

Protect Sheepphouse Heights to feature in BBC One's "Countryfile"

Henry Weldon, Secretary of Protect Sheepphouse Heights Action Group was interviewed by John Craven recently as part of a feature on anti-wind farm action groups in the BBC 1 "Countryfile" Sunday night mainstream programme. Henry, whose home is only 500 metres or so from one of the proposed turbines, met with John Craven to film surrounding countryside, and was interviewed in his garden.

A spokesman for PSH said "Whilst on its website the BBC has trailed this feature ⁽¹⁾ in the Countryfile programme, to be screened on Sunday 4th October, as

"John Craven investigates whether anti-wind farm campaigners are standing in the way of the UK achieving its green energy targets"

PSH is delighted to take part in the programme, which enjoys an audience of some 6 million viewers. "

"Our campaign, and those of most other similar groups, is aimed at protecting our immediate environment, not opposing renewable energy *per se*. When families are to be subjected to excessive noise, 40 or so families in the case of Sheepphouse, and 410 feet high turbines only 250 yards from their door, someone has to speak out on their behalf. The National Association of Wind Farm Action Groups (NAWAG) is campaigning nationwide for offset distances of 2000 metres (one and a quarter miles) from residences, as is the case in most European countries, and in Scotland"⁽²⁾

The spokesman added " Whilst we do have major concerns regarding the Governments reliance on wind power as the solution to the nation's energy problems, our opposition to Sheepphouse can be summed up in three words

Location, Location, Location"

"The proposed Sheepphouse development is simply in the wrong place, and given that there are existing, consented and other proposed wind farm developments in the Penistone area, is totally unnecessary."

"We urge everyone in the Penistone and Stocksbridge area, as well as BMBC Planners and Councillors to watch the programme. We have always had a concern about local community knowledge of the Sheepphouse development, and this major publicity opportunity will help to correct this situation"

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(1) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00n5lvw>

(2) <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/stopwindfarms/>