



BATTLE

Bradwell And Tillingham Tackling Lost Environment



BATTLE Newsletter

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News Update - Bradwell Wind Farm Proposal

A Battle meeting was held for members by invitation on 25th October at Bradwell Village Hall. Battle committee members were introduced to the audience and Neil Yates, Battle's chairman explained that to fight an appeal was a costly and time consuming business and he asked members to vote on a Mandate for Battle to continue or otherwise. There were no abstentions and it was agreed that the Battle committee should continue the fight against the Bradwell Wind Farm Proposal.

Many of you will have received a letter from Maldon District Council (MDC) informing you that an appeal had been received by the Planning Inspectorate (PI) against MDC's decision to refuse the planning application for the Bradwell Wind Farm. As a result the appeal will now follow the Inquiries Procedure, which is also referred to as a Public Local Inquiry or Section 78. MDC have informed us that the inquiry will be held at the Council chambers at a date to be arranged.

Residents may attend the inquiry and present evidence in person or in writing.

Battle urge you to write once more but this time to the Planning Inspectorate and by 27th November otherwise letters and applications will be discounted.

Letters **MUST** be on planning issues only i.e. You can write in your own words using some of the reasons given by MDC in their letter. Examples of valid planning issues may be: Visual impact, too close to houses and local school, too close to St Peter's Chapel, environmental/wildlife damage, construction traffic, road congestion. Do not simply say you are opposed to wind farms or that they are inefficient - these are not valid planning objections. Please do not merely send a copy of your original letter as this is not acceptable as these have already been documented and registered and will be discounted.

Send **3 copies** of letters or applications to present to the Planning Inspectorate. It is important to quote the

following numbers on your letter or application:

Application reference number: FUL/MAL/06/00291

Appeal Reference number:

APP/X1545/A/06/2023805/NWF

Send to:

3/16 Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN.

These need to reach them by 27th November so time is short - please write today!

If you have problems producing 3 copies of your letter just phone Shirley on 01621 776581 and she will make the copies for you and send them off.

The Inspectors task is to look at the case anew and to recommend if the Appeal is dismissed or upheld. He will usually make formal and informal site visits after listening to both sides of the argument after taking into consideration valid planning considerations. Once the Inquiry date is set and the Inquiry underway it usually will take about 2 weeks to complete.

Battle have approached various local advocates to present their arguments at the Public Local Inquiry. In addition we have an appointed consultant to present our case. Battle and local residents can present additional arguments other than the five grounds for refusal given by MDC as listed in their letter.



We are entering a crucial stage and one that will determine if we fail or succeed. We urgently need funds to ensure our success and an estimate of costs will be between £12,000 and £25,000 to fight this appeal, so whatever you can do to support us will help.

Urgent Request Battle Lottery

The estimated costs sounds daunting doesn't it BUT remember we have over 900 members of Battle and if even only 700 members had just one £2.00 ticket per month members would stand a chance of winning £280 every month as a prize whilst Battle would gain £1,120 every month. Over 10 months we would gain almost £12,000 without any further donations, pledges or fund raising.

PLEASE PLEASE do complete the Lottery form and direct debit Mandate as this is our best form of regular income to fight the cause. If you do not have one just contact June on 01621 776056. The draw takes place at the end of every month and you can have as many £2.00 entries as you wish - - so Good Luck! Remember - the more £2 tickets you have the greater the prize money and the greater the contribution to Battle.

**Please do not put this off - we need you to act NOW
- funds are urgently needed**

**At the meeting we also asked for assistance
with the following but more volunteers are still needed in order to spread the load:**



Fund Raising Sub-committee
More helpers to deliver Newsletters
Donations and Pledges

Contact **Diana** on 01621 779164
Contact **Kathy** on 01621 779782
Contact **Shirley** on 01621 776581

Even if you are unable to help in any of the suggested ways, you can still help by attending any of the fund-raising events that are being organised.



Thursday 16th November - Come and treat yourself to an Evening Meal at The Blue Toad Restaurant, Crouch Valley Motel, whilst supporting Battle. The restaurant is located near to the Bowls Centre in Latchingdon

Tickets are just £15.00 per head for a 3-course meal with one third of the proceeds going to Battle. Why not get some friends to join you and make up a table of 6. Tickets still available from Diana on 01621 779164. If you are unable to make 16th November, we will be arranging further evenings on the first Thursday of the month. Book in advance by telephoning Diana to reserve a table..

Quiz night at the Cricketers Pub in Bradwell on 5th December at 7.30pm

For teams of 2 - 6 players. The previous two quiz nights have been great fun and raised several hundred pounds for the fighting fund. No need to book - just come along and enjoy yourselves while helping raise money for the cause. Cost is £2 per head and all proceeds will go to Battle.

