

Press Release

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Subject: Hampole Wind Farm Planning Application Submitted

A planning application for a wind farm on land to the west of the A1, south-east of Hampole has been submitted by npower renewables.

The application comes following a wide range of assessments of the site's suitability for a wind farm and consultation with local people.

The proposed wind farm comprises five wind turbines (up to 125 metres to the tip) and it is anticipated that these would produce enough renewable electricity to meet the average annual electricity needs of between 4,800 and 7,300 homes ¹.

To ensure local residents are fully informed about the application, npower renewables has produced an information leaflet, which will be delivered to local homes close to the proposed wind farm site, providing more details about the planning application.

The planning application is supported by a range of environmental studies, covering all aspects of the proposal, from noise levels to wildlife.

Joanna Thompson, Senior Renewables Developer at npower renewables said: “Meeting UK targets for renewable energy is a huge challenge and onshore wind farms, such as the one proposed at Hampole, are a vital part of the ongoing effort to tackle climate change.

“A public exhibition was hosted by npower renewables at Brodsworth in October 2007 to inform local people about the proposal and to discuss their views and ideas about the project.”

“The response we had to our exhibition was encouraging and we feel that we have designed a wind farm that is appropriate for the area in terms of the location, number and size of the turbines.”

“It is now up to Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council in partnership with the relevant consultees to consider our application and make a decision about the wind farm.”

Copies of the planning application and the accompanying Environmental Statement, will be available for public viewing and reference at Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council planning offices and Woodlands Library. A non-technical summary of the Environmental Statement will also be available on npower renewables’ website along with other information about the Hampole Wind Farm proposal at www.npower-renewables.com/hampole

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Editor's notes

1. The annual generation expected at the site would be equivalent to the approximate domestic needs of an estimated range of 4,800 to 7,300 average UK households.

Energy predicted to be generated by the proposal has been calculated using an assumed capacity factor of 26% (DTI Energy Trends UK regional capacity factors 1998-2004), and is based on an installed capacity of between 10 and 15MW. The energy capture predicted and hence derived homes equivalent or emissions savings figures may change as site specific information is gathered.

Equivalent homes supplied is based on an annual electricity consumption per home of 4700 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).

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 17 hydroelectric power projects 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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