



Renewable Energy for the Thames Valley

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Dear Mr Smith,

**Open Letter in Support of Baydon Meadow Wind Turbine Planning Application
Reference: 02/02495/FUL**

I write in support of the recent planning application for a 1.3MW wind turbine near to the Membury Services adjacent to the M4.

TV Energy is pleased to support this planning application for a number of reasons:

- **Climate change** – renewable energy will play an essential role in reducing the future impacts of climate change. By generating clean energy from the wind, the turbine will offset the emission of up to 3,400 tonnes of carbon dioxide each year
- **Location** – the proposed turbine is sensibly sited, respecting the scale and composition of the landscape. It is located in a relatively rural location, away from centres of population, but within the M4 corridor, where built development, such as the motorway, service area and the Membury mast, already characterise the local landscape. Furthermore, the topography and vegetation substantially confine the areas of visibility both close to the turbine and in the wider landscape.
- **Noise** – the detailed noise assessment for the site has concluded that for all properties close to the proposed site, a) recommended night-time noise criteria are met by the proposal; and b) any day-time noise impact is not expected to be significant when compared to the likely levels of existing background traffic noise.
- **South East and national renewable energy policy** - wind energy has a crucial role to play in sustainably meeting our future energy needs. The South East Regional Assembly recently launched 'Harnessing the Elements' a consultation document for renewable energy, setting targets for achieving 450MW and 700MW of installed energy capacity from renewables by the years 2010 and 2016 respectively.



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These targets will enable the south east region to meet its share of the UK targets for renewable energy, which requires 10% of electricity to be sourced from renewable energy by 2010, rising to 20% by 2020. **West Berkshire will need to achieve a minimum target of 10MW of installed renewable energy capacity by 2010** to enable it to meet its share of the South East England Regional Renewable Energy Targets.

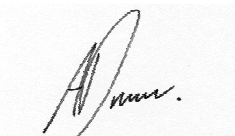
While 'Harnessing the Elements' proposes that the targets for 2010 and 2016 should be met from a range of renewable energy sources, large single turbines, such as the proposed turbine for Baydon Meadow, and small clusters of smaller sized turbines are seen as essential. **In the Thames Valley and Surrey, the strategy proposes that 25 single large turbines will be required with 5 small wind clusters to meet the 2010 target.**

TV Energy is working to stimulate the development of all forms of renewable energy in the Thames Valley and Surrey region. We seek to support sensitively sited schemes where developments are assets to the environment and to local communities. We are supported by a range of government and industry bodies, environmental groups and 16 Thames Valley local authorities. We are also funded under the Countryside Agency Community Renewable Initiative which supports us in working with communities to develop renewable energy projects.

We have recently added information concerning the Baydon Meadow proposal to our web site at www.tvenergy.org and we will be monitoring comments from this.

Having reviewed the Environmental Report for the proposed Baydon Meadow wind turbine, TV Energy is pleased to offer the proposal its wholehearted support. We believe that the Baydon Meadow wind turbine presents an excellent opportunity for West Berkshire Council to make a positive statement on the environment by supporting the development of one of the first large scale examples of clean, sustainable energy in the Thames Valley. It would also fit closely the Council's Strategic Plan to support a significant reduction in CO2 emissions over the next five years.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Annette Deveson', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Annette Deveson
Director
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