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PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE GRANGE WIND FARM SUBMITTED

7 wind turbines proposed between Sutton Bridge and Tydd St. Mary

RES has submitted a planning application to build a seven turbine wind farm between Sutton Bridge and Tydd St. Mary. The 14MW wind farm site lies on agricultural land on Tydd St. Mary's Marsh.

The planning application has been submitted to South Holland District Council, who will commence a consultation process with the local community and interested parties. A decision on the application is expected in the autumn.

Each turbine would have an indicative capacity of 2MW, and a maximum height to the tip of the blade of 127m. The wind farm would generate enough pollution-free electricity a year to meet the annual electrical demand of over 8,000 average homes, equivalent to 24% of the annual consumption of all the houses in the South Holland district.

Helen Hall, Project Manager for the Grange Wind Farm proposal, commented;

"We are really pleased to see just how much support there is for this wind farm in the area. We have been told that the wind farm will be an important landmark locally and we have already had a great deal of interest in the benefits that the £28,000 per year community fund will bring to the area. The wind farm will provide much needed green, sustainable energy to contribute to the UK's energy security and carbon reduction targets and provide valuable jobs and economic growth."

RES circulated a leaflet containing details of the plans to over 6,000 homes in March and held exhibitions in April.

Dave Kerr, who lives in Sutton Bridge, added, *"I would be really pleased to see this wind farm built. Wind turbines are really relaxing to look at and give us clean green energy without needing fossil fuels."*

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The Environmental Statement and planning application will be available for inspection at the South Holland District Council Offices in Spalding, at Long Sutton Market House and at the libraries in Wisbech and Long Sutton Library. RES will shortly be circulating further information to local residents about how to view and comment on the planning application.

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Notes to editors:

1. RES is a leading UK renewable energy company and is part of the Sir Robert McAlpine group of construction and engineering companies. RES built its first wind farm in Cornwall in 1992 and has developed and/or owns three projects in Wales. The RES Group has to date completed over 4,000MW of wind power capacity worldwide and is active in a range of renewable energy technologies (biomass, solar, ground source, wind), as well as sustainable building design. RES is a holder of the Queen's Award for Enterprise for its commitment to renewable energy. For more information, visit www.res-group.com

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