



Wendy Sweet <knowstoneparishclerk@gmail.com>

Noise measurements should not be paused through the summer months

jane faust <janelfaust@googlemail.com>

15 April 2019 at 20:17

To: Claire Holm <Claire.Holm@northdevon.gov.uk>

Cc: Councillor Jeremy Yabsley <jeremy.yabsley@northdevon.gov.uk>, Councillor Eric Ley <eric.ley@northdevon.gov.uk>, Councillor Rodney Cann <rodney.cann@northdevon.gov.uk>, Councillor David Worden <david.worden@northdevon.gov.uk>, jasmine.chesters@northdevon.gov.uk, derrick.spear@northdevon.gov.uk, "HOARE, David" <david.hoare@parliament.uk>

[REDACTED]

Dear Mrs Holm.

Please forward the below to Mr Cole, Mr Mann, Mr Brown and Mr Mansell and copy me in.

Regards Jane Faust

Dear Officers,

It is understood that not enough data has been captured at the wind speeds of 7 m/s and above to reliably assess compliance of the wind turbines at Batsworthy Cross with the noise limits in their planning consent and that the operator (now RES not REG (see footnote)) has requested a pause in taking noise measurements until next autumn/winter because "Now that summer is approaching, the likelihood of capturing strong winds in the desired direction has reduced."

While this may indeed be the case, the likelihood of measurements being corrupted by rainfall has also reduced and therefore measurements should not be paused.

Further factors pointing to continuing noise measurements unabated include:

- The collection of sufficient measurements should have been completed by 6th October 2016, two and half years ago.
- There has already been a two year pause in progress whereby no measurements were taken at all.
- It is completely unreasonable that residents continue to be exposed to an industrial site still not proven compliant with its noise limits.
- It is completely unreasonable that residents continue to be exposed to tonal noise sufficient in the circumstances to cause "unreasonable disturbance".
- The site has now been in breach of its planning consent for two and half years with consequence to residents but without consequence to the operator.

It is staggering that the collection of 5 x 10 min measurements i.e. 50 minutes of measurement in three different wind direction sectors has not been achieved in three years. The guidance anticipates this process to take approximately 28 days.

We trust that North Devon Council will require noise measurements to continue unabated and look forward to swift confirmation that this is the case.

Yours sincerely
Jane Faust

Footnote:

RES Press Release

"Global renewable energy company RES has acquired REG Power Management's (RPM) asset management business and with it contracts to manage a portfolio of 43 operational wind and solar projects"

<http://res-group.mediaroom.com/RES-on-acquisition-trail-as-it-continues-to-grow-global-support-services>