

Press Release

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Title: LANDMARK WIND FARM TAKES SHAPE

Little Cheyne Court wind farm is set to reach a major milestone with the construction of the first of its 26 turbines in mid June.

Components for the wind turbines, which will be 115 metres high (including blades), will be brought in by road. Deliveries, which will also include a large transformer, are scheduled to begin in early June and will be managed in consultation with the police and local authorities to minimise disruption to local traffic.

Once fully up and running, the wind farm, which is being developed by npower renewables¹ on Romney Marsh near the Kent/Sussex border, will generate enough clean electricity to meet the average annual needs of some 33,300² homes – equivalent to about three quarters of the homes in the Shepway District Council area.

“We are very excited to be reaching this landmark in the development of what will be the most powerful onshore wind farm in south east England,” said npower renewables Project Manager Martin Kelly. “Little Cheyne Court is a flagship project that will make a valuable contribution towards helping the south east meet its renewable energy targets.

“And by preventing the release of thousands of tonnes of carbon dioxide every year, the wind farm helps in the battle against climate change.

“The coming months will see significant activity at Little Cheyne Court and inevitably there will be some disruption on the routes used by the delivery vehicles, for which I apologise in advance. However, we will be doing all we can to minimise the inconvenience caused and to provide the local community with details of when deliveries will be taking place.

“If people do experience problems then I would urge them to contact us so that we can see if there is anything we can do to stop them happening again.”

The deliveries will come from Junction 10 of the M20, down the A2070 and along the A259 to the site entrance. The erection of the turbines follows some eight months of preparatory work on site. All turbines are expected to be assembled by the autumn with the wind farm fully operational early next year.

Further information about Little Cheyne Court can be found at www.npower-renewables.com/littlecheynecourt. To get in touch with npower renewables, please call the community phone line on 08000 193243, or email lcc@npower-renewables.com.

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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. 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.

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.

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2. Energy predicted to be generated by the proposal is derived using wind speeds monitored in the local area and correlating to a Met. Office station providing longer term data. This enables a calculation to be made to estimate the average annual energy production for the site based on 26 turbines each of rated capacity 2.3MW. The energy capture predicted and hence derived homes equivalent or emissions savings figures may change as further data are gathered.

Equivalent homes supplied is based on an annual electricity consumption per home of 4,700 kWh, which is derived from a total UK domestic electricity consumption of 117.589 terawatt-hours (TWh) (The Digest of UK Energy Statistics 2005) and 25.2 million UK households (Mid-year Household Estimates published in 2004 by the Office for National Statistics).