

## **Tivetshall Action Group**

### **Report for Tivetshall Annual Parish Meeting May 2012**

TAG Management Committee and their co-ordinator sub-committee members have continued to be active throughout the past year in their opposition to the proposal to develop the southern outskirts of Tivetshall St Mary, around the area of Patten Lane / New Road, with three 140m high wind turbines together with associated substation, service roads and hardstandings. In October 2011, Enertrag (UK) Ltd., passed responsibility for this development proposal to TCI Renewables Ltd., who are also applying for a three turbine development at Semere Green to the east of Tivetshall and the A140 which is the subject of a Planning Inspectors appeal inquiry reconvened 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

TAG currently has a total signed up membership of 560 opposing the Tivetshall proposal and living in areas directly surrounding the proposed development site and of this total some 149 reside within Tivetshall St Mary and St Margaret. There are, in addition, a further 27 residents of Tivetshall and almost 100 others from surrounding but directly affected areas who have objected directly to SNDC by letter but who are not currently signed up members of TAG; a total objector list approaching 700.

There are also 313 walkers and riders who have signed a petition objecting specifically to the anticipated impact on our public rights of way across and adjacent to the development land including public footpaths and bridleways of Patten Lane / Boudicca Way and Broad Way. These routes have now been the subject of confirmed orders by Norfolk County Council in the past year opening up their full lengths for unrestricted public use.

This provides a significant number of residents within The Tivetshalls and surrounding areas confirming their opposition to this development. It should be acknowledged that there have been 3 letters sent to SNDC in favour of the development from residents of the Tivetshalls but two of these "supporters" have since moved from the area.

TAG has continued to submit further rebuttals of information provided by Enertrag / TCI and also prepared various reports in support of our objections on behalf of the local community and constant representations have been made to SNDC Planners to reach an early conclusion to this unwanted planning application which was first indicated during 2008. English Heritage Inspector of Historic Buildings has already confirmed their formal objection to the development, especially relative to the impact on the setting of Grade II\* listed St Mary Church ruin. A date for the conclusion of this planning application has yet to be confirmed by SNDC.

Approval, following initial refusal by SNDC and subsequent appeal to HM Inspectorate, had been granted for a test mast to be in place to record wind speed etc., for 3 years until 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012. At this stage TAG requested enforcement action for the mast removal but TCI issued a simultaneous application to extend this permission for a further year until January 2013 – effectively removing fear of any enforcement action by SNDC. This matter is now due to be considered by SNDC Planning Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012. It is hoped that Parishioners and TPC will oppose this further application by attendance at the Committee hearing.