

Dear Sirs,

We live in a quiet rural area of France, within a Regional Natural Park, an area recognised by the World Health Organisation as meriting protection for its natural tranquillity. Our region, the Limousin, is also an area with little wind . Traditionally the mills here were powered by water. We were taken aback when we were contacted to see if we would agree to the implantation of an industrial wind turbine on our land. The site in question is mainly woodland ; the promoters are aware that there is a rare species of bat within the zone, the zone is also a major migration path for cranes and in addition the wind turbines 150m high will be within 600m of existing houses. We know that these will cause actionable nuisances to the local inhabitants. We have been told that the new models are very quiet : however the constructor's documentation shows that the machines produce 103dB at the height of the nacelle. In our area where there is little background noise in the evening and at night, it is certain that these machines will have a major impact on the quality of life and health (disturbed sleep, low frequency noise.....) of those living in proximity.

It is quite apparent that the fact that there is no real wind resource DOES NOT MATTER ! The implantation of these machines will destroy a rich natural environment and the lives of those living in proximity to produce a ridiculously small amount of electricity.

We are members of an association to protect our environment from the implantation of industrial wind turbines, and the association is taking court action to try and stop this project.

Our association is also part of a group of associations formed to protect our Regional Natural Park from the installation of these machines.

We consider that instead of subsidising the industrial wind turbines, subsidies should be given to householders to help insulate their homes, thus reducing the energy used, and reducing bills. Our area also has significant areas of woodland, which could be managed to supply wood, creating employment.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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