

Government Inspector Rejects Met Mast Appeal

The Inspector appointed by the Government announced in his review that he rejected the Appeal by Broadview Energy to erect a 60 metre Meteorological Mast at Knightcote.

Trevor James of the FRAWT action group says “the Inspector’s decision reinforces the rejection of the planning application by Stratford District Council and is totally in line with the Coalition Government’s new guidelines on local planning decisions to recognise local democratic opinion. The anemometer was described by the Inspector as a “utilitarian development” and as having an unacceptable impact on wildlife.

“This development was intended to be the precursor to a full application for an industrial scale development of giant 400 foot wind turbines (taller than the London Eye) in front of the Burton Dassett Country Park and that can be seen up to 30 miles away. We are delighted that the Inspector has supported the Council and acknowledged the concerns of the residents of the Vale of Feldon” continued Trevor James.

“The Stratford District Council voted to reject the anemometer application on the grounds that its location, height and materials would constitute an intrusive feature in the landscape causing harm to the character and appearance of the countryside.

The Planning Inspector agreed with the Council by rejecting the appeal as it would damage features of local distinctiveness and for the impact on wildlife.

The country needs sources of renewable energy, but FRAWT believe this is the wrong type of proposal in the wrong location.”

Controversially Broadview Energy Ltd. continues to ignore all the wishes of the communities, the local Parish Councils and Stratford District Council by carrying on with a public “exhibition” to build 5 industrial wind turbines. FRAWT will vigorously oppose this aggressive and speculative development.”

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