

Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership 21 Oct 2008

Weblinks to background information on wind energy

(These have been emailed to members who are on email)

Pro-wind energy information

<http://www.yes2wind.com> Pro-wind information website supported by Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace and WWF

<http://www.bwea.com> British Wind Energy Association (industry grouping) Briefing sheets in publications are concise and helpful

<http://www.sd-commission.org.uk/wind> Government's independent watchdog on sustainable development. 'Wind Power in the UK' document – 24 page summary is presented very pro-wind, the full 174 page document is more factual.

Anti-wind energy information

<http://www.countryguardian.net/> Independent group campaigning against the construction of wind turbines in environmentally sensitive areas, with links to researched documents

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/main.jhtml?xml=/earth/2008/07/23/nosplit/eawind123.xml> article prepared by Kentish Weald Action Group (KWAG), with public comments on issues raised

Countryside and Environmental organisations

<http://www.aonb.org.uk> Go to 'Online Reference Library' and select 'Position Statements' category. 2002 statement on windfarms, and 2008 statement on climate change

<http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/content/page/3838/agenda%20item%206%20glyndebourne%20decision.pdf> South Downs Joint Committee's report of August 2008 on the Planning Inspectorate's decision to allow a 70m wind turbine in an AONB.

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/research/climate-energy/default.htm>

No specific policy on wind but recent material on climate change

<http://www.cpre.org.uk/campaigns/natural-resources/climate-change-and-energy/wind-farms-alone-will-not-solve-our-problems> Includes CPRE's Onshore Wind Turbines Policy, Feb 2006

<http://www.rspb.org.uk/ourwork/policy/windfarms/index.asp> focus on birds aspects but also wider environmental perspective