

I am of the opinion that wind farms should be viewed as “Industrial Sites” and that the noise would be constant - the turbines do not pack up and go home to their families at the end of the day, they are with us (the ones unlucky enough to live next door to a wind farm) - 24/7.

Recently, (July 27, 2010) the House of Lords in England set minimum distances that wind turbines were allowed to be placed from neighbouring properties.

Summary:

“House of Lords: A bill to make provision for a minimum distance between wind turbines and residential premises according to the size of the wind turbine; and for connected purposes.”

Under requirements for minimum distance from residential dwellings note:

If turbine is greater than 100m, but does not exceed 150m, the minimum distance requirement is 2000m(2km)

If turbine is greater than 150m, the minimum distance required is 3000m(3km)

There has been a lot of unrest in overseas countries about turbines being placed too close to neighbours (Denmark is now placing all their turbines out to sea as a result).

I hope that these distance requirements help you with your inquiry.

Yours sincerely,
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