

# Renewable Energy Planning

The UK Draft Renewable Energy Strategy of 2008 refers to the need having been identified for around 4,000 new 3 MW onshore wind turbines in addition to those already installed in the UK. This will serve to reinforce the considerable interest in the development of wind farms in the UK for the foreseeable future.

At England and Lyle, we have considerable experience in dealing with renewable energy proposals for both local authority and public sector clients; working in both England and Scotland. This work includes providing specialist support to Tynedale Council in respect of their wind farm planning work and acting as an expert planning witness for Novera Energy Plc for the Mountboy Wind Farm inquiry in Angus.

We are pleased then to be able to offer our services in respect of:

- Initial site assessments
- EIA Screening and Scoping Opinions
- Preparation of planning statements for renewable energy development
- Advice in dealing with planning applications
- Planning policy advice
- Assessment of wind farm planning applications and applications made under S36 of the Electricity Act
- Drafting of planning conditions
- Discharge planning conditions
- Planning appeals, inquiries and hearings
- Advice and training

Philip Lewis leads the renewable energy team at England and Lyle. He has been involved with wind farm proposal since 2001 and has now acted as the local planning authority case officer for seven wind farm applications in Scotland and England, both S36 Electricity Act applications and planning applications. This has given him a thorough understanding of wind farm proposals and the planning processes and regulations. Philip has also acted in three wind farm inquiries as an expert planning witness for both public and private sector clients.

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