



Bears Down Wind Farm, Cornwall. This photograph is not intended to represent the appearance of the proposed Cotton Wind Farm.

Planning application submitted for Cotton Wind Farm

npower renewables, one of the UK's leading renewable energy companies, has submitted a planning application for an eight turbine wind farm on land between Graveley, Toseland, Great Paxton and Offord D'Arcy to Huntingdonshire District Council.

Kim Gauld-Clark, Renewables Developer for the project said, "We are very pleased to be submitting a planning application and accompanying Environmental Statement for the proposed Cotton Wind Farm. Over the past few months all of the independent consultants have been finalising their studies and assessments to enable us to compile a detailed and comprehensive Environmental Statement."

The proposal comprises eight wind turbines with a generating capacity of between 16 and 24 megawatts (MW). An eight turbine wind farm at Cotton Farm could meet the average annual electricity needs of between 6,900 and 10,000 homes each year¹.

Cotton Wind Farm would make a

valuable contribution to the country's renewable energy supply, and the Government's current target to supply 15% of the UK's electricity from renewable energy sources by 2015. The Government's recently published UK Renewable Energy Strategy consultation document suggests this target could be increased to more than 30% by 2020. This highlights how imperative it is that onshore wind farms such as Cotton Farm are built. Onshore wind farms are vital in meeting these challenging targets and helping the UK make its contribution to the European effort to tackle climate change.

The Cotton Wind Farm planning application will be determined by Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) who will consult with local residents, the local parish councils, South

Cambridgeshire District Council and other important consultees.

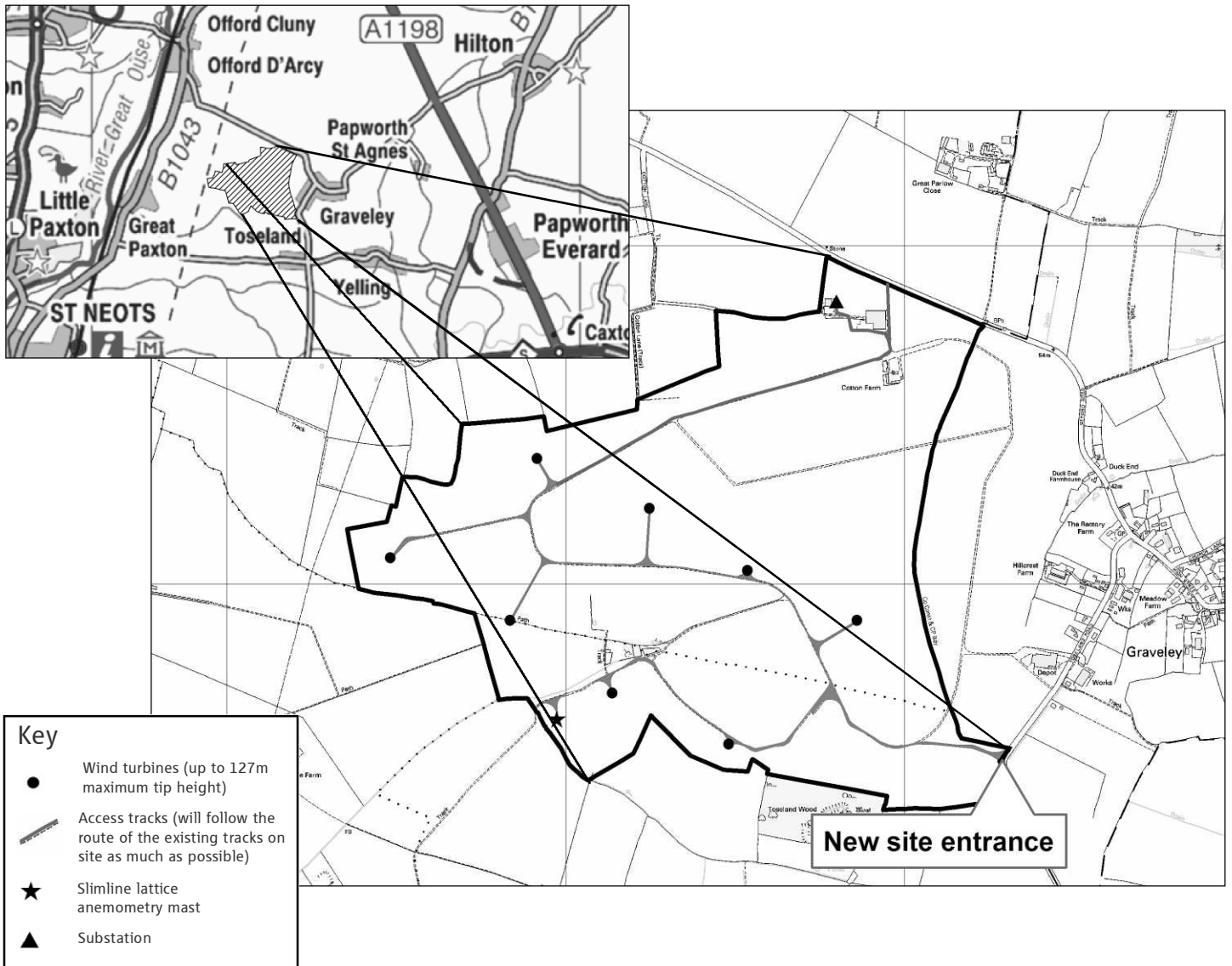
An Environmental Statement (ES) accompanies the planning application. This document presents the results of the environmental surveys that have been carried out, and sets out the potential environmental effects of the proposed wind farm. A copy of the ES is available for free on CD from npower renewables.

