

Information to owners looking to build near an approved wind farm:

Council is keen to ensure that new dwellings around approved wind farms are not exposed to amenity impacts that may arise when the approved wind farm is built and operational.

Where a planning permit is required for a new dwelling, it is open to the Responsible Authority to take wind farm operating impacts into account.

Council has established a protocol to require site-specific Acoustic Impact Assessments to be prepared by proponents for new dwellings which meet either of the following criteria:

- i. Within the predicted 40 dB(A) noise contour level of an approved turbine
- ii. Within 2 km of an approved wind turbine location

The purpose of this process is to ensure that proponents are fully aware of these issues and to ensure that their dwelling and amenity are reasonably noise-protected through measures such as appropriate siting and design.

Wind farm companies in the Shire support this process and to reduce time and costs to applicants will provide the most current noise data and other information to assist in preparing assessments.

Council will give notice of any new planning applications to the relevant wind farm company in accordance with Section 52 of the Planning and Environment Act. The wind farm company will consider factors including noise levels, shadow flicker and visual impact and will respond confirming whether they support or object to the granting of a permit. The wind farm operator may require land owners to enter into a Section 173 agreement as a condition of any permit issued.

Details of the requirements for Section 173 agreements and known consultants that can prepare an acoustic assessment can be found via separate links on the Council web site. Details of wind turbine locations for the currently approved wind farms can be obtained from the Council web site or the wind farm operators.

Contact details for the wind farm operators are:

- Stockyard Hill (Origin Energy): 1800 753 730.
- Chepstowe (Future Energy): 0438 017 272
- Waubra (Acciona Energy): (03) 9027 1000

