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## Banks submit planning application

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### Latest News

The next open meeting will be held at Darrington Golf Club and the guest speaker will be Yvette Cooper

### Special points of interest:

- Banks submit planning application for 6 wind turbines in Darrington
- Visit the PWAG stand at Darrington Feast & Fayre on Saturday 23 June 2007
- Visit the PWAG new website at [pwag.co.uk](http://pwag.co.uk)

On Thursday 3 May 2007 Banks Developments submitted a planning application for the erection of six wind turbines, highway access junction improvement and ancillary development near Darrington. Copies of the application (application no. 07/01338/FUL) will be available for the public to examine at Pontefract Library and the Wakefield MDC Planning office at Newton Bar Wakefield.

If you wish to examine the application at Newton Bar, Wakefield you can obtain



Pontefract Library

details of their location and opening hours by either phoning 01924 306636 or by accessing their

website ( [http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/Planning/contact\\_planning.htm](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/Planning/contact_planning.htm) ). If you are going to Pontefract Library you can phone 01977 727692 for details of opening hours. Alternatively their website address is <http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/CultureAndLeisure/Libraries/LocalLibraries/PontefractLibrary/default.htm>



Newton Bar Planning office

## What is the PWAG?

The Pontefract Windfarm Action Group has been formed to work with and for the residents of both rural and urban districts of the area to raise awareness of the impact and likely detrimental effects of the siting of a wind farm in our community. The im-

pact will be far-reaching—well beyond the current proposed site on Went Edge near Darrington and Wentbridge. Taller than Ferrybridge power station they will be visible across the county. The PWAG is not opposed to responsible renewable energy

strategies and would support any other efforts to redress the balance. However we are very concerned that wind turbines can be viewed as a quick fix local solution to a global problem, achieving target quotas but not being efficient or reliable.

## PWAG open meetings

PWAG team will be arranging open meetings for residents to come along and discuss the issues that concern them regarding the planning application for six 127m high

wind turbines and the disruption it will cause to local communities. The first meeting was held at East Hardwick village hall on 17 May 2007. The second will be at Darrington Golf

Club. Check our website for further details or phone your local team member. Their phone numbers are shown on page 2.

## PWAG News

PWAG can be contacted via our website <http://www.pwag.co.uk>. If you have any queries, suggestions, offers of support or need advice, please visit our website, email us on [info@pwag.co.uk](mailto:info@pwag.co.uk), or phone your local PWAG representative. See **Did you know?** For details.

We are on the internet:



## PWAG now on the internet

PWAG went live on the internet on 9 May 2007. To access our website go to <http://www.pwag.co.uk>. You will find lots of useful information about wind farms, wind turbines and

wind masts, as well as links to other sites that have successfully opposed wind farm applications in their area. Check our site regularly as we will be keeping it up to

date throughout this campaign. See how you can help to get this planning application refused by writing to Wakefield MDC and objecting to the planning application.

### Did you know?

- Members of PWAG will be calling on houses in the local communities in the near future with more information about the wind farm planning application. Have you got any concerns you would like to ask them about? Your local PWAG representatives are:-

#### East Hardwick

Tony Hames 01977 620361

#### Carleton

John Craven 01977 599685

#### Darrington

Ron Watson 01977 791104

#### Pontefract

Richard Anthony 07798 864149

#### Wentbridge

Helen Lawrie 01977 621300

#### West Park

Sylvia White 07960 980865

- The PWAG team will be attending local summer fayres and shows starting with the Darrington Feast and Fayre on 23 June 2007. Why not visit our stand and let us know your views of having six 127m wind turbines on your doorstep!

## Object to the wind farm proposal

The most important thing you can do is to write to Wakefield MDC Planning Department telling them that you object to the proposal to erect six 127m wind turbines in Darrington. Remember you do not have to live in Darrington to object. These wind turbines are so big they will be seen for miles around. If you do write, please wait until the plan-

ning application has been formally announced in the local press, and remember to include your name and address and the Planning Application number 07/01338/FUL. For greatest impact do not object to everything in one letter. You can send in several separate objection letters. For example you can object to the potential noise caused

by wind turbines, then send another letter objecting to the visual impact, another letter objecting to the potential impact on wildlife such as birds etc. If you would prefer to use standard letters these will be available on our website in the near future.



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## We're getting a blimp!

Watch out for our blimp that will be flying at 127m above Westfield Lane Darrington in June and early July 2007. This will give local residents an

opportunity to really see how massive 127m wind turbines are. Check our website regularly for further details. <http://www.pwag.co.uk>

## PWAG object to wind farm

PWAG intend to object to the proposal to build six 127m tall wind turbines on agricultural land between Westfield Lane in Darrington and Moor Lane. The PWAG are urging all local

residents whether you live in Darrington, other local communities, or further afield to officially object to this proposal which, if approved would industrialise our rural landscape. For

details of how to object visit our website, send us an email or phone us. For your local PWAG contact see **Did you know?**, on this page, for details.