



## Cornwall Archaeological Society

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Dear Mr Ridley,

Re. Proposed Wind farm on Land adjacent Davidstow Wood, Davidstow (DCLG ref: APP/D0840/A/11/2145527/NWF)

Cornwall Archaeological Society wishes to object to the appeal lodged by Community Windpower Limited against the refusal by Cornwall Council to allow its application to build a wind farm on land adjacent Davidstow Wood, Davidstow Cornwall. We refer specifically to the instruction of the Secretary of State to the Planning Inspector to consider 'the landscape and visual impact of the proposed development'.

At the Annual General Meeting of Cornwall Archaeological Society held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011, members voted overwhelmingly to oppose the proposed wind farm at Davidstow because of the impact it would have on the adjacent area of outstanding archaeological importance, and the Committee of Cornwall Archaeological Society voted to endorse this view at a meeting of trustees held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. The proposition passed at the Annual General Meeting was:

*At the planning enquiry to be held in Camelford in November 2011, Cornwall Archaeological Society should oppose an application to construct 20 industrial wind turbines in close proximity to one of Britain's best preserved Neolithic and Bronze age ritual landscapes as each turbine would be taller than Rough Tor and would damage the setting of its scheduled monuments and sightlines to and from its summit cairns. The meaning of that ritual landscape is woven into the lands where it was constructed. You unweave the fabric of that meaning by changing the landscape as the wind farm would do. Cornwall Archaeological Society is generally supportive of wind farms, but not in this location.*

We will not be formally represented by a Trustee of the Society at the Public Inquiry to be held in November 2011 but the Trustees voted to invite Professor Barbara Bender, Emeritus Professor of Heritage Anthropology at University College London, to refer to our arguments in her presentation.

I would be most grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this letter and a copy of the final decision.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Blackman,  
President