

MP backs council on wind farm action

Milton Keynes Council appeared in the High Court last week following being Judicial Reviewed by RWE NPower.

RWE NPower JR'ed the council following the passing of the Supplementary Planning Document which saw the D5 Policy about wind turbines updated.

The policy introduced minimum distances from houses for wind turbines, a popular move backed by the local community.

RWE, who currently have plans to build a wind farm in Haversham, hope the Judge John Howell QC will overturn Milton Keynes' Councils policy which was introduced in July last year.

The result of the Judicial Review will be known over the next couple of months.

Local MP Mark Lancaster said, "It is a sad state of affairs when a large multinational company can try and interfere with the democratic process for their own gain. I hope very much that common sense will prevail and residents in Milton Keynes will be allowed to have local planning rules they asked for implemented."

Cllr Andrew Geary, Leader of the Council commented, "The council has worked in the residents best interest throughout the process of creating the SPD and it received cross party support. It is disappointing that the general will of the people could be overturned. The SPD was implemented in order to protect residents from the negative and adverse effects of wind turbines following overwhelming professional evidence and it is absolutely right that the council fights RWE over this."