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Communities Against
Reagill & Sleagill Turbines

Invitation

To see the impact of the
proposed industrial turbines
on our landscape

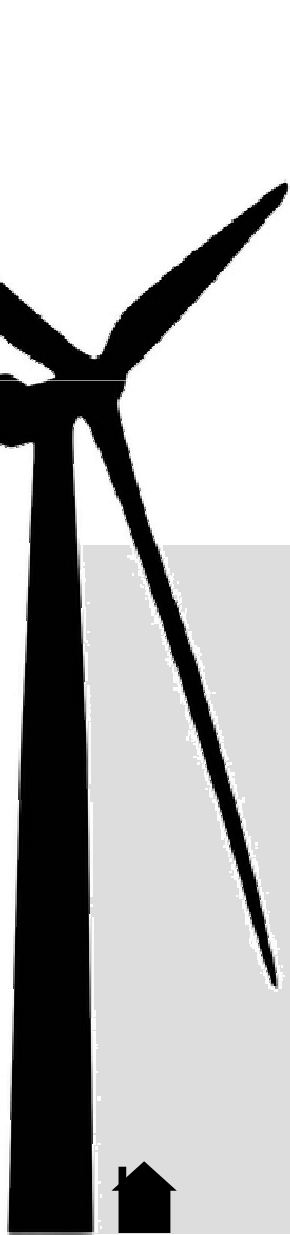
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Public Exhibition
Saturday 14 November
Morland Village Hall

See the view from your village
Hear personal statements from our guest
speakers – see inside for a who's who
See the destruction of the
environment during construction
Find out why Wind is not the solution

Exhibition Open 12.30 to 18.30
Guest Speakers – 14.30 and 16.30
Refreshments available



Speakers

Mike Hall

Dr Hall's career spanned both university lecturing and R&D in the pharmaceutical industry. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, Fellow of the Institute of Biology, Chartered Chemist and a Chartered Biologist. He has had a life-long interest in conservation, the countryside and natural history. He became involved with FELLs in 2000 and is now their Technical Specialist and current Chairman.

Friends of Eden, Lakeland and Lunesdale Scenery (FELLs) was constituted on 10/09/99 to fight against the visual pollution of a countryside renowned for its beauty throughout the world, notably pollution by the inappropriate siting of wind turbines. FELLs is not opposed to all wind generating stations, or to the principle of renewable energy, and has not objected to several wind farm applications in the North West. FELLs has participated in the Whinash, Hoff Moor, Armistead, Sillfield, Berrier Hill and Grise Wind Farm Public Inquiries.

Geoff Lightburn

Local farmer from Drybeck. Geoff played a major role in the successful opposition to the proposal for turbines at Hoff where the developers took no interest in the feelings of the small local community. Geoff is passionate about the preservation of the landscape in the Eden Valley.

Andrew Carter

Chair of SALT - (Strategic Alliance Against Lakeland Turbines). Andrew is a resident of Mosedale in the foothills of Blencathra - an area where the Public Inquiry is currently underway into a proposal for turbines on Berrier Hill - one of the key approaches to the Lake District with its iconic views known to millions all over the world.

We will listen to personal statements from:

Ron Williams

'My wife Jill and I live at The Swallows, Bothel, Cumbria.

I was Senior Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering at West Cumbria College for 26 years prior to my retirement in 1990. In 2007, Wind Prospect erected eight wind turbines at Wharrels Hill, SSW of my home, the nearest turbine being just 833 metres away. I have a number of issues with regard to this development which include - noise problems, effects of sunlight, visual impact, effect on property value, and wellbeing difficulties associated with the need to administer sleeping/painkiller tablets.'



David Brierley

'I am 63 years of age, a retired Police Officer. I have lived in the Furness Area for 35 years. 10 Years ago following a Public Inquiry we had a wind farm inflicted upon us. There was noise from day one, all around the site. The developers denied that there was a problem. Following two meetings in adjacent villages, attended by some 80-100 persons we formed a residents' opposition group. 18 of us who had the time, determination, (and money!) formed the main group. We had very little joy for some 4 years despite the local authority Environmental Health Officers (EHO's) recording 26 noise nuisances, 14 borderline noise nuisances and at least one breach of a planning condition in a 22 month period. The local authority took no action. Well that's not strictly true, their action in all cases was "informed developer". Then they took no further action. We had also determined that the site had been built in the wrong place and consequently there were issues regarding planning which the local authority was "reluctant" to deal with (It was so far out from where it had been given permission that it was actually outside the red line area submitted, in other words, they failed to build the wind farm for which they were given permission for and built another one that they didn't have any permission for). We were forced to take our own action and after some 5 years of continual noise nuisance and no action we took the local authority, the developers, and the owners of the site to court under the Environmental Protection Act. WE LOST - despite producing the councils EHO's reports, senior officers admitting the planning issues, 6 residents as named on the summons and 14 others who gave evidence of noise nuisance!'

'This cost the group an arm and a leg, we couldn't afford to appeal this travesty of Justice. The residents' group broke up. Some moved away. Some were so disillusioned that despite the noise they don't now complain because of the process.

- Make a complaint
- Fill in noise diaries for 2 months
- Agree to developers having more time to do their own monitoring
- Listen to the excuses from the local authority
- Ring a 24 hrs noise complaint line that sometimes isn't answered
- Have EHO's attend sometimes without any metering equipment.'

'This has gone on for some 10 years - so now I would like to tell you what happened to us - and to ensure that you don't allow it to happen to you and your neighbours.'

'Fight right from the start. Our situation might not arise with your situation. I can't guarantee that it will, BUT whilst the wind industry and local authorities CANT GUARANTEE 100% THAT IT WON'T - I will continue to do the rounds.'



We continue to campaign against the proposed industrial wind farm development which would have such a detrimental impact on your village and the Eden Valley.

However this is not without cost and we now need your financial help in the form of donations to cover a range of expenses including printing, posters, website maintenance and initial pre planning legal cost and advice.

If you support our cause please donate whatever you can. Any funds remaining will be passed to FELLs for use in other campaigns.

Please can you help CARST with a donation?

Enclosed is an envelope, detach this slip if you need a receipt, donations can be dropped off at the locations below or posted to the treasurer.

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Sleagill - The Barn
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