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ROOS WIND FARM APPLICATION SUBMITTED

Revised plans for 9 turbines could power more than 11,000 homes

RES¹ has submitted revised plans for a 9-turbine wind farm on land at Sunderland Farm between Burton Pidsea and Roos², after its original plans for 11 turbines were turned down by East Riding of Yorkshire Council in late 2007.

In its reasons for refusal of the previous planning application, East Riding of Yorkshire Council was concerned over the potential for visual impacts on the Constable Mausoleum and the visual impact of the wind farm as a whole. RES has now sought to address these concerns by removing the 2 turbines closest to the Mausoleum.

Each turbine would have an indicative capacity of 2.3MW, and a maximum height to the tip of the blade of 126.5m. The wind farm will take advantage of the excellent wind speeds in the area to produce enough clean, green electricity to power more than 11,000 homes, which is equivalent to 9% of the homes in East Riding.

The plans will now be considered as a completely new planning application, and a new environmental impact assessment has been undertaken, along with consultation of various organisations including the Environment Agency, Natural England and the Council.

Amy Bambridge, the Community Relations Manager commented, *"Finding suitable wind farm sites can be difficult, when constraints such as housing, wind speeds, environmental designations and access routes are taken into account. The Sunderland Farm site is very well suited to a wind farm, and RES is wholly committed to this project."*

"If the UK is to meet its targets for producing energy from renewable sources and cutting CO₂ emissions and to increase the security of our energy supply, we need sites such as this to get the go-ahead. This wind farm will also generate a community fund of around £20,000 per year, to fund community projects in the villages around the wind farm site and this will be the subject of a separate consultation."

The Environmental Statement and planning application will be available for inspection at the East Riding of Yorkshire Council offices in Beverley and at the Withernsea, Beverley and Hedon Libraries. Copies of the ES are also available from RES on request.

RES is preparing to circulate a newsletter to local households, updating residents on its plans and providing advice on how to comment on the plans.

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council is expected to make a decision on the new application in spring 2009.

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Notes to editors:

1. RES is a leading UK renewable energy company and is part of the Sir Robert McAlpine group of construction and engineering companies. RES built its first wind farm in Cornwall in 1992 and has developed and/or owns three projects in Wales. The RES Group has to date completed over 2,700MW of wind power capacity worldwide and is active in a range of renewable energy technologies (biomass, solar, ground source, wind), as well as sustainable building design. RES is a holder of the Queen's Award for Enterprise for its commitment to renewable energy. For more information, visit www.res-group.com
2. The proposed Roos wind farm will consist of 9 turbines, each rated at an indicative 2.3MW capacity and up to 126.5m in height (to the tip of the blade). It will have an indicative overall capacity of 20.7MW and generate enough electricity over the course of a year to power more than 11,000 homes (taking into account natural fluctuations in the wind and the efficiency of the generators).

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