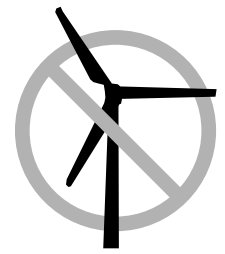


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NEW PUBLIC INQUIRY NEW INSPECTOR SAME BATTLE!



- The **NEW** Public Inquiry

After months of behind the scenes activity by the BATTLE Committee and our team of legal advisors the last few months have seen some remarkable and constantly changing developments.

BATTLE's Statement of Case will be presented on the following topics:

Noise & Disturbance
Noise and Health Issues
Energy generation
Ecology
Highways
Local environment & Landscape

Maldon District Council Statement of Case will be presented on the following topics:

Planning Policies – National & Regional
Planning Issues
Landscape & Historic Context
Archaeology
Avian Ecology
Noise
Airport Safeguarding

npower Statement of Case will be presented on the following topics:

Planning Policy
Landscape & Visual impact
Noise
Ecology
Cultural Heritage
Aviation

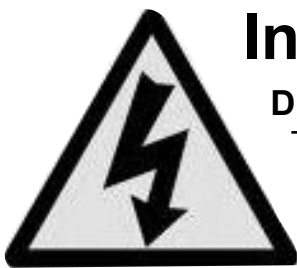
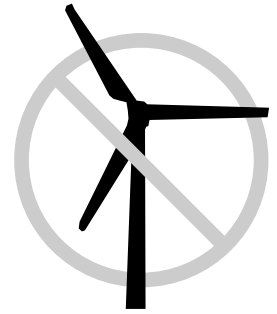
As we are sure you are aware, after winning our objection to the original planning decision, the Government initially wanted to limit the scope of the new inquiry to just two days, with the same inspector, who would not consider any new evidence. However, our legal team's endurance secured a FULL new Inquiry with a NEW Inspector. This was great news and meant we could offer new evidence including the results of new research and findings about the effects wind farms can have on people and communities. Because of the constantly changing developments, and with the proposed dates for the new Inquiry being forever changed by npower, the Planning Inspectorate and MDC, BATTLE wanted to save costs and wait until we had a confirmed date for the new Public Inquiry before issuing a new newsletter.

We can now confirm that there will be a new Public Inquiry opening at **10.00 am on the 3rd November 2009 which will be held in the Maldon Reformed Church, Market Hill, Maldon, Essex, CM9 4QA.** It is estimated that it will last for approximately 10 days and will sit on weekdays Tuesday to Friday. The public are welcome to attend on any or all of the days and can stay for as little time or as long as they wish. In addition if one wished to contribute or make a comment or specific point during the Inquiry, it is possible to request this. It is at the Inspector's discretion; although most Inspectors welcome relevant comments from members of the public and will usually grant permission to speak at a certain point in the proceedings.

Witnesses appointed by each of the party will present their **Statement of Case.** These have already been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and you can read these by visiting the BATTLE Website www.bradwell.info

Gunfleet Sands wind farm

The wind turbines currently being installed 4.5 miles off the Clacton coast are clearly visible from many locations in Tillingham and Bradwell and will contribute to the Governments renewable energy targets. There will be 48 turbines in total, which are planned to reach full production during 2010. The turbines under construction in this first phase, although clearly visible are sited further away from Tillingham and Bradwell. These turbines are the same size as the ones proposed at Hockley Farm, although instead of being 11 miles away, the ones at Hockley Farm will be right on our doorstep within half a mile of many local residences and within a short distance from the school, so you can imagine how much more impact they will have from a visual and noise perspective.



Interesting Fact

Did you know that wind turbines need electricity to start them up?

Turbine measurements often record Gross electricity and not the Net electricity gained. Many of us have seen wind farms with only one or two turbine blades turning – this is because they are being powered ready to signal to the power company when the wind is sufficient to power the other turbines up.

Lottery and Donations

BATTLE is grateful for the previous generous donations, which have enabled us to continue this fight on your behalf. We still have a substantial amount of funds left but the government only allowed us a partial reclaim of legal expenses from the original challenge and whilst our legal team are doing a fantastic job, we all know how expensive any legal and expert advice can be. Therefore we will still need to raise more money and any donations will be very gratefully received and should be sent to the P O Box 9047, Southminster, Essex CM0 7WX. You will receive an acknowledgement from BATTLE thanking you for your kind donation. As mentioned in the previous campaign – any funds left at the end of this long battle will either be divided and a percentage returned to the donors who gave large sums of money or donated to the local school or local charities.

The **BATTLE Lottery** has been successful in producing much needed funds. Since its start in December 2005 the lottery has raised £12,861.10 of which £2572.22 has been paid out in prizes. Far better odds than the National Lottery!

If more people subscribe the monthly prize will be even bigger. If you have not already joined the Lottery and wish to do so please request an application form from:

Shirley Dewick on 01621 776581 or by e-mail shirley@dewickequestrianarenas.co.uk

You can subscribe in units of £2 per month and each unit gives you one chance of winning, so £6 per month will increase your chances threefold.



We know this has been a long fight but please continue to Support – we are nearly there at last

Please check our website www.bradwell.info regularly, we aim to update each time there is a change. Events could move quickly and getting a newsletter out to everyone is a time consuming and costly exercise. The website will be our first point of contact.