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RES WELCOMES TOWN COUNCIL'S VOTE NOT TO OPPOSE DEN BROOK WIND FARM

Renewable Energy Systems UK Limited (RES) has welcomed the decision last week by North Tawton Town Council not to oppose the Den Brook wind farm when it goes to Appeal later this year.¹

At a meeting of the Council on Tuesday 20 June, members debated a motion to write in opposition to RES's appeal against the refusal of the project in January. After a discussion, the majority of councillors voted not to oppose the wind farm at appeal.

The nine-turbine wind farm would be located on farmland south east of North Tawton, mainly within the Parish of North Tawton, although the southern part of the proposal is on Itton Moor within the parish of South Tawton.

It will supply electricity equivalent to the annual needs of around half of West Devon and 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 bring positive economic benefits to the community, such as infrastructure improvements to the Dartmoor Railway, a £27,000 a year community fund, local sourcing of labour and materials, and wildlife enhancement measures at the site.

Project Manager, Rachel Ruffle said,

"We are pleased that North Tawton Town Council has decided it will not be opposing our appeal against the refusal of the wind farm. Many people in Devon were disappointed when the project was turned down by West Devon Borough Council. They recognise the urgent need for renewable energy to combat climate change and rising fuel prices. We believe that we have put forward a well-designed project that will bring many benefits to the local area as well as to our environment for future generations."

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.

The appeal has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate who will announce a date and place for the public inquiry in due course.

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Notes to Editors:

1. On 30 May 2006, Renewable Energy Systems UK Limited (RES) announced that it will appeal against the refusal by West Devon Borough Council on 31 January this year of the Den Brook wind farm planning application.

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

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