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RES TO APPEAL WADLOW FARM WIND FARM DECISION

Renewable Energy Systems UK Limited (RES) has announced today that it will appeal against the refusal by South Cambridgeshire District Council in June this year of the Wadlow Farm wind farm planning application.

The proposed thirteen-turbine project could generate electricity equivalent to the annual needs of around one third of all the homes in South Cambridgeshire and reduce significant amounts of carbon dioxide emissions, 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 a £26,000 a year community fund, local sourcing of labour and materials, and wildlife enhancement measures on and around the site. The wind farm project includes proposals to extensively increase chalk grassland on the site, a fast dwindling habitat in the UK countryside, providing great benefits for local flora and fauna. The project also includes provision for habitat management work to be undertaken on the Fleam Dyke to protect vital habitats for butterflies, other insects and birds.

Project Manager, Annette Deveson said,

"We have studied the proposal site in detail over the past 4 years and we have demonstrated that it is one of the best locations for a wind farm in South Cambridgeshire. The reality is that regional targets for renewable energy are likely not to be met by 2010 and therefore wind farms such as Wadlow Farm are urgently needed to help the East of England to play its part in tackling climate change. By refusing this wind farm, South Cambridgeshire have effectively closed the door on all wind farms in their District, and we do not believe that this is the right thing to do at a time when concerns about fossil fuels are increasing.

"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 will help the region to meet its renewable energy targets and should, on balance, be allowed to go ahead."

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The plans were originally submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council in May 2006 after two years of careful survey work and design and consultation with independent experts and the local community, resulting in a project located away from protected landscapes, which maximizes positive effects whilst minimising negative effects.

Annette continued; *“Many people in South Cambridgeshire were dismayed and surprised when the project was refused and I have had lots of encouragement to keep going and to appeal the decision”.*

The appeal against South Cambridgeshire District Council’s decision has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate who will announce a date and venue for the public inquiry in due course.

For more information about the Wadlow Farm proposal, visit www.wadlow-farm.co.uk

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