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NEW WIND FARM GETS GO-AHEAD



Working as part of a multi-disciplinary team on behalf of Bolsterstone Innovative Energy, Manchester based planning specialists HOW Planning have been successful in securing planning permission on appeal on for the Fewcott Wind Farm near Bicester, Oxfordshire.

Proposals were initially put forward for 4 wind turbines each capable of generating between 2 and 2.5 megawatts of electricity on land

adjacent to the M40 in Oxfordshire in December 2008. Following the refusal of the application, HOW were brought in to provide expertise for the appeal.

Working with other specialists, HOW put forward evidence addressing a wide range of issues including aviation safety, heritage assets, landscape and visual impacts and the impact on the living conditions of residents. The Planning Inspector considering the appeal agreed that the balance of benefits and the need to increase the UK's renewable energy capacity outweighed any harm caused by the turbines.

Says Richard Woodford, Partner at HOW Planning: "This scheme will make an important contribution to achieving renewable energy targets for the South East. Whilst it is too early to say how the new Government will take forward renewable energy policy, this decision clearly shows that significant weight is still being given to achieving renewable energy targets."

Bolsterstone Innovative Energy has a number of additional wind projects at various stages of planning throughout the country.

