

HOPE MOOR WIND FARM DEVELOPMENT

Dear Residents

This proposed development has now reached Public Consultation Stage 1. This is the first opportunity to see some of the detail and get a real sense of what is being considered and the potential impacts.

As an example, it appears at present that the proposed route for construction traffic will pass through Newsham.

This project is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project and as such result the decision to proceed or not will ultimately be decided directly by the Secretary of State for Energy, not the local planning authority.

By now all residents should have received postal notification of the planned drop-in sessions the developer is hosting. There are two planned at Newsham Village Hall, the first on Saturday May 16th from 10.00am to 3.00pm, with a second on Thursday 4th June from 3.00pm to 8.00pm.

As a Parish Council we would encourage you to attend one of the sessions and subsequently comment on the proposal. Individual responses carry as much weight as a Parish Council response.

It is your comments that will shape the developers thinking as they consider what changes may be made before the second stage public consultation.

The methods of feedback to the developer are outlined on the literature you recently received, and any comments must be received by the developer no later than June 30th.

The Parish Council would also appreciate visibility of your comments please, either by email to newsham.parish.co@btinternet.com or directly to Cllr R. De'Ath, Parish Clerk, Hare Close, Newsham, DL11 7RD

The next Parish Council meetings take place in the village hall on Wednesday May 27th. The Annual Meeting commences at 7.00pm and will then be closely followed by an Ordinary Meeting, the agenda for which includes the Hope Moor Development. Residents are very welcome to attend.

Cllr Chris Brown – Chair

On Behalf of Newsham Parish Council