



## Press Release

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### **Pembrokeshire County Council to decide on Wear Point Wind Farm proposal**

**Pembrokeshire County Councillors will decide next week whether a planning application for a four turbine wind farm on the north shore of the Milford Haven waterway, submitted by renewable energy developers Infinergy, should get the go-ahead.**

The proposal for the wind energy project, known as Wear Point Wind Farm, will be considered at a meeting of the Council's Planning and Rights of Way Committee, which takes place on Tuesday 25 May at 10am in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Haverfordwest.

The application for the development, which would be located on a brownfield site adjacent to the SemLogistics oil storage facility to the West of Llanstadwell, follows more than a year of studies and surveys carried out by experts to assess the suitability of the site for a wind farm. These looked at subjects such as habitats, wildlife, birds, archaeology, hydrology, traffic, aviation, TV and mobile phone reception, as well as visual impact.

Infinergy's project manager Lorraine Dallmeier said that considerable effort had gone into getting the application right. "This is an ideal, brownfield site, with terrific average wind speed. We believe we have a very good application which has support locally from individuals to town councils," she said.

"We know that people are concerned about carbon emissions in the UK, and the majority of people - 65% - who have responded to our local public consultation process stated they were supportive or very supportive of the Wear Point Wind Farm proposal.

"Wales is already lagging 82% behind on meeting its 2010 renewables target. It is vital that, as a country, we do much more to contribute to world efforts to counter climate change. Wind turbine schemes such as Wear Point can help do that, and help to achieve local, regional and national targets for renewable energy production and the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>.

"If this project is given the green light, it will be a fantastic opportunity for the area's growing reputation as the UK's energy hub to add renewable energy to the existing oil and gas facilities and to contribute significantly towards renewable energy generation in Wales."

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NOTE TO EDITORS

**Infinergy Ltd**

Infinergy has established its Wales base at the Technium Centre at Cleddau Reach. The company develops wind farm projects throughout the UK and is a full subsidiary of KDE Energy, a Dutch renewable energy business which develops, constructs and operates onshore wind projects across Europe. Wear Point Wind Farm would be its second development in Pembrokeshire, adding to its four-turbine Castle Pill Wind Farm at nearby Steynton. For more information, please visit [www.infinergy.co.uk](http://www.infinergy.co.uk).

**Households powered and CO<sub>2</sub> replaced**

If constructed, Wear Point Wind Farm would generate enough green electricity to power just over 5,500 households every year, about 11% of all households in Pembrokeshire. It would save the emissions of between 7,700 and 23,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> every year, depending on whether the electricity it replaced was generated by gas or by coal fired power stations. These calculations take the intermittency of wind power into consideration and are considered industry standard. Sources: Renewable UK and Census 2001.

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