

Protect Sheepphouse Heights Action Group

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Protect Sheepphouse Heights Action Group is concerned that facts about the proposed wind farm at Sheepphouse Heights are being obscured from members of the public.

Plans in the public domain show that Evelop want to build 14 turbines overlooking Stocksbridge, Midhope and Langsett. Evelop have also publicly declared their intention to expand their first windfarm at Sheepphouse Heights up to Penistone, Cubley and Oxspring. Penistone will become surrounded on its north western and southern borders. So it is important to stop the first 5 turbines from being built.

We have already seen what happens once a windfarm is established. The 13 "mini" turbines (only 175 feet tall) at Royd Moor will soon be joined by 3 more at Flint Lane Hazlehead, 3 at Blackstone Edge, both of which have received planning permission, which, along with the recently revised planning application for 3 turbines (each 331 feet tall) at Spicer Hill means that 23 or more giant turbines will be grouped around the area..

Is this what is in store for Penistone, Cubley, Oxspring, Stocksbridge, Midhope and Langsett? Is nowhere safe?

Whilst the Group is not against alternative energy, the need to protect this beautiful area on the edge of the Peak District National Park is particularly strongly felt. There is also major concern for other impacts on the residents close to the proposed site. These are currently being studied, and will form part of the Groups objection as an official consultee.