

# Contributing to Regional and National energy targets – the local perspective

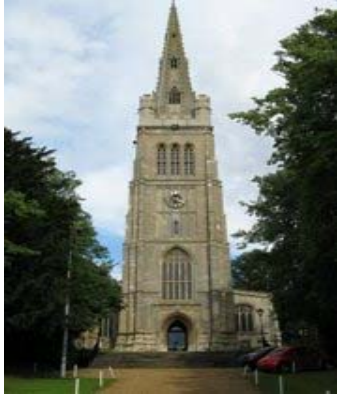
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# Community perspective

- ◆ Global
- ◆ National
- ◆ Regional
- ◆ Local





# Why Kettering?

- ◆ Sits comfortably with corporate priorities – Cleaner / Greener
- ◆ Gives the Borough something distinctive to be proud of
- ◆ Flagship site within growth area
- ◆ Provides community funding pot



# Background (1)

- ◆ Planning Permission granted 2004
- ◆ Operational 2006
- ◆ Largest Wind Farm in East Midlands
- ◆ Sited on agricultural ground
- ◆ Closest on-shore site to London
- ◆ 25 year life
- ◆ Planning permission for extension granted



# Background (2)

- ◆ 10 Turbines
- ◆ Max output 20 Megawatts
- ◆ 99 metre tip height
  - 64 metres to hub
  - 71 Metre rotor blade
- ◆ Ave output pa = sufficient energy for 10k homes (25% of current homes in Kettering)
- ◆ Addition 7 Turbines permitted 2008



# What do our citizens think?

- ◆ Independent Peoples Panel said in 2006
  - 72% thought it was a good thing
  - 76% supported more



# Embedded into Council policy

- ◆ Enshrined in Corporate Policy – compliments Cleaner / Greener
- ◆ Included in Corporate and Service Plans since 2005/6
- ◆ Dedicated officer support for management of Community Fund



# Community Fund Criteria

## Community and educational projects

- ◆ 100% grant up to £5,000
- ◆ 75% grant up to £10,000, 25% interest free loan
- ◆ 50% grant up to £15,000, 50% interest free loan
- ◆ 25% grant up to £20,000, 75% interest free loan
- ◆ The maximum grant = £7,500

## Residential projects

- 25% grant and a 75% loan, up to a maximum grant of £1000.

# Yeoman's Court – Solar Energy

- ◆ Sheltered Housing Scheme
- ◆ Solar Panels fitted
- ◆ Providing 70% hot water to community / laundry areas
- ◆ 853 gas units saved pa
- ◆ Completed June 2007



# Education

- ◆ Donation of books on renewable energy to local library and schools
- ◆ Educational projects within schools
- ◆ Leafleting at local Farmer's Markets

