

South Hams
Local Development Framework - Sherford Area Action Plan
Schedule of Suggested Change and Possible Minor Amendments

7.41, 7.42 and new para 7.43

- 7.41 a) reducing demand for electricity and space heating via high building fabric standards and design codes –
How will South Hams et al monitor and enforce that the developer will not sacrifice energy efficiency v profit?
- 7.42 ‘... it is environmentally clean...’
Mention should be made that production, transport and installation of wind turbines is not environmentally clean. Negative impact of these considerations should be thoroughly researched and true, long term loss/gain evaluated, in consultation with parties other than those with vested interest.
- 7.42 ‘... and has an established record of deliverability, **cost effectiveness, efficiency** and reliability ...’
Italicised items not proven as different bodies give different statistics. Scientific research, results and conclusions from neutral, non-governmental, experts should be sought to balance the arguments put forward by turbine manufacturers, energy suppliers et al. Consider research and findings from unbiased experts in other countries where all impacts of wind energy are better understood by virtue of earlier installation.
- 7.42 ‘... there would be significant benefits from a community share in the ownership of wind turbines.’
How is it proposed that the new Community should benefit? Clarify whether this statement relates to the (possibly very small) sale of energy to the National Grid or whether it is proposed that the Sherford Community should lease the proposed turbine sites to an energy supplier with vested interest. What other benefits might accrue?
- 7.42 ‘... wind turbines within the valley area ...’
One of the proposed turbines would not be situated in a valley; the proposed site is on a hill.
- 7.43 ‘... with the **first wind turbines** to be installed and operational during phase 1 ...’
It is understood that only two turbines are proposed by Red Tree; one in the initial phase and the second at a later stage. Is the plural noun as highlighted above correct or should it read ‘turbine’?
- **General**
There is no further mention of the concerns of impact upon setting of the Grade I dwelling of Higher Hareston; nor mention that English Heritage would be further consulted. We would imagine that this would be part of the EIA as we are aware that EH have strongly objected to turbines in the proximity of other Grade I properties in other parts of the UK.

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