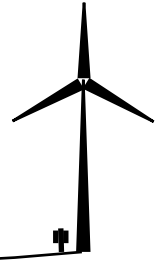


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The application gets nearer Photomontages being produced this month

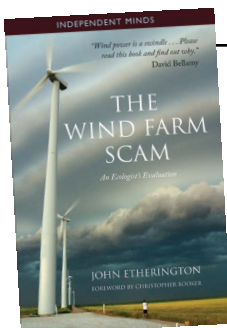


A landscape consultant, hired by Arcus and Bolsterstone, the two companies project managing the proposed Dunsland Cross Wind Farm, will be working in the area in the week beginning 17th October. The consultant will be visiting selected households and viewpoints with a brief to assess the visual impact of the 3 x 105 metres tall turbines. Photographs will be taken from which photomontages showing the turbines, access tracks, permanent lattice anemometer and control building will be produced. They will be similar to the one shown above, which shows the view eastwards across the site from the gateway near Fernlea Farm.

The photomontages will feature in the documents submitted to Torridge District Council (TDC) and on display boards at any public exhibition held as part of the consultation exercise for this project.

The temporary anemometer has now been on-site for just over 12 months, meaning that the applicant will be able to supply the wind readings to TDC as required by the TDC Wind Energy Policy. This will allow the council to verify or challenge any claims made in respect of the equivalent number of homes which could be supplied with electricity from the turbines, enabling officers to evaluate properly the adverse impacts of the scheme against any benefits it may have.

No date has yet been announced for the public exhibition. If it were to be held in November, by the time the feedback has been incorporated into the application documents, the earliest the application could be submitted to TDC would be December. D.T.O.G. will keep you posted.



Read 'The Wind Farm Scam'
by Dr. John Etherington
to find out the truth about wind farms.
ISBN 1905299834. Published by Stacey International.
Paperback. Price £9.99 (£6.82 from Amazon).

Torridge District Council besieged by wind turbine applications

When TDC Planning Committee rejected the previous Dunsland Cross Wind Farm application in 2009 there were only two wind farm proposals on the table, Dunsland Cross and Chilla Moor, in addition to the three schemes already operational or approved at Forestmoor, Darracott and Galsworthy. The Chilla Moor scheme was withdrawn shortly after the Dunsland Cross decision.

Now there are 38 single turbine and 13 multiple turbine enquiries or applications in the TDC system. Of these 51 schemes, 6 are operational, 7 others have been granted permission, 8 have been refused, 8 have been temporarily withdrawn, 16 are still at the preliminary enquiry stage (asking TDC how detailed the application needs to be) and 6 are awaiting a decision by the planning officers or committee members.

The schemes nearest Dunsland Cross are as follows:

Location	Turbines	Height	Status
Yellowland Farm, Holsworthy Beacon	1	20 m	Permitted
Gearns Farm, Holsworthy Beacon	1	34 m	Permitted
Gearns Farm, Holsworthy Beacon	1	77 m	Preliminary Enquiry
Greylands Farm, Holsworthy Beacon	1	34 m	Refused/Appealing
North Arscott Farm, Holsworthy Beacon	1	34 m	Refused
Vaglefield Farm, Holsworthy Beacon	1	?	Preliminary Enquiry
Worden Farm, Milton Damerel	1	34 m	Refused
Gidcott Farm, Milton Damerel	1	34 m	Withdrawn
Durpley Farm, Stibb Cross	1	79 m	Preliminary Enquiry
Galsworthy Farm, Stibb Cross	4	100 m	Construction imminent
Shebbear College	1	46 m	Preliminary Enquiry
Battledown Farm, Shebbear	1	83 m	Preliminary Enquiry
Alscott Farm, Shebbear	2	100 m?	Preliminary Enquiry
Henscott Farm, Bradford	1	34 m	Withdrawn
Glebe Farm, Hollocombe	1	61 m	Preliminary Enquiry
Swingate Farm, Clawton	1	24 m	Preliminary Enquiry
Dunsland Cross Wind Farm	3	105 m	Application Soon

In addition, West Devon BC has an enquiry for a single 79 m turbine just south of Halwill Junction.

NOISE COMPLAINTS ALREADY AT FULLABROOK AND DARRACOTT

The twenty-two 105 m tall turbines at Fullabrook Down, north of Barnstaple, are still only being tested but already the noise complaints have started arriving at North Devon Council. The council says that the complaints cannot be investigated until the wind farm is fully operational. The plight of Nick Williams and other residents can be read at:

<http://www.thisisnorthdevon.co.uk/Turbine-noise-destroying-lives/story-13380064-detail/story.html>

The three 81 m turbines at Darracott created a noise nuisance for Arthur and Patricia Poulton as soon as they started operating earlier this year. They cannot sleep at night and have complained to TDC. Read their sad story at:

http://www.northdevongazette.co.uk/news/our_sleepless_nights_with_the_wind_turbines_1_914875

Both of the developers claimed there would be no unacceptable noise nuisance from these turbines.

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Cheques should be made payable to 'Dunsland Turbines Opposition Group'. Thank you.