

Dear sir/madam

this is my response to your enquiry.

Firstly I would state it is my belief that setting up a wind farm is usually an attempt by a landowner to produce money from what they would consider useless or other low level yield land they own. By their nature wind farms are not set up on valuable building or other land but on poor agricultural land or waste land or land where agriculture can subsist with a wind farm creating potentially a double income for landowners. The wind farm lobby have neatly tapped into this under a veil of green power but the truth is very different, creating a cash bonanza for themselves and the landowner and doing nothing to mitigate pollution or CO2 reduction. Worse still wind turbines and their promoters have highly detrimental effects to the rural environment as I will demonstrate.

Wind farm speculators are now trying to divide local rural communities by attempting to buy off locals with promises of some limited investments, little do the seduced population realise that a few thousand in money is not going to offset the damage and disturbance a wind farm is going to cause them. The pittance offered to local communities compared to the vast profits landowners and energy companies are making is offensive.

Wind farm speculators also disrupt rural objectors' lives by consistently appealing and re-submitting to UK councils slightly modified but previously failed wind farm proposals, until eventually the objectors run out of time and money and patience and can no longer meet the constant flow of re-submissions.

Wind farm speculators also try and select sites which have sparse and low income populations, on the basis that people in these areas are much less likely to present a coherent objection to their projects.

Wind farm speculators often try and mitigate the visual impact of turbines in their promotional literature, to an unsuspecting public, by placing cattle or sheep or other objects at the forefront of a picture of a wind farm. Thus making the turbines look much smaller than they actually are.

Rural communities also suffer from loss of values on their properties, as very few people are likely to want to buy a property that is disrupted by the now well documented effects of wind turbines. Wind farm speculators try to mitigate this by referring to outdated and irrelevant and highly dubious studies of house prices and wind farms from other countries in many cases. In reality a trip to the local estate agents will soon reveal how much value one's property has lost, assuming you can find somebody who is willing to purchase a property suffering the effects of wind turbines.

There are well documented health effects caused by wind turbines.

I have even seen evidence of land grab attempts and double dealing by unscrupulous wind farm speculators as the value of previously disused and/or unclaimed land may have suddenly burgeoned with planning permission for wind turbines. This unscrupulous land grab activity denies the local rural population the right of possible public ownership and enjoyment of the land itself and any income from community owned wind farms.

Wind farm projects have consistently failed to produce the promised electrical outputs in the UK and indeed wind farms have proven themselves particularly useless during the last two cold UK winters, which were associated with weeks of high pressure and no productive wind. So at the annual height of consumer demand for electricity wind turbines stood still and completely useless. Meanwhile electricity prices continue to rise for rural inhabitants who often have to use more for heating as their homes are often colder than those in the city being outside of the heat retaining concrete and tarmac infrastructure.

Wind farms are particularly harmful to flying wildlife, birds, bats, bees etc etc have difficulty in identifying turbine blades in their flight patterns. As I understand it turbine bases in some UK areas are covered in the carcasses of dead wildlife, but nobody in the wind farm industry wants the public to know about this carnage.

Wind farms are supposed to be green, but create large amounts of pollution and CO2 in their manufacture, indeed as this report shows it is often the poor in developing countries who suffer the effects of wind turbine production.

'This toxic lake poisons Chinese farmers, their children and their land. It is what's left behind after making the magnets for Britain's latest wind turbines... '

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/moslive/article-1350811/In-China-true-cost-Britains-clean-green-wind-power-experiment-Pollution-disastrous-scale.html#ixzz1DVWAr7eG>

This Aside from the vast amounts of materials and electricity (producing CO2) required to produce the turbine structure, and associated parts.

As for mitigating global warming, it seems to have escaped the attention of the wind farm lobby and others that chopping down millions of hectares of CO2 absorbing forests and woods and replacing them with concrete and tarmac towns and cities may have something to do with global warming.

As has over fishing of the seas (reducing the amount of carbon absorbing marine animal waste products) and the vast world overpopulation of humans, producing all sorts of liquid, gas and solid pollutants of which man made CO2 is a small proportion. Producing electricity from fossil fuels compared to all this other pollution and demands from overpopulation and reduction of CO2 absorbing material, is a small worry and completely overblown out of proportion.

The wind farm lobbies answer to this is to pollute more, industrialise rural landscapes, disrupt rural residents lives, reduce flying animal populations further and produce minimal and unreliable amounts of electricity using wind turbines. Worse still wind power is not suitable for base loading of national grids as it is simply not reliable, so there will still be a need to retain all the polluting traditional power stations to ensure base load is maintained.....so what exactly is the point ??

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