

# BURTON LATIMER TOWN COUNCIL



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Dear Mr Harbour,

## **Planning Policy on Managing Renewable Energy Facilities**

It has come to Burton Latimer Town Council's notice that KBC's Planning Policy Committee is due to consider approving a 'Statement of Intent' on the above subject next Tuesday evening, which will have the effect of focussing all these activities on Burton Wold. I write to express the Town Council's concerns that this has been done without consultation with those most affected.

The original Wind Farm on Burton Wold was only developed after extensive consultation with the community. Indeed, the consultation was widely lauded as a model of how to do it. In contrast, the 'Kettering Energy Park' was announced as a 'done deal' and the first residents and Councillors knew about it was when it appeared on television.

Support for the proposals cannot be taken for granted on the back of support from the original Wind Farm. The huge fires at 'Think Energy' site in Cranford Road have undermined the respect the community held for such developments. The Council is therefore writing to request that the views of Burton Latimer residents be sought before the 'Statement of Intent' is approved.

The council also noted that the name of the site has been changed from Burton Wold to Kettering Energy Park. A community input on the name would also be welcome.

As the Planning Policy Committee meeting is on the same night as Burton Latimer Town Council's meeting we would be grateful if this item could be postponed until engagement with the Council and consultation with the community have taken place.

Yours sincerely,

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Clerk to the Town Council

c.c. Councillor Mike Tebbutt (Chairman of Planning Policy Committee, KBC)  
Martin Hammond (Deputy Chief Executive, KBC)  
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