

Dorset Against Rural Turbines



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Dear Supporter,

APPEAL BY PURBECK WIND FARM LLP AGAINST THE PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL DECISION TO REFUSE THE APPLICATION TO BUILD A WIND FARM AT EAST STOKE

1. You will probably be aware that Purbeck Wind Farm LLP has lodged an appeal with the Government Planning Inspectorate, against the democratic decision taken in March by Purbeck District Council (PDC) to refuse the application to build a four turbine wind farm at Masters Pit, East Stoke. Although it is for PDC to defend their decision at a Public Inquiry, experience clearly indicates that the chances of having such an appeal turned down are greatly enhanced if independent groups also challenge the developer's appeal at the public inquiry. Such independent groups are referred to a 'Rule 6' Parties.
2. Our group 'Dorset Against Rural Turbines' (DART) has decided to register as a Rule 6 Party with the Inspectorate. This decision brings with it many issues as a challenge against an appeal at a Public Inquiry will require legal representation and specialist witnesses; obviously such persons will come at cost as do other extraneous requirements associated with the Inquiry.
3. It is estimated that to make a serious challenge DART will need to raise about £40,000 by the time the Inquiry takes place which is likely to be in the latter part of February or Early March 2012 and which will take about 8 days. This is derived from the following outline breakdown of fees/costs (inclusive of VAT):

Agent	£6100
Barrister	£9,600
Medical witness	£3,000
Noise witness	£5,700
Landscape witnesses	£7,200
Historic Environment witness	£6,000
Misc costs (printing, photomontages, etc.)	<u>£6,000</u>
	<u>£43,600</u>

4. The above represents the full suit of specialist witness participation to maximise the chance of getting the appeal rejected. DART currently holds £1760 in its account with a further £1000 promised by a local landowner and probably some support from CPRE. However, it is evident that we need funds as soon as possible. Fund raising events will be held but donations are desperately needed. Please let me or Helen Crow know if you are willing to contribute. Alternatively, please send a donation to our treasurer, Mr D Littlewood, Marston Gate, Rushton Lane, East Stoke, BH20 6AL.

Yours sincerely



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