

Wind Turbine Noise

The noise from wind turbines is an increasing concern, particularly from the gigantic turbines now being proposed. The industry standard for wind turbines (ETSU-R-97) was written over 10 years ago when turbines were much smaller. Gigantic turbines can produce different types of noise from small ones because of the different atmospheric conditions at the top of the blades.

An independent assessment of the noise problems likely to occur at Batsworthy has been produced by noise expert Mike Stigwood for the Two Moors Campaign. His report is a devastating critique of the report produced as part of the Environmental Statement (ES) by the applicant, npower.

Amongst other findings, Mike Stigwood finds that the ES provides unreliable and flawed background noise data; it fails to address low frequency noise impacts; it contains flawed methods with compound errors; and any noise conditions applied would not be capable of protecting residential properties from unacceptable noise impacts.