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Dear Editor and Parish Council,

We read with interest your notes published in July 2011 on the Public Meeting relating to the Wind Turbine debate of 19th. April and held under the auspices of the Parish Council.

We felt confident that during August, EB Community Energy IPS Ltd. would provide a correction to the statement, attributed to Mr. Chater, and reproduced in the meeting notes -

It is projected that £2.5 million would be generated over 20 years for community projects and John Chater said that the figures given in the report have been checked by two independent accountants.

This statement is totally inaccurate and untrue. In financial terms it is impossible for the proposed East Bridgford Wind Turbine to generate £2.5 million for community projects.

As it is stated that the figures given have been checked by two independent accountants may we ask you to gain confirmation from Community Energy IPS Ltd and their accountants that this statement recorded in your Meeting Notes continues to be supported by them.

Alternate financial assessments of the EB Turbine Project indicate that little or no profit would be generated to benefit the local community. The only legacy to our community would be the visual eye sore, noise and the degradation of our environment that a wind turbine bestows.

We are absolutely certain that this wholly inaccurate statement will be withdrawn and we would ask that you publish this letter and any reply you may receive from Mr. Chater so that our community are not making decisions based on erroneous and untrue reported statements.

In communicating this to our Parish Council may we also convey our following concerns -

At 70 meters in height, the recently re-erected test mast gives a visual approximation of the hub height of the Gunthorpe turbine. With an actual hub height of 80 metres, this will be higher than the tallest building / structure in Nottingham, the Victoria Centre. Add the height of the turbine blades of 42metres and our landscape will be blighted by a mechanical monster of 122 metres which will be similar in both height and form to the London Eye.

The planned site of the wind turbine is adjacent to the much used recreational area north of the Gunthorpe Lock. More East Bridgford residents live closer to this turbine than do residents of Gunthorpe village and we may not be consulted when planning approval is sought as it is within the Sherwood and Newark authority.

May we urge the Parish Council to make representation to Sherwood and Newark so that the impact of such an industrial development on our community and environment will be given due consideration when the planning application is made.

On behalf of a number of residents of the East Bridgford community.