

Dear Sir/Madam

I am Linda Webster chairman of the campaign group Save Our Stainmore (www.saveourstainmore.co.uk) which is fighting to save one of the last unspoilt wild and beautiful areas of the UK from blight by a windfactory.

Windfactories destroy protected landscapes and have enormous visual impact. They are often against Government and Planning policy - policy which was often put in place to protect our most beautiful areas.

In our case the development would destroy peat - Peatlands are our best natural carbon store. Damaging peatlands to build concrete turbine bases, extensive roads and pylons will release large amounts of carbon and prevent further storage; wind turbines could not offset that loss over their lifetime. In their document "*Wind Turbines and Peat Soils*" the RSPB warn that "***the loss of the carbon storage function of deep peat and the release of carbon that occurs when peat is disturbed may undermine any carbon saving benefits of renewable wind development.***" Windfactories have an enormous impact on wildlife and environment

Noise is also an issue - There is a weight of evidence that living near to turbines causes health problems due not only to audible noise but also to resonance through the ground which can be felt for miles. People have been driven from their homes—if you research this you will be shocked by what you read.

The case against turbines goes on: **Safety** (turbine fires, collapses and blades flying off the hub) **Ice Shear. Property values** (The RICS and recent legal cases confirm that property values DO fall around wind factories).

All this AND the fact that windfactories DO NOT WORK! They produce electricity only when the wind blows - often at the coldest times it does not. Coal and gas fired power stations must be kept ready - they then pollute more as they are not working at maximum efficiency.

Wind factories are the biggest con of our generation and one which our children and grandchildren will have to live with for ever - turbines must only ever be placed in areas which do not impact on people or natural beauty - if you must have them put them out in the ocean...

Many thanks for reading our submission

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