

Extraordinary Council meeting 26 June 2012

Item 7 - Submission of Wiltshire Core Strategy and Review of Local Development Scheme

Proposed amendment in relation to minimum separation distances between wind turbines and residential premises

Likely to be moved by
Councillor Linda Conley and seconded by Councillor Jonathon Seed

Note: the policy as written does not lend itself to having distances inserted without a wholesale rewrite and fundamental policy change; the following is therefore proposed.

Proposed change to Core Policy 42:

Amend final criterion to read:

(vii) residential amenity, including noise, odour, ~~and~~ visual amenity and safety.

Add new paragraph after paragraph 6.38 to read:

Additional guidance will be prepared to support the implementation of Core Policy 42 to identify appropriate separation distances between wind turbines and residential premises in the interests of residential amenity, including safety. In the interim period, prior to the adoption of the guidance, the following minimum separation distances [1] will be applied:

If the height of the wind turbine generator is—

- (a) greater than 25m, but does not exceed 50m, the minimum distance requirement is 1000m;
- (b) greater than 50m, but does not exceed 100m, the minimum distance requirement is 1500m;
- (c) greater than 100m, but does not exceed 150m, the minimum distance requirement is 2000m;
- (d) greater than 150m, the minimum distance requirement is 3000m.

Shorter distances may be appropriate where there is clear support from the local community.

[1] Source: Wind Turbines (Minimum Distances from Residential Premises) Bill [HL] 2010-12