For people who would prefer just to read the key points of the ES, a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) has also been produced and this is available on the npower renewables website at www.npower-renewables.com/cottonfarm

Alternatively, hard copies of the NTS are available from npower renewables.

The project at a glance

Number of wind turbines	8
Installed capacity of the project	Between 16 and 24 megawatts
Number of average homes supplied equivalent to project generation	Between 6,900 and 10,000 homes annually ¹
Height of turbines	Up to 127 metres to the blade tip (highest point)



Over 600 attend public exhibition

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to attend our public exhibition which was held at Offord Village Hall in March 2008.

The two-day exhibition gave members of the public the opportunity to see all the wind farm plans and discuss its development with npower renewables staff.



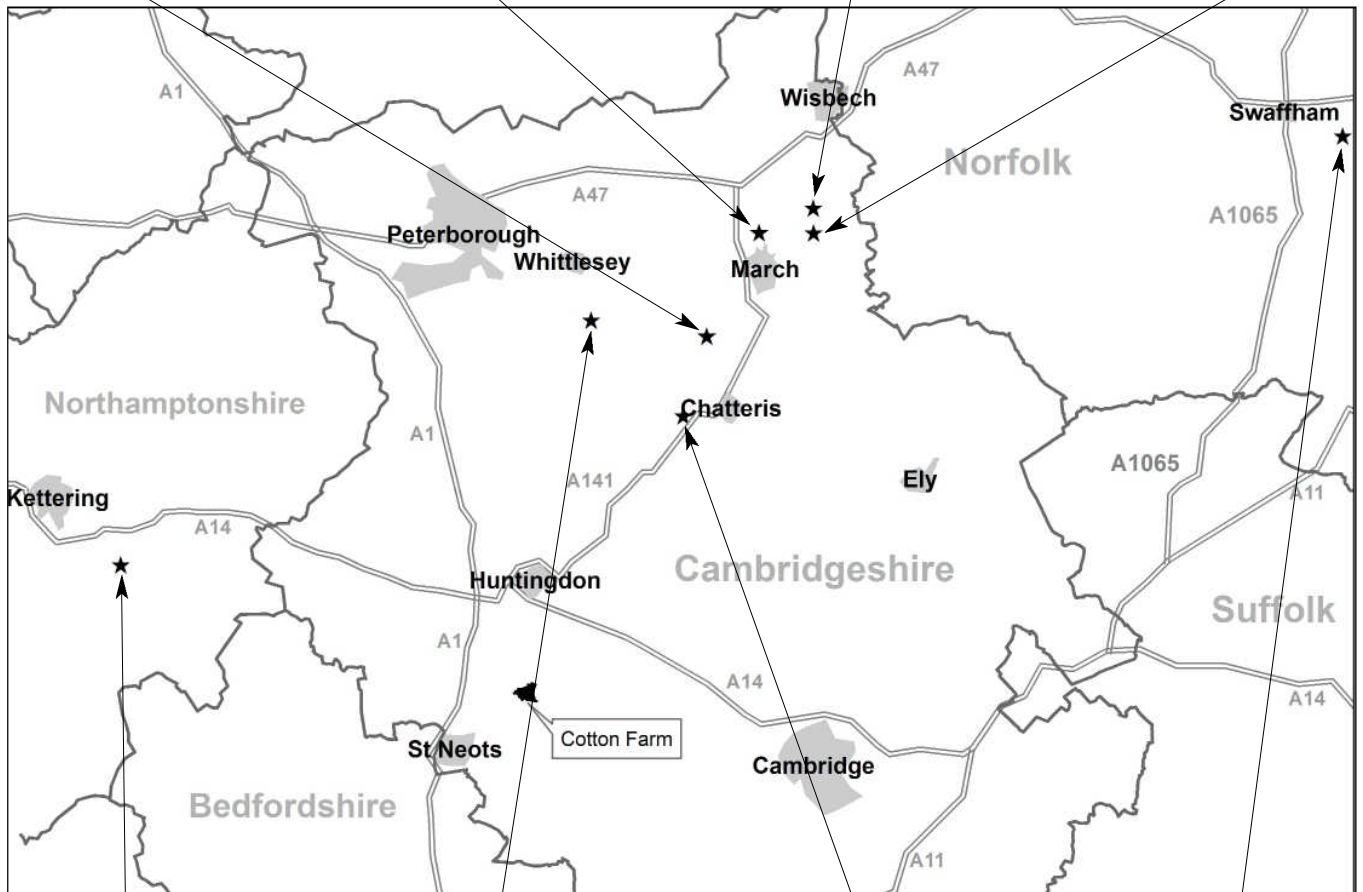
Wind farms in East Anglia

The best way to see what an operating wind farm is really like is to visit one for yourself.

