

# **Whitstone Parish Council**

## **Planning Policy for Renewable Energy Applications**

As Whitstone Parish now has over 1 Megawatt of installed renewable energy approved by the planning process, the parish is now an exporter of electricity therefore the Parish Council is seeking to create some guidelines to apply to any future renewable energy applications.

### **Solar installations of less than 60kW installed solar power generation**

In line with the parish plan, in principle - No Objection

These installations are generally considered to be for self-sufficiency purposes to support a property or micro business with their energy needs.

### **Wind Turbines under 60m to tip and installed power of <100kW**

In line with the parish plan, in principle - No Objection

These turbines are generally considered to be for self-sufficiency purposes to support a property or micro business with their energy needs.

### **Solar installations of greater than 60kW installed solar power generation**

WPC will consider these as large scale installations for exporting power and as such will seek a community benefit from the owner based on a minimum of £1000pa per Megawatt of installed power.

### **Turbines with a tip height of > 60m or installed wind power of >100kW**

WPC will consider these as large scale turbines being installed for exporting power and as such will seek a community benefit from the owner based on a minimum of £8000pa per Megawatt of installed power.

### **Public Opinion**

With any renewable energy application public comments will be closely monitored.

If on the day of WPC meeting, CC website shows support or objection from at least 15 separate households within the parish then WPC will reflect that in its comments and decision making process.

This policy will be reviewed on a regular basis by WPC and will reflect residents views.