines, which would be the largest grouping of turbines in England. Add Bradwell's 10 = 39 on the Dengie Peninsular!



TRANSPORTATION OF MAST SECTIONS, HOW WILL OUR ROADS COPE?

FACTS

- On-shore Wind Farms are inefficient, only producing 15% to 25% energy output, but they turn 80% of the time. (Eon report)
- To meet the Renewable energy target with Wind power, the entire coastline of the UK would need to be covered 2km in depth by wind turbines. (REF)
- The area covered in the sky from the turning blades on one turbine is the size of two football pitches. (REF)
- ‘Wind energy is only able to replace traditional power stations to a limited extent’. (Eon report)
- Traditional power stations with capacities equal to 90% of the installed wind capacity must be permanently on line to guarantee power supply at all times. (Eon report)

THE CURRENT SITUATION

- Environmental planning expert Geoff Sinclair has been working on the opposition case for our three local Wind Farm proposals.
- The SIEGE web site has been updated; Find out more information on the current situation, wind farm facts and reports from REF. You can also join our membership online.
- PROTEST DOES WORK. We can defeat these monstrous developments.



BLADES FOR A 70-METER TURBINE. OURS ARE 120 METERS!

Join SIEGE with no obligation, we need to register your support and objection to the proposals.

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