



# Press release

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## Residents' anger over newsletter that they say is full of wind

*10/12/2010 South Cambridgeshire, England* – Local residents in south Cambridgeshire are angry about a newsletter received from German developer Volkswind, which they say is confusing and full of misleading information about a large wind power plant proposed at Heydon Grange.

Volkswind is proposing to build a huge wind power plant consisting of between 8 to 11 massive wind turbines just outside the picturesque and unspoilt South Cambridgeshire village of Heydon. The proposed turbines will be some of the largest in the country at 126.5 metres (415ft) high; almost as tall as the London Eye, 25 per cent taller than the radio mast at RAF Barkway and twice the height of Ely Cathedral's tower.

Volkswind recently sent round a newsletter to local residents in Heydon detailing the proposals, which has angered residents because they say the newsletter is confusing and misleading. Heydon residents also fear that people in other villages have not been sent the information, even though they will be just as affected as those who live nearer to the proposed wind turbines.

Alex Duffus, Chairman of the Stop Heydon Wind Farm Action Group, said: "This is the first communication we have received directly from Volkswind about the proposals and I was deeply shocked by what I saw. The plans that they show in their newsletter detail proposals that would see the countryside ruined by massive industrial wind turbines that are completely out of keeping with the surroundings. The proposals also show an ancient track and bridleway being used as an access road for massive lorries, and, as the proposals stand, the turbines may be built in an area that could see our local wildlife destroyed. Volkswind also do not appear to know how many wind turbines they are proposing to build, which is ridiculous considering the impact this is going to have on people's lives. We have a right to know what they are planning, in clear and concise terms,

so we can make an informed opinion on the proposals.

“As well as all this, we cannot be certain that they have communicated with residents in other villages, who will be just as affected as residents in Heydon. We all feel that the way Volkswind have approached this is completely unacceptable.”

The timescales for the project are not known, but a Planning Application could be submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council in early 2011, with a decision following four months later. The Stop Heydon Grange Wind Farm Action Group was established early this year to fight the proposals from Volkswind. Local residents believe that the wind power plant proposal is not eco-conscious, but simply a project to make huge amounts of money from Government subsidies.

To make a donation to the Action Group to help fight the proposals, or to find out more about the wind power plant, go to [www.stopheydonwindfarm.com](http://www.stopheydonwindfarm.com)

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### **Notes to Editors:**

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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 are 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](http://www.stopheydonwindfarm.com)