

PRESS RELEASE

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SECRETARY OF STATE TO DETERMINE SWINFORD WIND FARM PROPOSAL

Nuon Renewables has been notified by the Planning Inspectorate that its Swinford Wind Farm proposal will now be determined by the Secretary of State, Hazel Blears.

In January of this year, Nuon lodged an appeal with the Planning Inspectorate against the failure of Harborough District Council to determine the application for the eleven turbine wind farm within the statutory time period.

This latest development means that instead of making a decision on behalf of the Secretary of State, the appointed Planning Inspector will now prepare a report of his or her findings at the inquiry. This report will be passed to the Secretary of State, for her to determine the appeal.

The Planning Inspectorate has said, *“The reason for this direction [that the appeal shall be determined by the Secretary of State rather than an appointed Inspector] is that the appeal relates to proposals of major significance for the delivery of the Government’s Climate Change Programme and Energy Policies”*

Will Wason, Project Manager for Nuon Renewables comments:

“The decision by the Secretary of State, to determine this appeal clearly demonstrates the importance of the Swinford Wind Farm in respect of the UK’s Climate Change policies. Nuon welcomes the decision, and very much looks forward to the inquiry.”

Nuon will continue to keep residents updated with the progress of the appeal through its website and newsletters.

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