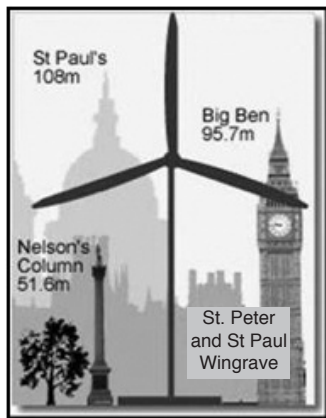


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**Wingrave
Wind Power station.
8 x 130m (400+ft) turbines**

**Register your
opposition today
Together we will win!**

Stop the Wingrave Wind Power Station

Did you know?

1. A Private Developer - RES is proposing to develop an industrial scale wind power station initially comprising 8 x 132m (over 400ft high) wind turbines 800m (less than half a mile) from Wingrave, Rowsham & Hulcott and has found land owners willing to lease them the land.
2. RES have already installed an anemometer to measure wind speed on the site.
3. RES will submit a formal planning application, which could be as soon as early autumn.
4. We will have a very short period (only 3 weeks) in which to object.
5. AVDC will consider the application and our objection.
6. If AVDC back the application and throw out our objection - there is **NOTHING** else we can do. We **CANNOT** appeal.
7. If they throw out the application and back our objection - RES **CAN** appeal - and then we are in it for the long haul, fighting their appeal.

**Therefore we only have
1 opportunity to object!**



A formal action group, Wingrave, Rowsham Hulcott Against the Power Station (WRHAPS) has been set up to fight the proposed planning application from RES.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO STOP THIS?

1. Register your opposition by completing the objection form
2. Hand it to a member of the action group or drop off at village shop or the Rose and Crown

The wind power station is **NOT** a "done deal" - we have the opportunity to oppose it - but we need everyone's support - so please register your objection **NOW**.

Why should I be concerned? Key facts to consider:

1. Permanent blight on the landscape.

These eight turbines would completely dominate the whole valley and would tower over Wingrave, Rowsham and Hulcott and be visible across much of Aylesbury Vale and the Chiltern Hills across 4 counties. Each turbine would be twice the height of the County Council building in Aylesbury. This building already dominates the skyline and it is miles away. **Imagine what these turbines would be like which are twice the height and only 800 metres away – less than half a mile.** Other countries, including Scotland, insist that turbines are no closer than 2km from any dwelling due to noise, flicker, visual impact etc

2. Impact on house prices – 20% immediate drop is typical, and selling your house puts you “in limbo” for years. Houses affected by HS2 have fallen overnight by 30%.

3. Impact on health – permanent and constant low level noise, “thud”, flicker affect etc. These factors will be accentuated by siting south west of Wingrave as the prevailing winds will carry the noise across the village and the sun will set behind the blades of the turbines.

4. Ten conservation areas overlook the site which would have a huge negative impact on the environment, be devastating to local wildlife and destroy an area of natural beauty. It would also impact footpaths and recreation.

5. Light pollution at night because of beacons on top of each turbine

6. The average wind speed in the proposed site is only about 5 m/s which is why only the largest turbines are viable. **There are far windier places in the UK** where turbines of this size could generate far more electricity, or where smaller less intrusive turbines could be used.

7. This will be one of the largest onshore wind power stations in England & Wales. The site will require massive underground foundations for each turbine, a sizeable sub-station and a major access road from the busy A418 which would be very close to Rowsham – in other words - this would represent an **INDUSTRIAL scale development**. Further development could follow.

8. There are far more appropriate brownfield sites e.g. landfill sites, quarries which could be much further away from so many residents. This site will not just affect the residents of Wingrave, Rowsham and Hulcott, it will have a negative impact on many other local villages and will be visible across much of Aylesbury Vale and the Chiltern Hills. If this site is approved, it is far more likely that developers will seek permission to build more turbines on other sites in Aylesbury Vale

Summary:

This site is completely unsuitable for such a large scale wind Power Station and it would have a huge detrimental impact on environment, health, house prices, wild life, aesthetics and village life as we know it.

Frequently asked questions:

- Q. *I live at the far side of the village - so won't see or hear them – I don't think it would affect me?*
- A. **(1) Your house price would be affected** as Aylesbury Vale as a whole would become an undesirable place to live in and villages closer to the Turbines, i.e. Wingrave Rowsham and Hulcott would be affected more than the average – possibly an overnight drop of 30%
- (2)** Linked to the fall in house prices and lack of desire for people to move to the area, you could have **your house on the market for years before it sells.**
- (3) We are fighting this as a community** – and the impact on the villages as a whole – not as individuals.
- (4)** The turbines are going to be **4 times** the height of the church tower in Wingrave – over 400ft high - so don't think you definitely won't see them.
- (5)** The noise will travel, especially at night...think of aircraft noise and these would be much closer. No-one has ever tested the wind noise when the blades are at village height – normal wind turbines are on hills so the real whishing noise of the wind cannot be heard so clearly
- Q. *Surely we should be encouraging new sources of sustainable energy?*
- A. **Absolutely**, and the committee is **looking into viable sustainable energy alternative options** for the area that won't negatively impact health, environment and aesthetics, and will report back to the community when the research is completed.
- Q. *Won't we get free or cheap energy if the turbines are on our doorstep.*
- A. **No – not at all.** This is a private business not a community or government initiative
- Q. *I love the fact that red kites, one of the most beautiful birds of prey are breeding in the area – will they really be affected?*
- A. **Almost certainly.** A school recently de-commissioned its wind turbine because the blades were **killing seagulls**. Kites in Wales have also been reported injured or killed due to wind turbine blades
- Q. *There are so many good reasons why the Wind Power Station shouldn't be sited here, do we really need to campaign?*
- A. **Absolutely YES** – we **MUST** campaign. **We cannot be complacent about this.** There are many reasons why Wind Power Station applications fail - and they depend on local circumstances - there isn't a "one size fits all". Some have been rejected on the grounds alone of overwhelming local objection – which is why **it so important for you to register your opposition.**
- Q. *Do we have support from our MP?*
- A. Yes – John Bercow has already signed the opposition petition.

Web site with more detailed information coming soon