

Press Release

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Subject: **New Layout for Wind Farm**

The proposed wind farm at Nun Wood, between the villages of Bozeat, Harrold and Lavendon, is to have a new layout.

The changes to the wind farm design follow extensive consultation both before, and during, the planning application process for the proposed site which straddles three local authority boundaries.

The site boundary will remain unchanged, however the number of wind turbines is likely to be reduced from 16 to 12.

This is following feedback from planning consultation, including further advice from consultees.

Cath Stevenson, Regional Development Manager for npower renewables, said,

“npower renewables takes consultation responses seriously to ensure that our wind farms are sensitively designed taking into account local factors.

“Nun Wood is an excellent site for a wind farm and has the potential to make an important contribution towards regional and national renewable energy targets.

“The revised proposal would provide enough clean renewable electricity for thousands of homes each year, helping the UK in our challenge to take action on climate change.

“There is more work to be done on finalising the details of the revised wind farm proposal and this will be completed over the coming months.”

In order to make changes to the original proposal, the existing planning application will be withdrawn and a new one resubmitted once all the relevant environmental work has been completed.

The new site layout means that some environmental studies will be updated, including landscape and visual impact, cultural heritage and archaeological assessments.

npower renewables will be keeping local residents informed of progress as it happens, and continues to welcome comments on the proposals as they develop, from all interested parties.

Cath added:

“Nun Wood is a good site for a wind farm because it’s on a local ridge and we know from monitoring that it is a windy site.

“There is no need for overhead cabling and the turbines will be a good distance from local homes and villages.”

npower renewables anticipates submitting a revised planning application to Borough Council of Wellingborough by late summer 2008.

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Editor’s notes

1. npower renewables anticipates that the revised proposal will be for Bedford Borough Council to have six turbines within its area of jurisdiction (previously seven), Borough Council of Wellingborough three turbines (previously six) and Milton Keynes Council three turbines (as previously). Borough Council of Wellingborough is the lead authority for the planning application.

2. 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. Through our existing projects and those in development, we are working in close partnership with communities and companies throughout the UK. 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 this aim.



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