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SIXPENNY WOOD WIND FARM GETS GO-AHEAD

The development of 10 wind turbines near Gilberdyke is set to go ahead after an appeal decision has ruled the impact on the setting of Howden Minster would not be harmful.

Planning Inspector Philip Major held the public inquiry over 2 weeks in October this year, after East Riding of Yorkshire Councillors rejected the scheme in November 2008, citing a negative impact on Howden Minster. He noted in his report issued today:

“Any impact would be minor at worst and non-existent at best. I do not consider that the setting of the Minster would be harmed.”

Mr Major also noted that although the East Riding might be said to be doing its bit, there is a long way to go in meeting the Region’s renewable energy targets.

Bridget Savage, Development Manager for the project said today

“We identified this site in 2004 and during that time we have worked towards a proposal that is sensitive to its surroundings and this has been acknowledged by the Planning Inspector. We have engaged with many residents over this period, and we reassure them today of our commitment to be a responsible neighbour.”

In response to the decision, Richard Mardon, Managing Director of Your Energy Ltd said:

“Obviously delighted. Wind farms like this one are the best way to generate substantial amounts of renewable electricity for future generations. Our hard work now continues to secure financing in a difficult economic climate.”

The Planning Inspector stated in his report that the turbines would be “large and unmissable” but that the degree of harm is limited, and outweighed by the urgent need to provide renewable energy.

The wind farm will contribute up to £500,000 to a fund, set aside for local energy efficiency and education projects over the 25 years of the wind farms life. In addition, Your Energy Ltd has committed to providing an additional £40,000 towards the valuable work of local environmental charity, the HEYwoods initiative.

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Notes for Editors

- The HEYwoods initiative aims to increase woodland cover and to improve the management of existing trees, woods and associated habitats in the City of Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire. <http://www.heywoods.org.uk>

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