



PRESS RELEASE

Embargoed until: 00:01hrs Friday 28 August 2009

Contact: Amy Bambridge, Community Relations Manager, +44 (0) 1923 299 328 or +44 (0) 7799 640 578,
amy.bambridge@res-ltd.com

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR 9 TURBINES AT PARK HEAD FARM SUBMITTED TO NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

Wind Farm 10km north-west of Morpeth could power over 9,000 homes

RES has now submitted a planning application for 9 turbines at Park Head Farm (between the villages of Wingates and Netherwitton), approximately 10km north-west of Morpeth.

The planning application has been submitted to Northumberland County Council, who will commence a consultation process with the local community and interested parties. A decision on the application is expected in the winter.

Each turbine would have an indicative capacity of 1.8MW, and a maximum height to the tip of the blade of 127m. The wind farm would generate enough pollution-free electricity a year to meet the annual electrical demand of over 9,000 average homes, equivalent to 46% of the annual consumption of all the houses in the Morpeth district.

Tracey Siddle, Project Manager for the Park Head Wind Farm proposal, commented;

“The wind farm has been carefully designed to ensure that it will sit comfortably within the landscape and have as few environmental effects as possible. It will provide much needed green, sustainable energy to contribute to the UK’s energy security and carbon reduction targets and provide valuable jobs and economic growth. We are also working to ensure that the wind farm maximizes local benefits, and we are proposing a community fund of more than £30,000 a year to benefit communities closest to the wind farm site.”

RES circulated a leaflet containing details of the plans to 2,000 homes and held exhibitions in March.

The Environmental Statement and planning application will be available for inspection at Rothbury Library, the Northumberland County Council offices at Morpeth and the County Council’s Area Planning Team offices in Alnwick. RES will shortly be circulating further information to local residents about how to view and comment on the planning application.

ENDS



Planning application for 9 turbines at Park Head Farm submitted to Northumberland County Council

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 and has developed and/or owns three projects in Wales. 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
2. The proposed Park Head wind farm consists of 9 turbines, each 127m high to the tip of the blade. Based upon a rated capacity of 16.2MW, every year the Park Head Wind Farm would produce sufficient electrical energy to satisfy the average requirements of approximately 9,270 homes, equivalent to over 46% of the annual consumption of all the houses in Northumberland.

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Amy Bambridge
Community Relations Manager, RES
+44 (0) 1923 299 328
+44 (0) 7799 640 578
amy.bambridge@res-ltd.com