

# TV Energy

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Dear Mr Murrill,

Ecotricity's planning application to build a 2MW wind turbine in the Wokingham District near to the M4 is bang on time. Our climate patterns are changing and it is critical that we do everything we can to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. The turbine will provide clean, green electricity for over 1,205 local homes or 2% of all District households.

This is an ideal spot in an industrial area next to a busy road. In the past two weeks, two identical turbines have been erected at the Ford Motors plant in Dagenham. These too are next to a busy main road and on an industrial park and they have received no objections.

You have published one or two recent letters from people expressing concern over lighting and possible numbers of turbines in the future.

I have confirmation from Ecotricity that there will be no lights on the turbine at all and so there is no threat of a 'disco effect' from lighting on the turbine blades. Lights are only required on structures over 150m tall, which this is not.

One writer claimed that 100's of turbines will be needed in the Wokingham District to meet the 2020 government targets for renewable energy. This is simply false. The SEERA Renewable Energy Regional Planning Guidance is the key document for our region and this calls for a total of 58MW of on shore wind turbine capacity by 2016 across the four Thames Valley counties of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Surrey. The proposed turbine at Green Park is 2MW and simple arithmetic shows the target of 58MW over the next 20 years will not result in 100's of turbines.

The turbine is great-looking, designed by the architect Sir Norman Foster, and will only add to the landscape. Should it gain approval, the people of Wokingham can be justifiably proud of their District in making such a positive commitment to the planet's future.

Yours sincerely

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