

Residents Against the Windfarm

Arrangements for the Public Inquiry

1. The Official Announcement

On 21 June 2011 the Department of Energy and Climate Change announced a public inquiry into the Peel proposal:

- The inquiry will be held by Mr Philip Major from the Planning Inspectorate
- There will be a pre-inquiry meeting at 1pm on Wednesday 14 September 2011 at the Holiday Inn, Beechwood, Runcorn
- The provisional date for the start of the inquiry is 10am on Tuesday 22 November 2011 at the same location
- Arrangements have been made for the inquiry to continue, if necessary, until Friday 23 December 2011

Mr Major is an experienced inspector who has carried out many public inquiries into wind farm issues.

2. RAW's Strategy

We shall be applying for Rule 6 status at the inquiry. If this is granted we shall have a full-time presence at the inquiry - alongside Peel and Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWAC).

We intend to coordinate our input with CWAC. We have developed a good working relationship with CWAC staff over the past year-and-a-half and we hope that we shall be able to arrange to play to our respective strengths.

3. Public participation

The inspector will allocate time during the inquiry to inputs from the general public.

If you feel you have something to say we would strongly encourage you to register (if you have objected you should recently have received a form) to make an input. Peel will be represented by a barrister but we would not expect him or her to be too hard on members of the public making reasonable points - unless you happen to touch on a raw nerve - in which case you've probably done your cause no harm at all.

If you have a particular issue, eg you live right under a proposed turbine, or a particular area of expertise, eg you know everything there is to know about airport radar, we'd like to hear from you with a view to coordinating your evidence with ours.

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