

# A Fowlmere view of Heydon Grange wind farm

If you think that Heydon wind farm doesn't affect you if you live in Fowlmere, you may be in for a shock. The map shows the uninterrupted view much of Fowlmere will have across the gently rising gradient to the fields behind Heydon Grange. The fields on either side of Fowlmere Road south of the A505 as it rises to Heydon are earmarked for Volkswind's desired development of between six and 11 wind turbines.

From the south of Fowlmere the land rises just 35 or so metres to the site. The red balloon in the picture shows the height of the turbines and the Fowlmere airfield and hangar are clearly visible in the background.

*Valid grounds that you may wish to consider for your letter include:*

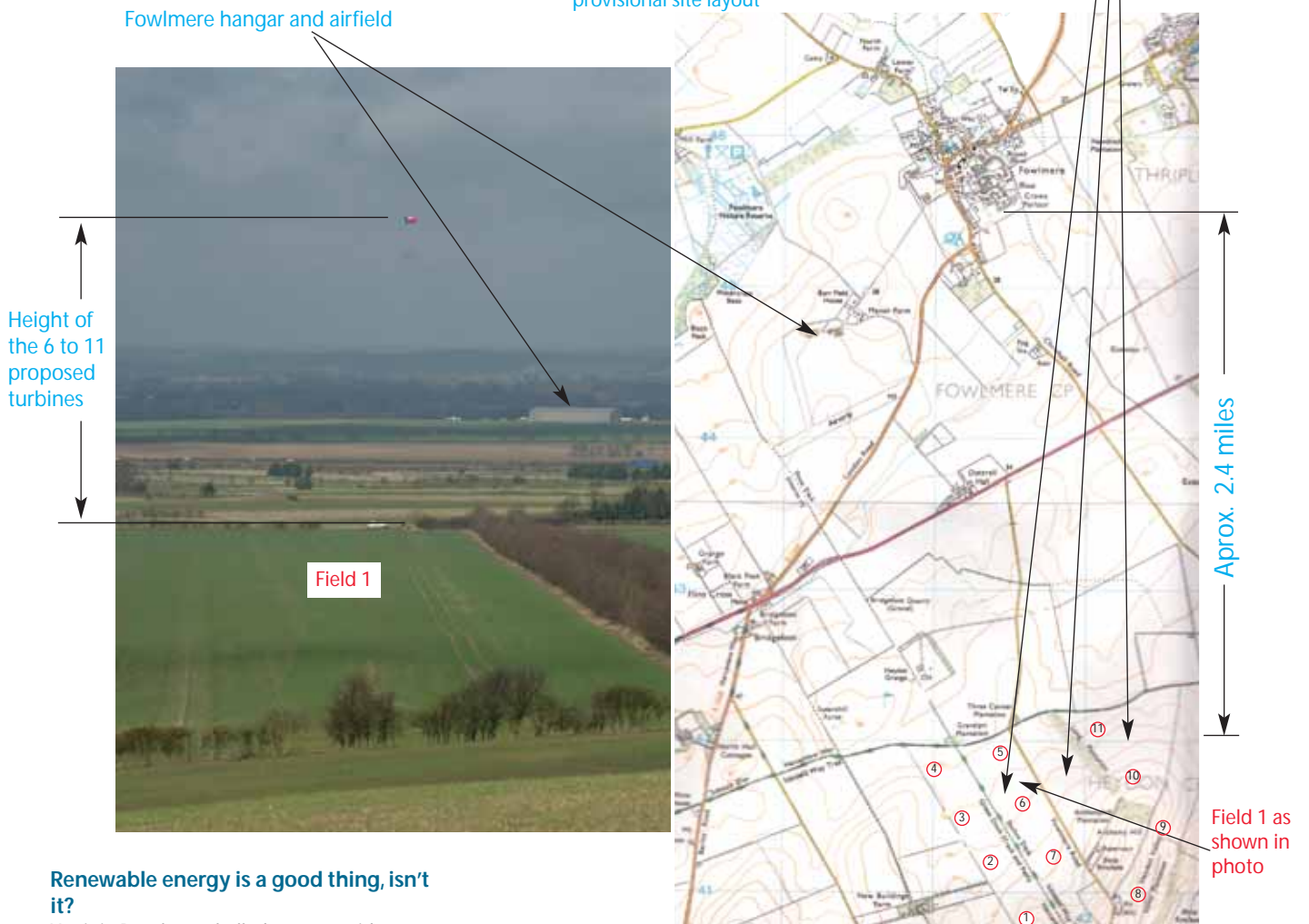
- Affect on the beauty of the landscape and visual amenities
- Disruption to wild life, flora and birds
- Noise – low frequency noise can travel long distances and be felt as a vibration
- Flickering light
- Impact of no fly zone on Duxford airshows and local economy

## When is the right time to write?

If and when an application is made then the consultation begins and all relevant bodies are notified – so keep an eye on Parish Council notices. Bodies like the RSPB and Natural England are canvassed as a matter of course. There will be a three week consultation period which is the optimum time to write to the planning department and your councillors with any reservations or objections you have.

11 Proposed position of turbines taken from Volkswind's provisional site layout

Fields allocated for turbine location have a clear view from Fowlmere, Thriplow and beyond.



## Renewable energy is a good thing, isn't it?

Yes it is. But these chalk downs provide a beautiful view of South Cambridgeshire and one could argue that there are many more appropriate and windier sites for such farms.

## If you are concerned what can you do?

At the moment SCDC has been asked to provide a scoping assessment of the requirements that the developers would need to submit should they wish to make an application. These include factors impacting the environment. Campaigns like Stop Heydon Grange Wind Farm are important, but what planners, parish and district councillors really take notice of is individuals writing to make their own views known.

## Planning outcomes

The planners are likely to find insufficient grounds to refuse any application outright should it be made. But it is also highly likely that the final decision will be made by council representatives in committee. Hence it is very important for concerned residents to make their views known by letter to their locally elected members.

Citizens do have power and can make a difference, but you do need to make your views known – whether you are in favour or against this wind farm

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