

Campaigners plan walk in protest to planned wind farm construction

# Aiming to turn the tide against turbine plans



SKYLINE: The Tetney wind turbines from the beach south of Cleethorpes, near Horseshoe Point.

Picture submitted by reader Steve Parrott

## CAMPAIGNERS opposed to the construction of wind turbines near Tetney have organised a protest walk.

They said eight more turbines, all 115 metres high to be erected at Bishopthorpe, will destroy the view of the Lincolnshire landscape.

There was anger when the Secretary of State gave the green light to ASC Renewables for the turbines, near to The Fitties.

The turbines will add to the existing two at the site which are part of a separate development.

They will be capable of generating 55.1GWh of renewable electricity a year – enough to supply 11,500 homes.

As reported, the planning inspector said that it was “not clear that the landscape character and visual impacts would be significantly harmful” and that there was “no evidence of the likelihood of any material impact on tourism in the area”.

East Lindsey District Council had opposed the application by the firm.

Melvin Grosvenor, chairman of the Marsh Wind Farm Action group, said the decision was the wrong one and criticised an “atrocious assessment”.

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He has helped organise a protest meeting at Tetney Village Hall on Saturday at 10am.

On Sunday, opponents will gather for a walk around the site of the proposed turbines.

The walk starts at Humberston Yacht Club at 11am.

MWAG will fly their hot air balloon at the height of the turbines to give a view of the impact on the landscape.

Mr Grosvenor said the Secretary of State's decision was “perverse” and he urged supporters to attend the protest meeting on Saturday and join the walk on Sunday.

He said: “The hot air balloon will be highly visible on the skyline in many areas over Humberston, including Thorpe Park and Humberston Fitties, especially in the Peaks Parkway area, Tetney and Tetney Lock and over a significant area of countryside and communities to the south of the wind farm site. It will totally disprove ASC Renewables' claims to the Inspector and accepted by him, that the impact will only have a significant visual impact for a mere 1.5km

from the turbines.”

When the decision was made, ASC Renewables chairman Stephen Critchlow said: “This is a welcome confirmation of the Government's support for sustainable, low carbon energy projects which will make a significant contribution towards meeting the UK's legally binding 2020 renewable energy targets.

He added that the firm had committed to a Community Fund of

£5,000 per MW produced for the lifetime of the site, expected to be worth more than £2.5 million.

He pledged to use local businesses and contractors as much as possible throughout the construction and operation phases, which could be worth as much as £8.15 million to the economy.

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BLIMP: Campaigners launched their blimp hot air balloon at a previous event.