

'Wind turbines made our home unsellable'

By Sharen Green

A COUPLE say they are trapped in their unsellable home because giant wind turbines will soon be towering over it.

Bob and Sue Frith put their five-bedroomed luxury house in Anderson, near Blandford, on the market in the summer.

Though several people expressed an interest, no-one ever came back for a second look.

The Friths discovered that two energy companies were applying for permission to build wind farms in the area - one at Winterborne Zelston and another at Muston Down at Winterborne Kingston.

Mr Frith said: "We had people coming round they all loved it but nobody came back for a second view."

Mr Frith asked the agent what was wrong and was told there were rumours - which proved to be true - that wind farms could be going up close by.



ANGRY: Bob and Sue Frith claim that the proposed wind turbines have put off prospective buyers

"We left the house on for the summer and autumn but the house really is unsellable and a neighbour up the road

can't sell his," said Mr Frith.

"It's caused enormous anger among villagers. "I don't think anyone would ever disagree with alternative green energy - it's where they are siting them that people have the problem with.

"There are thousands of empty square miles in Yorkshire but in a place like Anderson it's absolutely crazy.

"I don't think people want to see great big wind turbines towering

over them.

"One is going to be a kilometre from here and it's nearly as tall as the London Eye."

A National Wind Power spokeswoman said: "We have not been made aware of any house price devaluations or sale problems involving our sites but if people are concerned we would like them to let us know as we can't do anything if we don't know."

A court in Cumbria recently found that a proposed wind farm had

devalued a property near Furness.

Buyers Barry Moon and Gill Haythornthwaite took the vendors of their home to court because they were not warned of a proposed wind farm.

District Judge Buckley decreed that this was "material misrepresentation" and ordered David and Diane Holding - who had been active in a campaign to stop the wind farm coming to the area - to pay back 20 per cent of the market value of the house with interest.