



SADBERGE PARISH PLAN



COMMENTS FROM THE RESPONSES TO THE WIND FARMS QUESTIONNAIRE

Comments from people whose response was "Accept"

- Not as many as proposed. We should not be surrounded.
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- We should work actively with the developers to ensure the schemes benefit the village in the long term. I would welcome the opportunity to invest as a co-op member.
- Although I am not for wind farms, if we have little choice in the matter I would not oppose the construction as long as there are certain conditions.
- We need to reduce greenhouse gases and we should support wind farms. "Not for us" is not an option. We must accept these changes in our energy provision even though we do not like the idea of wind farms in our countryside.
- subject to appropriate conditions regarding noise, aircraft safety, etc. and provided that the wind turbines are at least 1 km from Sadberge.
- and include restrictions on it.
- in order to do our part to safeguard future generations, but should strive with all power at our disposal to ensure that the impact on the village and its residents is minimised.
- I support the principle of increasing the proportion of energy we generate coming from renewable resources. If as a village we are serious about the importance of tackling climate change, then I don't accept we can expect other communities to have wind farms in their vicinity for our benefit. However, I do oppose the current proposals as the scale and proximity to other small communities is unacceptable.

Comments from people whose response was "Oppose"

- I attended the meeting in the Village Hall, and I did not hear anything to make me think Wind Farms are a good source of power. They may be financially profitable to the shareholders, makers and land owners, but are certainly not the best idea for the "Bill Payers"! Their appearance is certainly better than pylons, but I still say a big NO to them here around Sadberge.
- As they are efficient for only 25% of the time, and do not produce large amounts of electricity unless very large, wind turbines are not the answer, but a case of the "cure" being as bad as, if not worse than, the disease.
- Whilst not against wind farms, the siting of them is crucial. They should not be positioned near villages. Offshore siting should be considered also.
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- Noise will be detrimental to community life in and around the village.
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Building and operating the turbines could disrupt and hamper the expansion of Durham Tees Valley airport.
- The amount of wind turbines suggested would make our countryside look horrendous. The Council and Government should spend the money elsewhere as wind turbines have been proven to generate only 30% of what's capable due to lack of wind power.
- We moved to the area because of the views and this would spoil the views for our family. Also, it would mean a drop in the value of our property.
- Well if this goes ahead, our countryside will be no more. Because you developers will just go on and on covering all England with this [*drawing of a wind turbine*]. Put them all on the mountains.
- Due to known risks with Air Traffic Control and after talking to colleagues within the RAF, Wind Turbines cause serious risk to low flying aircraft (military) as well as civilian as well as health risks, causing abnormal blot on landscape. Do not allow this to happen!
- If permission is granted for a few it will open the flood gates for many more turbines. In my understanding the numbers have already increased from ?????? ???.
- General Health risks, which can also lead to more serious situations.
- Wind Turbines should be located where they cannot be seen or heard by residents in domestic properties. Good agricultural land should not be used if there are no locations which satisfy the above principle. Present or past industrial areas which are not visible to people living in that area should be the first option when deciding where to locate a 'wind farm'.
Locally there are areas which satisfy the above principle; e.g. Teesmouth, former isolated coal mining sites and close to home at the end of Lingfield Way in Darlington.
Farmers should be rewarded for their farming activities and not allowed to profit by subjecting local residents to unnecessary visual and audible aggravation.
- I have yet to be convinced of their efficiency, value and longevity. How productive are they and how costly to erect and maintain? What will happen when they reach the end of their life?
- Don't mind the odd one or two, but not to look like them at Wynyard. They are awful on the landscape.

Comments from people whose response was "Abstain"

- Undecided.
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- I am more concerned about heavy wagons 2 feet away than windmills 2 miles away. This is the only village in the area not to have a weight limit.
- Not bothered either way.