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RES APPEALS AGAINST WOOLLEY HILL WIND FARM PLANNING DECISION

RES, the company proposing the 4-turbine wind farm at Woolley Hill, situated to the north of the village of Ellington and the A14, has submitted an appeal against Huntingdonshire District Council's decision to turn down their planning application.

RES submitted plans for the wind farm in October 2010, which included strong evidence that the wind farm would have no significant environmental or social impacts. The local planning officer recommended approval and there was significant public support for the wind farm; but on 20th June 2011 the Council's planning committee voted to refuse the planning application.

The Woolley Hill Wind Farm was designed to take advantage of the excellent wind speeds in the area to produce enough clean, green electricity to power more than 5,000 homes. The wind farm would also have generated a community fund of around £18,000 per year, bringing direct benefits to local residents.

Jonathan Knight, Project Manager for RES, commented: *"In refusing this wind farm application, Huntingdonshire District Council's Planning Committee saw fit to ignore the recommendations of its own planning officer. The Committee also showed a total disregard for the need to develop more sustainable ways of producing electricity by using renewable sources that cut CO2 emissions. It is very important that well-designed wind farms like Woolley Hill are approved so that we can increase the security of our energy supply in the UK and ensure that our landscapes are protected from the effects of climate change into the future. We therefore feel we have a strong case for an appeal."*

The appeal is being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for England and Wales, and will be determined by an independent Planning Inspector.

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Notes to editors:

1. The RES Group is one of the world's leading independent renewable energy project developers with operations across Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific. At the forefront of wind energy development for over 25 years, RES has developed and/or built more than 5GW of wind energy capacity worldwide. The RES Group is active in a range of renewable energy technologies including large-scale biomass, solar, wave and tidal and on-site renewable installations. For more information, visit www.res-group.com

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