

# Horspath Parish Council Notice of Residents' Meeting Village Hall: Monday Jan 10th 2011

7pm: free refreshments 7.30pm: start

**NO  
HORSPATH  
WIND  
TURBINE**

Dear Horspath Resident

You may have read in the press of the intention of PFR & Oxford City Council to install a 130 metre high wind turbine in the field owned by Oxford City Council on the south side of Oxford Road, immediately opposite the lower entrance to the Bowley Field. We believe that a Planning Application will be submitted in the New Year on which Horspath Parish Council may not be formally consulted.

The arguments for objecting to this development are listed in full on the website ([www.horspath.org](http://www.horspath.org)) and include:-

**Self-interest:** it is entirely inappropriate that Oxford City Council should be permitted to grant Planning Permission for this wind turbine when they are set to receive a rent of £30,000 per annum from PFR for the land on which it will sit.

**Green Belt:** the integrity of the Oxford Green Belt will be lost to industrialisation, and we are also concerned that this would inevitably begin the industrialisation of the narrow Green Belt between Horspath village and BMW.

**Visual impact:** the proposed turbine is higher than the London Eye. Imagine Nelson's column on top of Shotover. At 160m, Beckley TV mast is only 30m higher!

**Ecology:** our wildlife will be affected.

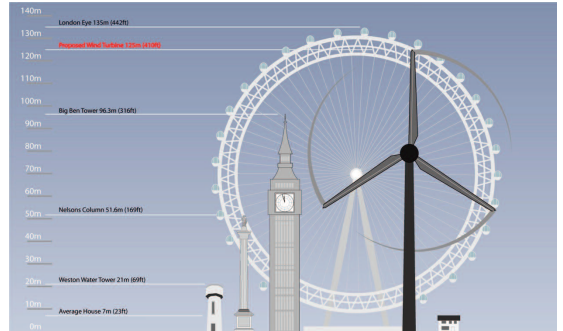
**Economics:** the entire economic justification does not add up, but unfortunately we cannot change government or EU policy on that. But we can point out that this particular location is not appropriate for a turbine of this size.

The Parish Council is presently obtaining permission from the Civil Aviation Authority to fly a balloon to this height at the proposed location, so residents will see just how high 130m is and how it will tower over many village properties and the cricket pitches. The Campaign for the Protection of Rural England and the Oxford Green Belt Network have already offered their moral and financial support.

If you wish to object to this development, please attend the residents' meeting, which has been organised by the groups already opposing the wind turbine, as a concerted campaign will be required to obtain a public enquiry. This will need the support of SODC, our MP, John Howell, and the Secretary of State for Communities, Eric Pickles. Please complete the reply form below, and place it in the box in the Village Post Office. You can display the poster overleaf in your window or car.

We will keep you informed of further developments and look forward to seeing you on January 10th in the Village Hall. Please also check for any further information and updates on the Horspath website [www.horspath.org](http://www.horspath.org).

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NAME OF RESIDENT:.....**REPLY FORM**

ADDRESS OF RESIDENT:.....

E-mail address for urgent contact by Horspath Parish Council:.....or Tel.....  
(it is not obligatory that you give this information unless you want to be kept informed)

Will you attend the Horspath Residents' Meeting on January 10th 2011. 'YES'  'NO'

Do you have any comments which you would like to relay to Horspath Parish Council about the proposal by PFR to build the giant wind turbine in Horspath? If so, please write them in the space below and continue overleaf if necessary:

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