

MP speaks out against unwanted wind farms and urges communities to take-up new community rights

Tamworth MP, Christopher Pincher has spoken out against unwanted wind turbine applications in Kingsbury and close to the M42 service station at Relay Park in North Warwickshire. Since being elected in 2010 Mr Pincher has worked hard, together with local residents, councillors and parliamentary colleagues, in campaigning against unwanted wind farms in our part of the world.

Mr Pincher said these latest turbine proposals cause blight to communities and are of no direct benefit to local people. Both proposed developments lie outside the jurisdiction of Tamworth in neighbouring North Warwickshire but these turbines, just metres from Tamworth will be seen for miles around, intruding into areas of open countryside and have already caused serious concern for local residents.

Speaking in the House of Commons Mr Pincher said:

"Will the Minister impress on local authorities the importance of their using their new powers and rights to resist unwanted wind farm developments such as the one at Relay Park and that in Kingsbury in North Warwickshire, which will tower over homes in Tamworth and cause property blight"?

In response the Minister for Communities, Don Foster MP, said:

"The Government recently announced that they will issue new planning policy guidance stating that the need for renewable energy does not automatically override environmental protections and the planning concerns of local communities. We intend to make pre-application consultations with local communities compulsory for more significant wind applications".

Mr Pincher has written to Labour controlled North Warwickshire Borough Council to encourage them to use their new powers and rights to say no to planning applications for wind turbines which will also ultimately impact on the Staffordshire communities of Dosthill, Stoneydelph and Wilneceote.