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RES TO APPEAL JACK'S LANE WIND FARM PLANNING DECISION

Wind farm would provide sufficient renewable electricity for the equivalent of 8,000 homes and help to reduce climate change

RES, the renewable energy company behind the proposed six-turbine Jack's Lane Wind Farm, has today submitted an appeal against the decision to turn down their planning application.

The Jack's Lane Wind Farm site lies approximately 12km north west of Fakenham between Syderstone, Stanhoe, North Creake and South Creake. Its six turbines would measure 126.5m high to the tip of the blade and would generate about 38GWh of pollution-free electricity a year – sufficient to meet the average needs of more than 8,000 homes. During operation it would also provide a community fund of at least £24,000 per year for investment in local social and environmental projects.

Initial studies indicated that Jack's Lane could support up to 30 turbines, but RES modified its proposal to just six turbines following consultation with local communities and other stakeholders. There are only three properties within 1.5km of any of the proposed turbines – more than three times the generally accepted good practice minimum of 500m.

RES submitted its plans for Jack's Lane Wind Farm in August 2010. Despite receiving more than 700 letters in support of the proposal, compared to 635 against, King's Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council rejected RES's plans at a committee meeting on 25 July 2011. Among the reasons given were unacceptable visual impacts and potential effects on pink-footed geese.

Simon Peltenburg, Senior Project Manager for RES, commented: *“Of course the wind farm would be an addition to the local landscape, but we must balance a change in the view against the fact that we have to find more sustainable ways of producing electricity while also reducing our CO2 emissions. Well designed wind farms like Jack's Lane need to be approved to increase the security of our energy supply and ensure that our landscapes are protected from the effects of climate change.”*

The appeal has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for England & Wales, and will be determined by an independent Planning Inspector.



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Notes to editors:

1. RES is a leading UK renewable energy company with its award-winning eco-friendly head office in King's Langley, Hertfordshire, and offices around the world. RES built its first wind farm in Cornwall in 1992 and has developed and/or owns 29 projects across the UK. The RES Group has to date completed over 5GW of wind power capacity worldwide (more than is installed in the whole of the UK) and is active in a range of renewable energy technologies (biomass, solar, ground source, wind), as well as sustainable building design. For more information, visit www.res-group.com

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