

Enough is enough for our devastated village

REGARDING the proposed wind-farm at Swinford, we wish to express our strong opposition to its development on the grounds that it will have an unacceptable impact on the local environment and offer no economic benefits.

The site is on good, productive agricultural land comprising mature trees and woodland areas, hedgerows, field margins, ponds and brooks, footpath and gated road; all beneficial in supporting a wealth of flora and fauna.

Furthermore, whilst we accept that there is a need to adopt alternative energy solutions to tackle expected future climate change scenarios, we feel this particular development, put forward by Nuon Renewables, will do little if nothing to significantly reduce the anticipated rise in levels of CO2 emissions.

Indeed, their PR exercise at Swinford Village Hall was alarming-

ly biased; the true facts conspicuous by their absence. Would, for instance, they be interested in developing the site if lucrative subsidies, under the guise of 'Renewable Obligation Certificates' were not available to help reduce development costs? Moreover, the public as electricity consumers were not given any detailed account of predicted economic benefits from such a development, leaving one to ponder that future electricity bills may well be vastly inflated, not reduced.

The village of Swinford has already been devastated enough; the increase in noise, light and air pollution from the M1, M6, A14 road junction and its imminent further development in the form of a flyover and siting of a Texaco complex leave one to declare that 'enough is enough'!

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