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SUSTAINABLE ENERGY TRUST



Westmill Sustainable Energy Trust

- Charity registered 28 October 2009 (No. 1132379)
- Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered 1158820 October 2014 (No. 1158820)
- Promotes and encourages the deployment of sustainable energy with a focus on a 25 mile radius of Westmill Wind Farm (WWF)
- Has guaranteed funding from WWF equal to the larger of 0.5% of WWF's income or £6,500/year (agreed at 2012 AGM)
- Unique type of “active” organisation
- **Every co-op should have one**



**“ THE URGENT CHALLENGE TO PROTECT OUR COMMON HOME
INCLUDES A CONCERN TO BRING THE WHOLE HUMAN FAMILY TOGETHER
TO SEEK A SUSTAINABLE AND INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT,
FOR WE KNOW THAT THINGS CAN CHANGE.”**



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18/06/2015 Written statement to Parliament by Secretary of State Greg Clark on Local Planning

I am today setting out new considerations to be applied to proposed wind energy development so that local people have the final say on wind farm applications, fulfilling the commitment made in the Conservative election manifesto.

Subject to the transitional provision set out below, these considerations will take effect from 18 June and should be taken into account in planning decisions. I am also making a limited number of consequential changes to planning guidance.

When determining planning applications for wind energy development involving one or more wind turbines, local planning authorities should only grant planning permission if:

- the development site is in an area identified as suitable for wind energy development in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan; and
- following consultation, it can be demonstrated that the planning impacts identified by affected local communities have been fully addressed and therefore the proposal has their backing.

In applying these new considerations, **suitable areas for wind energy development will need to have been allocated clearly in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan.**

Maps showing the wind resource as favourable to wind turbines, or similar, will not be sufficient. Whether a proposal has the backing of the affected local community is a planning judgement for the local planning authority.

Where a valid planning application for a wind energy development has already been submitted to a local planning authority and the development plan does not identify suitable sites, the following transitional provision applies. In such instances, local planning authorities can find the proposal acceptable if, following consultation, they are satisfied it has **addressed the planning impacts identified by affected local communities and therefore has their backing.**

18/06/2015 Written statement to Parliament by Secretary of State Amber Rudd on ending new subsidies for onshore wind

I am now setting out proposals to end new subsidies for onshore wind, specifically in relation to the Renewables Obligation (RO). Onshore wind is currently subsidised through three schemes: Contracts for Difference (CfDs) introduced by the last Government, and the Renewables Obligation and Feed-in-Tariffs introduced previously.

With regard to CfDs, we have the tools available to implement our manifesto commitments on onshore wind and I will set out how I will do so when announcing plans in relation to further CfD allocations. I will also shortly be considering options for continued support for community onshore wind projects through the feed-in tariff (FITs) as part of the review that my department is conducting this year.

The RO supports the overwhelming majority of current and future onshore wind capacity. Unlike CfDs, which introduce competition for subsidy and therefore drive costs down more quickly, the RO is demand-led and so poses more risk of pressure on consumer bills from increased demand for the subsidy. I am therefore announcing today that we will be introducing primary legislation to close the RO to new onshore wind from 1st April 2016 – a year earlier than planned.

My department's analysis indicates that, after taking into account an early closure, onshore wind deployment under the RO will be in the region of 11.6GW. In addition to the 0.75GW of onshore wind that has secured a CfD, this puts us above the middle of the range set out in the EMR Delivery Plan, our best estimate of what we would need to meet our 2020 targets. It is therefore appropriate to curtail further deployment of onshore wind, balancing the interests of onshore wind developers with those of the wider public.

To protect investor confidence in the wider renewables sector, **I am proposing a grace period which would continue to give access to support under the RO to those projects which, as of today, already have planning consent, a grid connection offer and acceptance, and evidence of land rights for the site on which their project will be built.** I believe this draws the line in the right place but I want to hear views from the industry and other stakeholders before framing the terms of the legislation.

I intend that any final proposals are applied across Great Britain and I am in the process of consulting with Scottish and Welsh Ministers on this matter. Since energy policy is devolved in Northern Ireland, I am currently in discussions with Ministers there to agree how our commitments on onshore wind will be implemented in Northern Ireland.

20th June 2015 Community Open Day

- **Celebrating Community Energy**
- **Headline Speaker** - Jonathan Porritt
- A Better Energy Future - Energy Local Launch of SWELL and Community Benefit Seminar
- Westmill and how the site came into being
- Biodiversity of the site
- Anthony Simpson (Low Carbon Hub) -Solar schools
- Fitting your own solar panels and solar water heating
- Tim Nicholson R-Eco
- Build your own solar charger - Lynn Davies from Demand Energy Equality



20th June 2015 Community Open Day

- Eco-renovating your home - Tina Fawcett (ECI)/ Gabi Kaiser (EcoBicester)
- Attractions for younger visitors
- Talks from
 - Osney Hydro – Saskya Huggins
 - Bath & West Community Energy - Pete Capener
 - Repowering London - Afsheen Rashid
 - Energise Sussex Coast - Richard Watson
- Stalls, My Carbon Revolution, Ethex, Cooperative Energy, Registry Trust

