

Kelmarsh Wind Farm

Keeping you up to date with the progress of the Kelmarsh Wind Farm proposal



Wind farm proposal update

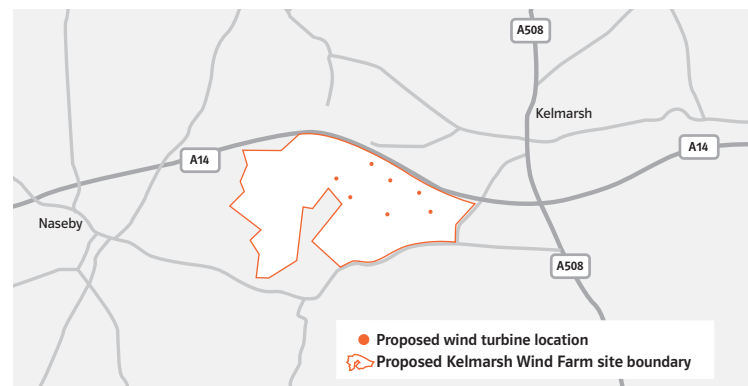
In May this year, we held a two day public exhibition to show you our proposal and listen to your feedback. Since then we've been working hard to finalise the wind farm design and complete all of the remaining environmental studies, while we continue to consult with stakeholders. We've almost completed the Environmental Statement (ES) which explains the methodology and results of all of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) work we've completed.

Next steps

Our next step is to complete our planning application and submit it to Daventry District Council, along with the ES. All of these documents will be made available to the public and also on our website at eon-uk.com/kelmarsh together with the Non-Technical Summary.

Invitation to visit our Stag's Holt Wind Farm

We're holding a fact-finding tour on 4 November 2009 to one of our operational wind farms, Stag's Holt near March, Cambridgeshire. This is a great opportunity to be shown around an operational site and see inside the control room. Transport will be provided from Kelmarsh Hall and the tour will last around six hours. Spaces are limited to 40 and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. To reserve your place, email kelmarsh@eon-uk.com by 26 October 2009.



Project description

- **Project scope** - 7 three-bladed wind turbines
- **Turbine heights** - 80m to hub/126.5m to blade tip
- **Total power** - Up to 17.5MW
- **Location** - North of Haselbech and south-west of Kelmarsh
- **Equivalent energy** - Generate electricity for the equivalent of around 7,800 households*
- **Carbon savings** - Our estimates show that this development could offset approximately 15,000 tonnes** of carbon dioxide emissions

* Based on an average annual household energy consumption of 4,700kWh. Source: BERR.

** This figure is based on the Government's long term marginal plant figure of 430g CO₂/kWh. Although it is very difficult to predict the exact benefit of a wind farm development, we can be certain that over the course of its lifetime, green electricity from a wind turbine will offset large amounts of CO₂ that would have otherwise been produced if that electricity had been generated using fossil fuels such as coal and gas.

Public feedback

The feedback from local communities highlighted some key issues for you, such as visual amenity, noise, transport plans and local benefits. Please feel assured that we've listened to this feedback and as a responsible developer, we will consider the comments in our application.

We believe it's important to be a good neighbour in the communities where we work and operate. If you do have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Landscape and Visual Assessment

We have amended the wind farm design layout many times over the past two years in order to achieve the best possible design. One of the key considerations of each design change is how the wind farm will be viewed from various points around the site. Taking into account public feedback, we've moved the turbines from their original locations to be further away from Haselbech. They're also generally on lower lands, in order to achieve a design with a much improved appearance.

A series of photomontages and wireframe images were produced and made available at the public exhibition, but a greater number will be included in the ES.



Kelmarsh Hall

Local benefits

We're planning to provide a Wind Farm Education Room at Kelmarsh Hall, where visitors will be able to learn about renewable energy, as well as local sites such as Naseby Battlefield and Kelmarsh Hall. We're also offering a community benefit fund of £28,000 a year for the projected life of the wind farm which will be over 20 years. This will be available for local projects. And we'll be offering habitat improvement and management plans to enhance the ecology around the wind farm.



Noise

All our original noise studies and background noise measurements were completed before the public exhibition. Since then we've completed two further studies at nearby properties, at the request of local residents, to show that the wind farm would not expose anyone to excessive noise and would be fully compliant with stringent government guidelines. These studies have been carried out by independent specialist consultants.

Transport plans

We're in touch with local residents and will be working closely with them during and after the planning process to ensure our traffic management and transport plans are suitable for the area and to minimise any inconvenience. The full Traffic and Transport Assessment will be published in the ES but we'll also be producing more detailed management plans and working closely with the local communities and highways authorities in order to establish the best routes for construction traffic. We'll also look at how local residents and businesses use the roads so we can avoid busy times as much as possible.



→ Keep in touch

We have a number of ongoing consultations and these will continue throughout the planning process and beyond. Once our planning application is submitted, we're keen to keep in touch with you, answer questions, provide information and listen to your views. Our contact details are below, so please do get in touch:

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