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RES PLEASED TO GET THE GO-AHEAD FOR WADLOW FARM WIND FARM

South Cambridgeshire's first wind farm will power the equivalent of more than 16,000 homes

RES¹ is pleased to announce that it has been given the green light to build the 13-turbine Wadlow Farm wind farm, following a public inquiry which took place in June this year. The wind farm, situated between Balsham and West Wrattling in South Cambridgeshire, will generate enough electricity each year to power the equivalent of 16,700 homes, more than a third of all the homes in South Cambridgeshire.

The Project Manager, David Cox, commented, *"We have spent many years working on this project and we are really pleased to have planning consent at last. From early discussions with the Council and agencies such as Natural England, we were able to design a project which was sensitive to the local environment. We undertook a very thorough public consultation, including the provision of exhibitions, regular newsletters and a detailed website, which enabled the community to keep fully abreast of the plans as they developed.*

"One of the key hurdles that was tackled for the wind farm was in finding a solution to the potential problems the wind farm could have caused for Marshall Airport Cambridge. RES and Marshall worked cooperatively together from the outset to find a solution to this potential issue, demonstrating what can be achieved in addressing the significant aviation issues affecting the wind industry when wind farm developers and the aviation organisations work constructively together".

The wind farm will also generate a community fund of £26,000 per year and reduce the UK's CO₂ emissions by around 67,000 tonnes per year.

David Cox continued, *"It is frustrating that in England, more often than not, local planning authorities refuse planning permission for wind farms. We have always been very confident that this is a good site for a wind farm, and we have always been prepared to fight the case for it, buoyed up by support from a good number of local people who see the wind farm as a signal of positive change and spoke passionately in favour of it at the public inquiry."*

Construction of the wind farm will begin during 2010 and it will take around one year to complete.

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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. The RES Group has to date completed over 4,300MW 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

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