

Welcome to the website of DBJRG (Den Brook Judicial Review Group)

We are a group of local residents from Spreyton, North Tawton and Bow who are very concerned about the proposed Den Brook Wind Farm that Renewable Energy Systems (RES) want to erect very close to our homes and businesses. We believe:

- There is real danger of a serious noise nuisance and RES are brushing this under the carpet.
- RES has not shown that this wind farm will benefit the general taxpayer. The “green” value of the site has not been demonstrated.
- The concerns and rights of local people are being pushed aside in the stampede to meet government targets by means of the significant financial rewards put in place for developers such as RES.

The Current Position

A Public Inquiry in November 2006 granted planning permission for RES to build 9 x 125m turbines in the Den Brook Valley. As a result of legal challenges put forward by this group, the Secretary of State quashed this planning permission in August 2008. We would like to thank our many contributors for their financial support and to thank Mike Hulme who took out the court case in his own name at great personal risk.

The Planning Inspectorate has confirmed that a fresh Inquiry will be held, provisionally in March 2009. RES still want the wind farm to go ahead but local people now have another opportunity to voice their concerns. Nearly 3000 people objected last time so we are not a minority!

In DBJRG we are now working hard with acoustic experts, natural history experts, lawyers and other professionals to ensure that our case is well prepared for the next Inquiry. We are up against a commercial, highly experienced team at RES and if we don't present our case properly, we don't stand a chance.

What Can You Do?

- Join Us! Any voluntary work, big or small is very welcome. Anything from leafleting and speaking to local people or fundraising with help. New ideas also welcome. Contact details below.
- Give Generously! We are a local community group without a lot of funds compared to the enormous resources of RES. It may take months before RES pay the legal costs from the case we have just won and we need to fund professional help now.
- Write to the Developers! You are free to ask any questions you want, to say whether and/or why you are against the Wind Farm, or ask for information relating to your home. Helen Hall, RES UK & Ireland Ltd, Beaufort Court, Egg Farm Lane, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire, WD4 8LR T: 01923 299267

This is our last opportunity as a community to put our views. So call us or email now to find out more:

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