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RES AWAITS DECISION ON ROOS WIND FARM PLANNING APPLICATION

East Riding of Yorkshire Council defers making a decision on 9-turbine wind farm proposal

RES confirmed today that it will be working with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council to address some queries raised at yesterday's Planning Committee meeting regarding the Roos Wind Farm Development, and that it hopes the Council will be in a position to finally make a decision on its 9-turbine Roos wind farm in South Holderness in the coming weeks.

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

The Council's planning committee voted yesterday to defer making a decision on the proposal until they have received more information on some aspects of the wind farm, including final confirmation from the Environment Agency that it is happy with the flood risk assessment, and assurances from English Heritage that the visual impacts on the Constable Mausoleum are acceptable.

Richard Evans, Project Manager for the scheme commented, *"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 more wind farms to get the go-ahead.*

"We have worked hard with East Riding of Yorkshire Council over the past three years to ensure that any concerns about the wind farm have been addressed. Our original application for 11 turbines was turned down because of concerns over the potential visual impact on the Constable Mausoleum. We responded to this by removing two turbines and re-submitting the application, which ensured that the Council still had the opportunity to make a decision about the wind farm, without having to go through a costly appeal process. We are confident that the Council will be in a position in the next few weeks to consent the project, and thereby act to support the reduction of the region's dependence on imported fossil fuels for the generation of electricity."

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The wind farm would generate a community fund of around £30,000 a year, which will be managed and spent by those communities closest to the wind farm site.

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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 4,000MW 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 Roos wind farm consists 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 overall installed 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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