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DEN BROOK WIND FARM WILL BRING ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO LOCAL PEOPLE

On the day that the public inquiry for Den Brook wind farm starts in Okehampton in Devon, Renewable Energy Systems UK Limited (RES) has given details of how the project will bring positive benefits to the local people of Devon as well as to the wider environment.

In its evidence to the inquiry, RES will show how the nine-turbine project will contribute to important regional renewable energy targets by generating electricity equivalent to the annual needs of around 10,000 homes - or half of West Devon. The wind farm will reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas.

As well as generating clean, green electricity from a home-grown and abundant source, the wind farm will provide a sustainable income for the farmers who own the land, a £27,000 a year community fund to be spent on local projects, local sourcing of labour and materials, and wildlife enhancement measures at the site.

Project Manager, Rachel Ruffle said,

"At a time of widespread concern about the serious impacts of climate change and depletion of oil and gas, it makes sense to generate our power from local, home-grown and non-polluting sources. Many ordinary local people support the wind farm in the face of rising fuel prices and a desire to do something positive about climate change.

Den Brook wind farm is a sensitively-designed project on a well-chosen location where potential impacts on local residents and the environment have been minimized. For example, English Nature has said that our proposals for ecological management will help to offset the local visual impacts. We believe that an examination of the facts at public inquiry will conclude that it will not have unacceptable detrimental effects but will on the contrary bring many local and regional benefits that justify it going ahead."

The project was originally submitted to West Devon Borough Council in December 2005 after two years of careful survey work, design and consultation with independent experts and the local community, which produced a low impact project away from protected landscapes. It was turned down by West Devon Borough Council's planning committee in January 2006.

Rachel continued;

"The decision to appeal was not taken lightly but we had a great deal of encouragement from people in Devon who were dismayed and surprised when the project was refused. While there is vocal opposition in the immediate vicinity largely due to concerns about the visual impact, there is widespread support for wind power in Devon, evidenced by a MORI poll in 2004 which showed 71% of rural Devon residents support the use of wind power in the county, with just 18% opposed. Recent research has also revealed that there is overwhelming support for wind power technology amongst communities who already have a wind farm in their 'backyard'.

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I believe any remaining concerns some sections of the community may have will prove to be dispelled once the wind farm is up and running and it will be seen as a positive asset – powerful proof that we can use our natural resources to make a difference.”

The public inquiry begins at 10am in the Charter Hall, Okehampton on Wednesday 22 November and is scheduled to run for two weeks.

For more information about the Den Brook proposal, visit www.den-brook.co.uk

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