



Planning for renewables

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Wind Prospect – what we do

- Developing, building and operating renewable energy projects around the world for over two decades
- 250 staff worldwide
- Almost 3GW of planning consents worldwide
- Built 126 wind farms
- Advised on almost 50GW of projects
- UK Development team based in Bristol, Durham, Edinburgh and Inverness



The development process

Site finding &
feasibility studies

Environmental
assessment

Planning &
consenting



Where you fit in

- Wind farms are development like any other, so our interactions are the same as they would be for any other development
 - Planning policy
 - Development management
 - Pre-application consultation
 - Determination of applications
 - Discharge of conditions
 - Enforcement



Local Policy – is it?

- Local policy – how local is the content?
- Is local capacity work useful? – our experience would point to no
- Should local policy include spatial content? Why? It's what we do
- Has the revocation of RSSs and introduction of the NPPF changed anything?



The big issues for development management

- Landscape and visual
 - Cumulative
 - Local topography
- Residential amenity
- Heritage and setting
 - Appropriate to their significance?
- Under delivery of renewables
- Wind farms are controversial NOT complicated



Recent announcements

- What's all the fuss about? Political posturing...
- Pre-app public consultation – we do this already as standard
- Are wind farms systematically approved against local wishes? – evidence would suggest no
- What about wider democratically founded aspirations for increased renewables?
- Community benefits – this is either voluntary or not, if not it should be a material consideration