

## PRESS RELEASE

### GARTREE WIND POWER CO-OPERATIVE – PLANNING APPEAL

Energy4All and the Gartree Wind Power Co-operative have decided not to lodge an appeal against the decision of Harborough District Council Planning Committee to refuse planning for the Gartree Wind Farm. Instead, discussions with housing developers have commenced – to explore the potential for an alternative wind farm scheme that integrates with the proposed housing.

John Malone, Development Director at Energy4All, said: “The work that we have undertaken on behalf of the Gartree Wind Power Co-op in preparing the planning application and the accompanying Environmental Statement has clearly demonstrated that a technically viable and environmentally sound wind energy project can be built on the site that meets planning guidelines. However, the proposed development of housing adjacent to our site emerged as a new factor late in the day, and was perceived to be a key issue by the Council in turning down our plans. Rather than appeal on this scheme, we would prefer to explore opportunities with the housing developers, and redesign and resubmit an application for a new wind energy scheme. We received tremendous local support in the development of our original plans – I would like to thank all our supporters; we will be communicating with them once we have more to discuss.”

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#### **Editor’s Notes:**

**Energy4All:** Is the UK's leading social enterprise promoting community ownership of renewable energy.

Established in 2002, the company creates and manages renewable energy co-operatives established as Industrial and Provident Societies and operating on the democratic principle of “one member, one vote”.

The company runs on a not-for-profit basis and is owned by the co-operatives it creates.

#### **Project Profiles:**

**Baywind Co-op:** Operated two share offers, the first of which raised £1.2m in 1996 to purchase two turbines at an existing wind farm. The second share offer paid for a turbine at a neighbouring site. The community interest generated by these projects provided the impetus for the creation of Energy4All.

**Fens Co-op:** Two out of five wind turbines on an existing wind farm are owned by Fens Coop.

**Westmill Co-op:** Five wind turbines are now operational in Oxfordshire. The project is 100% community owned and built with the assistance of Energy4All.