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RES TO APPEAL GRANGE WIND FARM DECISION

7 turbine wind farm could power 8,000 homes

RES, the company proposing the 7-turbine Grange wind farm in South Holland, has now submitted an appeal against South Holland District Council's decision to turn down their planning application.

RES submitted plans for a seven-turbine wind farm on land at Grange Farm between Tydd St. Mary and Sutton Bridge in June 2009. On March 2nd, despite being presented with strong evidence that the wind farm would have no significant environmental or social impacts and that there were high levels of public support for the plans, the Council's planning committee voted to refuse the wind farm.

Each turbine would have had an indicative capacity of 2MW, with a maximum height to the tip of the blade of 127m and would take advantage of the excellent wind speeds in the area to produce enough clean, green electricity to power more than 8,000 homes. The wind farm would also generate a community fund of around £28,000 per year.

Annette Deveson, Head of Development, commented, *"We feel we have a strong case for an appeal. The Council refused the wind farm on the grounds of landscape and visual impacts. But if the UK is to meet ambitious targets for producing energy from renewable sources to cut CO₂ emissions, increase the security of our energy supply and ensure that our landscapes are protected from climate change, well designed wind farms like The Grange need to be approved."*

The appeal is being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for England and Wales, and the outcome will be determined by an independent Planning Inspector.

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Notes to editors:

1. RES is a leading UK renewable energy company with operations across Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific. RES built its first wind farm in Cornwall in 1992. RES has been at the forefront of wind energy development since the 1970s and has developed and/or built more than 4700 MW of wind energy capacity worldwide, including projects in the UK, Ireland, France, Scandinavia, and the United States, with a large additional portfolio in development. The RES Group is active in a range of renewable energy technologies, including large-scale solar and biomass and on-site heat, power and cooling technologies, as well as offering design consultancy for sustainable built environments. Drawing on decades of experience in the renewable energy and construction industries, RES has the expertise to develop, construct and operate projects of outstanding quality. For more information, visit www.res-group.com

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