

Villagers have every right to be wary of windfarm

VILLAGERS from Yelvertoft and the surrounding area are right to be wary of the windfarm proposed for their backyard - the only people in favour of wind energy these days are the developers, the energy companies and the Government - ooh, and a few misguided 'greenies' who seem to think it's either wind or nuclear (Villagers Mixed Response to Plans for Giant Wind Farm, Advertiser Feb 28).

Alan Chantler is absolutely right when he says 'the amount

of energy produced is minimal' - when you consider the size of the machines, and how they dominate the landscape the amount of electricity generated is pathetic. Worse still, it's just about useless because it's intermittent. The National Grid can't rely on wind power being available at any given time, so it's contribution is basically ignored.

If we did reach the Government targets, as Your Energy say we must, we would have the same problem as

Denmark, where excess wind-power (from good winds) has to be exported at a loss, and short-falls of electricity (from no wind) have to be imported at a premium. More than one agency has calculated that our ridiculous dash for wind will cost the consumer (that's us) billions of pounds.

Consider the National situation if 20% of our electricity came from wind, and we had the same weather as we did in the middle of February - a

week of bitter cold, fog, and no wind. Everybody would be trying to keep warm, yet one fifth of us would be without power.

Oliver Bernard should be slightly more worried about the noise, although he's right - until they build it, no one knows what the noise will be like. Here in the fens, a family who supported plans for a wind farm next to their home have found they can no longer live in their own house because of the 'unbear-

able' noise. It's not always there, but when it is, it is! Sadly, they can't move away, as Oliver suggests, as their house is now worthless.

And a note for the misguided 'greenies': it's official - we are to have wind power to satisfy you, PLUS nuclear power - to produce the real CO2-less electricity!

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