



31 October 2011

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Dear Chair

### **Invitation Community Open Day**

The Totnes Renewable Energy Society (TRESOC) is an industrial and provident society with all shareholders resident in Totnes and the 15 surrounding parishes of Ashprington, Berry Pomeroy, Cornworthy, Dartington, Dean Prior, Diptford, Halwell and Moreleigh, Harberton and Harbertonford, Littlehempston, Marldon, North Huish, Rattery, South Brent, Staverton and Stoke Gabriel. TRESOC aims to develop renewable energy projects for the benefit of this community. Its flagship project is the Totnes Community Wind Farm, consisting of two modern wind turbines between Totnes and Harbertonford.

After a year of site investigations, environmental studies and consultation, the plans for the two proposed wind turbines are taking shape. Now that the environmental studies are complete we would like to share the findings, discuss the plans and ask for residents' opinion at a **Community Open Day**, to be held at **Harbertonford Village Hall** on **Saturday 19 November 2011**. The Open Day consists of 2 parts: a noise workshop in the morning and a general exhibition in the afternoon/early evening. As your Parish is in the TRESOC catchment area, we would be delighted if a representative of your Council could come along.

#### Noise workshop

We have received many questions on wind turbine noise and we feel it is of the utmost importance that factual information is provided, concerns are addressed and questions are answered. This has resulted in the hosting of a **wind turbine noise workshop from 10.30-12.00**. The workshop will be hosted by specialist acoustic consultants Hayes McKenzie (<http://www.hayesmckenzie.co.uk>) who are undertaking a noise assessment for the Totnes Community Wind Farm.

This session is being held to provide information on how residential amenity is protected, the methods used in the assessment, the noise planning regulations (ETSU R 97) and the results of the noise assessment for the Totnes Community Wind Farm. There will be opportunities to ask the specialist any questions during the Q&A session. We are inviting:

- residents of the properties at which background noise monitoring was undertaken
- anyone who has raised concerns about noise throughout our community consultation
- elected Members
- anyone with a special interest in this subject – the event is open to anyone, however it is set up for the aforementioned groups

General exhibition

Following the noise workshop a **general exhibition** about the project, comprising the team, information boards and literature will be held between **14.00-20.00**. Information on the results of the environmental studies undertaken will be on hand.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to attend and we look forward to seeing you and discuss the plans. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments, I would be happy to hear from you.

Kind regards

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