If you have any concerns about noise it is worth standing around 600m away and seeing if you can hear the turbines.

There are a number of wind farms within East Anglia with turbines of a similar size to those proposed at Cotton Farm and these are shown on the map.

<p>Ransonmoor South West of March, Cambridgeshire Turbines: 5x2 MW Total capacity: 10 MW Tip Height: 3x107m & 2x110m Operator: Ecogen Ltd Operation started: 2007</p>	<p>Longhill Road North of March, Cambridgeshire Turbines: 1x2 MW Total capacity: 2 MW Tip Height: 122m Operator: Wind Direct Operation started: 2005</p>	<p>Coldham North East of March, Cambridgeshire Turbines: 8x2 MW Total capacity: 16 MW Tip Height: 100m Operator: Co-op Operation started: 2005</p>	<p>Stags Holt North East of March, Cambridgeshire Turbines: 9x2 MW Total capacity: 18 MW Tip Height: 100m Operator: Wind Prospect Operation started: 2007</p>
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<p>Burton Latimer South East of Kettering, Northamptonshire Turbines: 10x2 MW Total capacity: 20 MW Tip Height: 99.5m Operator: Your Energy Operation started: 2006</p>	<p>Glass Moor South of Whittlesey, Cambridgeshire Turbines: 8x2 MW Total capacity: 16 MW Tip Height: 110m Operator: Fenland Operation started: 2006</p>	<p>Red Tile Farm South West of Chatteris, Cambridgeshire Turbines: 12x2 MW Total capacity: 24 MW Tip Height: 100m Operator: Wind Prospect Operation started: 2007</p>	<p>North Pickenham South East of Swaffham, Norfolk Turbines: 8x1.8 MW Total capacity: 14.4 MW Tip Height: 125m Operator: Enertrag Operation started: 2006</p>
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North Pickenham Wind Farm

North Pickenham Wind Farm, operated by Enertrag UK, is located on the old North Pickenham airfield, two miles south east of Swaffham and 25 miles west of Norwich in the Breckland district of Norfolk.

This wind farm is comparable to the proposed Cotton Wind Farm as its eight turbines have a 125 metre (m) tip

height. At Cotton Farm we are applying for a maximum tip height of 127m.

"Our operational wind farm at North Pickenham near Swaffham has eight turbines with a tip height of 125m. We are in regular contact with residents living near the wind farm, including the nearest properties which are 700m

away, and have been carrying out post-construction monitoring since the wind farm started generating electricity in November 2006. We are pleased to say that we have had no complaints with regard to either noise or shadow flicker."

Nicola Young
 Enertrag UK Ltd

What happens next?

Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) will send out consultation letters to neighbouring residents and other consultees inviting comments.

The planning application and Environmental Statement can be viewed at www.huntsdc.gov.uk.

A consultation period will then begin during which anyone who wants to comment can do so by writing to the Planning Department at Huntingdonshire District Council.

Once all of the information has been considered, the Planning Officer will write a report recommending either approval or refusal and the reason for this recommendation. This report will then be taken to the HDC Planning Committee, made up of elected councillors, who will decide whether to approve or refuse the planning application. The Planning Committee Meeting is open to the public.

In order to make your thoughts known, you can write to:

Planning Department
Huntingdonshire District Council
Pathfinder House
St Mary's Street
Huntingdon
Cambridgeshire
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Any questions?

We hope you have found this newsletter informative however, should you have any further questions about the project please visit the website at www.npower-renewables.com/cottonfarm

You can also email us at cottonfarm@npower-renewables.com

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If you would like more information about wind energy, please visit the British Wind Energy Association website at www.bwea.com

Reference

¹Based on an annual electricity consumption per home of 4700 kWh, which is derived from a total UK domestic electricity consumption of 117.589 terawatt-hours (TWh) and 25.2 million UK households giving 4,666 kWh per year per household. UK energy consumption is as stated for 2004 in The Digest of UK Energy Statistics 2005 The number of UK households is as stated for 2003 in the Mid-year Household Estimates published in 2004 by the Office for National Statistics.

The energy predicted to be generated by the proposal is derived from monitoring wind speeds in the area and correlating this data to wind speeds measured at Met. Office stations. This enables a calculation to be made to estimate the average annual energy production for the site based on 8 turbines each of rated capacity of between 2.0 and 3 MW. The energy capture and equivalent homes figure relating to this project may change as more information is gathered.

Our other projects

The UK needs to make use of all forms of renewable energy if it is to have a chance of meeting the target set by the Government to produce 15% of electricity from renewable sources by 2015.

npower renewables is involved in developing a number of renewable energy projects including The Skerries, one of the world's first commercial-scale tidal stream projects, off the coast of North Wales, and the Siadar Wave Energy Project, a wave power station on the Isle of Lewis.

Construction of npower renewables' Rhyl Flats offshore wind farm off the coast of North Wales is also well underway, and accompanies North Hoyle, which was the UK's first major offshore wind farm to be constructed. More information about our work can be seen at:

www.npower-renewables.com