

Stocklinch Wind Farm Gets Gov. Go Ahead

Following the decision by Scottish Power not to give a grant for the installation of solar panels on the village hall roof, a wind turbine farm for Stocklinch has got the go ahead under the new Tory guidelines on rural development.

Although turbines are far more visible than solar panels - except on Elwell House - they do generate substantially more income and their deep whistling sound can have a remarkably restful effect on people and livestock alike. "The ideal number of turbines would be three", reports resident Green expert, John Gauterin. Mr Gauterin also pointed out "you realise I have no personal interest in the business".

Discussions with the turbine manufacturers have identified an additional income stream from advertising as the towers will be visible from the roads and properties in the village.



Three possible sites have been identified...

On The Lynches behind the old church. This location would maximise the advertising revenue as they would feature prominently in any photographs of the church taken from the Owl Street Lane direction.

In the field adjacent to Tunway. An excellent choice, as the turbines would be seen by the majority of visitors to the village and would minimise the length of new overhead power lines that would need to be built to take the feed from the wind farm to the grid.

At the top of the field between Stoney Lane and Hack Penn. Whilst the wind characteristics of this location are better than the other sites and the

turbines would be visible from almost anywhere in the village, they would be too far away for the logos to be seen clearly, thus losing the advertising revenue potential.

A fourth site, the field between The Grove and the Church, is also being considered. Grove resident Peter Parsons says he is, "very, very excited".

The installation of the 30m high towers with their 9m long blades will take less than two weeks. Construction of the overhead power lines may take longer.

Taking account of the recent Government's Feed-in-Tariff (FITs) - guaranteed for 20 years - and annual maintenance costs, the income for the community would be in the region of £150,000 per year. After the capital costs are paid back (which would take approximately 6 years), this income could be used for all sorts of community projects as well as providing a significant return on investment for investors in the scheme.



Wind Farm Enthusiasts Peter & Frances Parsons of *The Grove*, Stocklinch

By Prof. Ivor Windup, Science Editor

Stocklinch Bear Alert

Stocklinch Parish Council Chair and business tycoon, Brian Faulkner has issued a warning to all ramblers in the vicinity of The Lynches to watch out for a bevy of bears, recently escaped from Manor Farm's newly refurbished barns. "Bill Butler made a small error with the door locks", Faulkner told the Bugle "He forgot the key holes and bears are very cunning, you know." If anyone knows the ware-about of Liz Scutt and dog, last seen ambling up Owl Street Lane ringing bells, please inform the Bugle.

The notice below has been posted below on the Lynches.

WARNING - BE BEAR AWARE

Hikers: take extra care and wear noisy bells on clothing when walking in Stocklinch. Carry a pepper spray in case of an encounter with a bear.



Be vigilant for bear activity and be able to distinguish between Black bear and Grizzly bear faeces. Black bear faeces are small and contain berries and squirrel fur. Grizzly bear poo has bells in it and smells like pepper. Happy hiking!