



FELDON RESIDENTS AGAINST WIND TURBINES (FRAWT)

Stop the Wind Turbine Development near Burton Dassett Hills

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Local Community Angrily Rejects Application to erect 5 400 ft Wind Turbines beside Burton Dassett Hills

“Massive wind turbines overlooked by the Burton Dassett Hills is not what we want, declared VERY angry residents as they left Broadview Energy’s exhibition in Knightcote”.

Feelings ran high, as some 100 people from the local communities, alongside parish and district councillors, expressed their outrage at Broadview’s plans to erect five monstrous wind turbines 125 metres (400 feet) high, in full view of Burton Dassett Country Park and its 65,000 annual visitors.

“Attendees signing our exit poll showed there was a 100% ‘NO’ vote, and the figures speak for themselves”, said the FRAWT spokesperson “no matter how much Broadview try to challenge and ignore the tidal wave of local opinion, the message is clear: our communities do not want wind turbines here”.

With rising fuel bills, the limited energy produced would be overwhelmingly outweighed by the far reaching and detrimental effects turbines would have at this environmentally sensitive location”, said a FRAWT spokesperson.

He added: “Broadview have brazenly offered to take residents to see their Low Spinney site in Leicestershire. How can this be helpful to the community when the site is not remotely comparable to the proposed Burton Dassett development: it is not overlooking a public park, and it does not have numerous houses within 900 metres?”

“The developer confusingly claims that the industrial turbines have the *potential* to generate enough electricity to meet the annual needs of 4,788 households. How is this possible to substantiate, given that the wind is intermittent, the electricity cannot be stored and our homes need a constant, steady supply of energy”?

FRAWT is appealing to planners, local and national Government to support local communities in rejecting this development. The location is inappropriate; the developer plans to vandalize the rural landscape, threaten wildlife and at a cost that we’ll all be paying for on our energy bills, for years to come.

This development is wrong and must be stopped!

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NOTES TO EDITORS

FRAWT is a local community campaign group formed from the villages of Bishops Itchington, Harbury, Fenny Compton, Gaydon, Knightcote, Northend and Temple Herdewycke.

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