

## Press Release

**Date: Tuesday 11 March 2008**  
**Subject: Cotton Wind Farm goes on show**

**Plans for a wind farm at Cotton Farm, a former airfield between Graveley, Offord D'Arcy, Toseland and Great Paxton, were presented to local residents over the weekend.**

More than 650 people attended a public exhibition organised by the project developer npower renewables.

Residents living in the vicinity of the proposed Cotton Wind Farm were shown photomontages of how the scheme could look, and staff were on hand to answer any questions about the proposal which could comprise up to eight wind turbines.

Before the public exhibition opened, local parish councillors attended a presentation from npower renewables during Saturday morning followed by a question and answer session about the scheme.

Kim Gauld-Clark, Project Developer for the Cotton Wind Farm proposal, said:

“npower renewables is committed to providing information to, and consulting with, local residents in the vicinity of the proposed wind farm.

“As part of this on-going process we held the public exhibition over the weekend where people had the opportunity to ask questions, raise issues and voice any concerns they have about the proposal.

“npower renewables staff were on hand to speak to people at the exhibition where information about the proposed transport routes to the site, noise assessment work and ecology surveys was explained, along with photomontages representing how the wind farm could look.

“Our intention is to submit a planning application to Huntingdonshire District Council in spring 2008, which will be rigorously assessed by the Council in the usual way, including consulting with nearby residents.”

A wind farm of this size, taking into account fluctuations in wind speed, could produce enough green electricity to meet the average annual needs of between 6,900 and 10,000 homes each year<sup>3</sup>.

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### **Editor's notes**

1. npower renewables is one of the UK's leading renewable energy developers and operators, committed to developing and operating wind farms and hydro plant to produce sustainable and environmentally-friendly electricity. The company operates 16 hydroelectric power schemes and 19 wind farms in the UK, including the country's first major offshore wind farm, North Hoyle. npower renewables is also working with marine energy technology partners to deliver new wave and tidal stream power projects in the UK. npower renewables is a fully owned subsidiary of RWE Innogy, and sister company to RWE npower, a leading integrated UK energy company, whose activities include the co-firing of biomass and the implementation of a major energy efficiency programme.

Utilising natural resources provides significant sources of power for the UK's present and future electricity needs. As Government policy drives the UK towards a target of supplying 10% of electricity from renewables by 2010, and 15% by 2015, we will be at the forefront of realising these aims. Through our existing projects, and those in development, we are working in close partnership with communities and companies around the UK.

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2. The public exhibition was held over two days at Offord Cluny Village Hall on Saturday 8 March and Sunday 9 March 2008.

3. Expected generation and equivalent homes figures take into account fluctuations in wind speed, including periods when the wind speeds are too low or too high for the turbines to generate electricity.