

**OLD ROMNEY FOUR TURBINE APPLICATION TO GO BEFORE SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS-
14TH JULY**

Dear Councillor

***OLD ROMNEY WIND TURBINE DEVELOPMENT – DO YOU WANT FOUR INDUSTRIAL SHARDS
BLIGHTING THE IDYLIC ROMNEY MARSH?***

***CAN YOU ATTEND A MEETING AT SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 14TH JULY 2015 AT
7PM?***

***FOUR GOOD REASONS TO MAKE YOUR CONCERNS KNOWN TO SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS –
VOTE FOR TOURISM NOT TURBINES*!**

APPLICATION NO: Y13/0048/SH

Despite considerable local opposition the proposal for a Wind Farm to be constructed on highly graded agricultural land just outside Old Romney on the idyllic Romney Marsh will go before Shepway District Council's Development Control Committee on ***TUESDAY 14th July 2015 AT 7.15PM***

The application (Y13/0048/SH) comprises the erection of ***FOUR INDUSTRIAL WIND TURBINES,*** each with a maximum height to blade tip of 126.5 metres, together with a substation and control building, associated hard-standings, an improved access junction, connecting internal access tracks and water crossings and other related infrastructure.

i.e. A SUBSTANTIAL alteration to the local landscape.

This is the final opportunity local people will have to demonstrate their opposition to the scheme. The meeting is open to the public from 7pm so ***PLEASE MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN AND TRY TO ATTEND THE MEETING. ***

This application is ***not*** the most recent application at the same site for a temporary test mast (Y15/0424/SH) ***THIS IS THE MAIN APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR HUGE INDUSTRIAL TURBINES *A RELATIVELY SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE MASSIVE 114 ACRE SOLAR FARM NOW OPERATING ON GRADE 1 INDUSTRIAL LAND ON THE SAME LAND OWNERS PROPERTY.**

Rt Hon Amber Rudd – Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change recently announced that the Government will be withdrawing the excessive subsidies paid to land owners and operators from April 2016. Hence, the time to obtain permission and qualify for the highly lucrative Taxpayer funding is running out.

Sources within Government are warning the cost of subsidising new Wind Farms is spiraling out of control, with combined Green Energy subsidies heading towards £9 Billion a year by 2020. It is suggested that every year each household nationwide will have to contribute £170.

S.O.M.B.R.E. Leader Patricia Rolfe observed; "Government policy is clear. There is a determined move away from on-shore wind technology which has proved to be costly, inefficient, and, most importantly, damaging to the environment. We have been pressing for more investment in Wave

and Tidal technology. These are both sustainable and reliable. Campaigners are also promoting further investment in green tourism on Romney Marsh. We want tourism, we do not want turbines!"

Mike Bartlett, *S.O.M.B.R.E. *added "The developer, Airvolution is evidently pressing ahead with this application against an ever increasing tide of opposition – both locally and nationally. Romney Marsh is unique, an environmentally sensitive area that needs protecting from unwanted industrialisation."

With regard to the Old Romney application, clear and valid objections have been raised by many residents, Councils, and other groups – most notably, the RSPB whose detailed analysis of the Old Romney application led to the organization opposing the development. It has identified the potential negative impact on endangered species such as Bewick's Swan, Mute Swan,

White Fronted Geese, Marsh Harrier, Golden Plover and Lapwing. The organisations expert also highlighted the lack of data regarding the 'in-combination effects' of effectively extending the 26 Turbine Little Cheyne Court Wind Farm. Lydd Airport has also formally objected to this application, on the ground of safety concerns and given the site's proximity to the airport in view of its planned, previously approved, expansion.

Anyone wishing to speak (conditions apply) must let Mr Robert Allan – Shepway District Council Planning Officer know in writing by emailing the request to: PLANNING@SHEPWAY.GOV.UK or by contacting him via: THE HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES, SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCIL, CIVIC CENTRE, CASTLE HILL AVENUE, FOLKESTONE, KENT CT20 2QY. By no later than 5.00pm on Thursday 9th July 2015

PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING THE MEETING – TUESDAY 14TH JULY 2015 AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, FOLKESTONE (SEE ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 7PM AND MAKE YOUR VIEWS COUNT!

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