



Press release

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‘Promises’ raise thousands for fighting wind farm proposals

A local action group has raised just over £7,000 by organising an ‘Auction of Promises’ to help fight proposals for a wind power plant at Heydon Grange.

The auction was organised by the ‘Stop Heydon Grange Wind Farm’ action group, and it was an auction of ‘promises’ all donated by local people. The promises that people were bidding on ranged from the every day - including lawn mowing and cake making - to the more unusual - including an archaeological dig in the winning bidder’s own back garden and guest list spaces to a range of gigs in London.

All funds raised will go towards fighting plans for a large wind power plant development recently proposed at Heydon Grange. Plans submitted by the developers show proposals for eight wind turbines to the north of Heydon and Chrishall villages. If the plans do go ahead, it is feared that Elmdon will also be affected as the wind turbines will be 126.5 metres high - nearly as tall as the London Eye - and turbines of this height can have negative impacts on habitations as far as 10 kilometres away.

The ‘Stop Heydon Grange Action Group’ is made up of local people from the area and was formed in April this year to oppose the proposals, which they fear will have a devastating effect on the local countryside and surrounding communities.

Alex Duffus, Chairman of the Action Group, said: “This was a really fantastic evening and we are all delighted that we managed to raise so much. I would like to say a big thank you to all the people who made such generous bids, and to all the people who donated promises - as the hard work now begins for them!

“However, despite the fact that we have raised so much, we still have a long way to go. I would urge everyone to continue to give as generously as they can in their donations, as we are now dependent on raising awareness amongst the residents of other villages in the

area, for example Barley and Elmdon, who were under-represented on the night but who will be very hard-hit by the development. The proposals for the wind power plant could have a disastrous effect on our local community, and if they go ahead will affect everyone for miles around.”

To make a donation, or to find out more about the wind farm proposals, go to www.stopheydonwindfarm.com

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About the Stop Heydon Grange Wind Farm action group

The Heydon Grange Action Group is made up of residents from Heydon and many of its surrounding villages. They are pro sustainable energy, but believe that infrastructure on such a large and industrial scale needs to be sited appropriately if the unique character of the local countryside is to be preserved.

Their purpose as an action group is to provide information to other local residents about the proposals, and to ensure that the local environment and heritage of the area are protected.

The aims of the group are to:

- maintain the natural beauty of the area;
- protect the quality of life for residents;
- protect several famous and unique views in Cambridgeshire;
- protect the unique heritage of the area, and;
- oppose this development, the scale of which we believe to be unsuitable to the surrounding area.

Members all volunteer their time to try and ensure that the area they live in, some for many years, is protected.

To find out more, go to www.stopheydonwindfarm.com