

In March 2010 Community Windpower Ltd's Planning Application for 20 new **126.5m (415 ft.)** high wind turbines **OVER 6 KM INSIDE the Bowland AONB** at Claughton & Whit Moors was **UNANIMOUSLY REFUSED** by **Lancaster City Council Planning Committee** on **NINE** counts:

1. The application does not set out any 'exceptional circumstances' to develop such a major proposal within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
2. The development is of an inappropriate scale given its location within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Countryside Area.
3. The development would have an adverse visual impact upon the landscape.
4. The development would have an adverse cumulative impact upon the environment
5. The development's impact on biodiversity, including within the Biological Heritage Sites, has not been adequately assessed, so appropriate mitigation against and/or compensation for the development cannot be identified.
6. The development's impact on hydrology has not been adequately assessed, so appropriate mitigation against and/or compensation for the development cannot be identified.
7. The development would have a detrimental impact on the historic environment, particularly on the setting of a number of local Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings within these protected areas.
8. The development would be overbearing, dominant and intrusive on a number of nearby residential properties.
9. The application does not assess alternative access routes, and therefore it cannot be determined if the proposed route is the most acceptable given social and environmental considerations.

The application was deemed contrary to **TWENTY** National and Local Planning Policies & Statutory Guidance by the Planning Officer. Consultees including Natural England, the Environment Agency, Bowland AONB, the RSPB, the CPRE, the Wildlife Trust, Lancashire County Council Landscape & Ecological experts, the Lune Rivers Trust and FELLs all strongly objected to the application.

In August, Community Windpower Ltd. (CWL) held Public Exhibitions in Hornby and Caton to promote a revised application reduced to 13 turbines of the same height. They claimed to have addressed all the previous points of refusal although they presented no evidence of this.

The turbines will still cover an extensive area of upland peat in the AONB, and they will be over 40% HIGHER than the existing 8 turbines at Caton Moor. They are set on higher land and will be significantly more prominent in the Lune Valley & the AONB. In our opinion all the previous objections are still valid and this new application should also be refused. **This Planning Application is expected to be submitted during November.** The applicant has been doing the rounds offering Parish Councils sums of up to £500,000 to support the scheme. How arrogant to put a value on our priceless landscape!

On 22nd September, Community Windpower Ltd. lodged an Appeal with the Planning Inspectorate for the original refused 20 Turbine Scheme. The Inquiry will be held on 10th May 2011 in Lancaster.

CWL stated that if the 13 Turbine Scheme is passed by the City Council they will drop the Appeal. **Don't believe this** - this is just an attempt to blackmail the City Council so they do not have to fight the Appeal.

Original objections will be sent to the Planning Inspector; **ADDITIONAL OBJECTIONS will help and should be sent before 26th November:**

By e-mail to: leanne.palmer@pins.gsi.gov.uk

Or by post to : **Leanne Palmer
The Planning Inspectorate,
Room 4/02 Temple Quay House
2 The Square, Temple Quay,
Bristol BS1 6PN**

The reference to be quoted is: **APP/A2335/A/10/2136414**

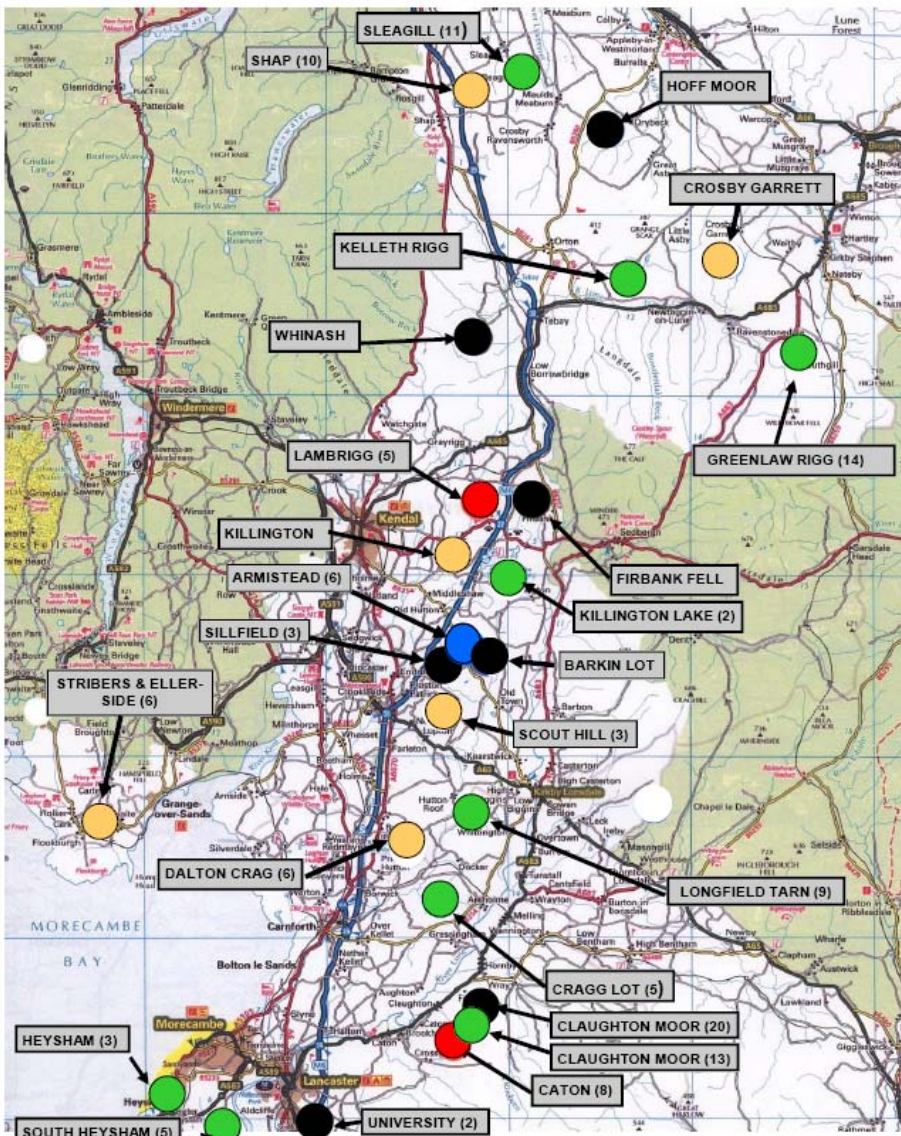
For further updates please register to oppose this development and support Lancaster City Council at the Appeal at:

E-mail to: stopclaughtonturbines@mailworks.org

LUNE VALLEY or TURBINE ALLEY?

Cloughton Moor Appeal Submitted

LUNE VALLEY WIND TURBINE PROLIFERATION
CLAUGHTON MOOR FOREST OF BOWLAND AONB



This will be the view from Hornby Bridge if Community Windpower win the Cloughton Moor Appeal. Please help the City Council fight the Appeal by objecting in writing to the Planning Inspector and your MP.

WIND FARM THREATS IN SE LAKES & THE LUNE VALLEY [Cumbria & N. Lancs]

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YELLOW = Uncertain status

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