

Wind farm objection

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I am totally appalled at the proposal from German company Volkswind to build an industrial wind farm in the countryside near Ripon.

Massive 412ft turbines, some of the largest in the UK, will dominate the treasured natural vistas, to and from many miles distant; including areas awarded national designation for their beauty.

The impact on the nearby villages and countryside will be immense, not to mention the in-escapable nightmare for the residents. It is well publicised that wind farms are ineffective, but of course it is about money - vast taxpayer funded subsidies paid to wind farm developers and in turn landowners to eventually cover the UK countryside with these monstrosities, just so nonsensical EU targets are met.

If public apathy allows this proposal to go ahead, the precedent will be set for other wind farm developers to descend on the area.

Stand up and be counted to protect this wonderful area where we are so privileged to live.