

A Planning Officer's View of the Wind Industry

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- **5 Planning Applications Received 2001-4**
- **Total of 29 Wind Turbines**
- **6 Individual Wind Farm**
- **Fen Landscape Suitable**
 - **Lower Landscape Designation**
 - **Man Made**

- **4/5 of Applications Recommended for Approval**
- **Single Turbine recommended for Refusal**

- **All Approved by Planning Committee 2002-4**

Precautionary in Approach

- **Traffic Routing**
- **Constructing Details**
- **Positioning**
- **Wildlife Monitoring**

- **No missing conditions**

- **Initially viewed as compensation**
- **Community Contribution (Compensation)**
- **Access Contribution (Compensation)**
- **Climate Change Study (?)**
- **Environmental Education (ENERGY WORKS)**
- **Bond for Decommissioning**

- **Fenland publicising its green credentials**
- **Claims that enough energy for Fenland's residents**
- **Decision whether to be "net exporter"**
- **Sub-Regional targets (Fenland's high contribution)**

- **Still doubters of climate change**
- **Doubts as to whether turbines actually work**
- **Fenland has done enough**
- **What about the over districts**

- **Too pre-occupied with numbers**

- **PPS22 Dictatorial Stance (very clear)**
- **EIA issues all covered**
- **Address the myths (shadow flicker, noise, wildlife carnage, TVs, Ice throw etc.)**
- **Aviation issues (what is behind this)**

- **Which leaves landscape**

- **Application for extensions to clusters**
- **Stock Take Study 2008**
 - **Undesignated Landscape**
 - **Cumulative Impact**
 - **Future Capacity**
- **Study was evidence base for latest applications**
- **Further evidence for future applications**
- **Developing Policy (Autumn 08)**

Thank You...

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