

# PRESS RELEASE

## STOP DAVIDSTOW WINDFARM ALLIANCE

### DAVIDSTOW – A WINDFARM TOO FAR!

Groups and individuals who objected to the development by Community Windpower of a Windfarm at Davidstow, near Camelford, in Cornwall, have formed an Alliance to better present their case against this proposal at the forthcoming Planning Inquiry, now scheduled to start in early August 2011.

The groups involved in this Alliance, the SDWA, are

- Campaign to Protect Rural England, CPRE Cornwall
- Stop Turbines in North Cornwall, STINC
- Camel Valley and Bodmin Moor Protection Society
- Group Against Windfarm Proliferation.
- Cornwall Windfarm Action Alliance

**The Stop Davidstow Windfarm Alliance has been granted “Rule 6 Status” by the Planning Inspectorate.** This means the SDWA will appear at the Planning Inquiry, alongside Community Windpower, the developer, and Cornwall Council, the Local Planning Authority, as an equal participant to present the case against constructing these, **20, 126.5m (415 ft) high, industrial wind turbines in close proximity to the iconic Cornish landmarks of Rough Tor and Brown Willy on Bodmin Moor. These turbines will be highly visible from Bodmin Moor and from many views along the AONB North Cornwall Heritage Coastline, including Pentire Point and around Tintagel.**

The SDWA supports the need to develop sources of renewable energy that will replace conventional power stations. The SDWA also supports the requirement contained within government planning

Policy and planning guidance to fully quantify the environmental impact of renewable energy developments.

The SDWA knows the adverse impacts of this proposed windfarm on all aspects of the environment totally outweigh its claimed benefits. It is hugely ironic that as we try to unpick the legacy of the industrial revolution some of the few remaining wild places in the West Country should come under such a threat.

**TO PUT IT SIMPLY. THIS IS A WINDFARM IN THE WRONG PLACE.**

The SDWA will be publicising our case and asking people and organisations locally and nationally to take a stance against commercial interests in favour of protecting our natural heritage for future generations. We will invite all those groups and individuals who share our concerns to join with us and support our opposition. Please write to the **Planning Inspectorate, BRISTOL, BS1 6PN**, quoting reference APP/D0840/A/11/2145527/NFW.

It is unfortunately the case that appearing at a Planning Inquiry costs money and an immediate task is to gather sufficient funds to ensure the SDWA can present the expert opinion necessary to support our case. We are actively looking for volunteers to drive our fundraising campaign and welcome any offers of support.

**If you wish to contribute funds to SDWA please send contributions, cheques to “Stop Davidstow Windfarm Alliance” or “SDWA”, at**

**C/o SANCREED, ST. CLEATHER, LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL PL15 8PU**

**For further discussion of the issues or information about how you can help the SDWA, please contact the Chair of SDWA.**

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