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## DEN BROOK WIND FARM PUBLIC INQUIRY COMMENCES

### Planning Inspector to hear case for 9 turbines in West Devon

On the day that the public inquiry for the Den Brook Wind Farm starts in Okehampton, RES has given details of how the project will bring positive benefits to the local people of West Devon as well as to the wider environment.

In 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 more than 8,000 homes. The wind farm will also help to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas.

Project Manager, Rachel Ruffle said, *“Den Brook wind farm can make an important contribution to England’s energy needs and has been carefully designed to do so with minimum impacts on the local community and environment.”*

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

*“We are confident that an examination of the facts about this project at public inquiry will conclude that it is a well-designed project that should, on balance, be allowed to go ahead.”*

She added;

*“The public and politicians on all sides support a shift towards renewable energy in order to tackle climate change and make our energy supplies more secure. Now we need action, not just talk, and good quality renewable energy projects like Den Brook should be allowed to go ahead without further delay.”*



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The public inquiry begins on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July and is scheduled to run for eight days. For more information about Den Brook Wind Farm, visit <http://www.den-brook.co.uk>

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Notes to editors:

1. The planning application for Den Brook Wind Farm was submitted to West Devon Borough Council in November 2005 after two years of careful survey work, design and consultation with independent experts and the local community. It was granted planning permission in February 2007 after a full public inquiry. A legal challenge was lodged by opponents to the scheme in March 2007 and was dismissed in the High Court in February 2008. Leave to appeal was granted and consent for the project was quashed in July 2008. RES agreed not to continue with court proceedings, but rather to bring them to an end by consent and return to public inquiry to resolve the matter.
2. **About RES:** RES is a leading British renewable energy company and 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 around 10% of the UK's current wind energy capacity. To date, worldwide, RES Group has completed over 4,000MW of wind energy projects and is active in a range of renewable energy technologies (biomass, solar, ground source energy, 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](http://www.res-group.com)

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