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Dear SHOWT Supporter

The next chapter in the fight against Enertrag UK

As you will all know by now, Enertrag's application for 7 wind turbines near Hempnall was resoundingly turned down in August by South Norfolk Council. It was a great victory for the SHOWT campaign and for common sense.

However, you no doubt also know that Enertrag have appealed against the Council's decision and their case will be heard at a Public Inquiry. We should learn within the next 3 to 4 weeks when this will be, but we expect it to be some time in Spring 2009.

We are delighted to be able to tell you that a Steering Group has been formed to continue the fight against Enertrag. It is comprised of 2 members from each of the Parish Councils of Hempnall, Saxlingham and Shotesham, 2 members from SHOWT and Mike Haslam, former South Norfolk Planning Officer.

The purpose of this Steering Group is to apply for "Rule 6 status", which in Public Inquiry jargon means that, if granted, we would be able to present our own case to the Inspector with our own barrister and our own expert witnesses on landscape intrusion, noise etc. Without Rule 6 status, we would not have much of a voice at the Inquiry. We are very confident that it will be granted.

The benefits to be gained from this joint approach are incalculable. Three Parish Councils and a campaign group of the size and significance of SHOWT will make a formidable and authoritative opposition to Enertrag. We will be able to pool resources and we will avoid duplication and repetition. The Steering Group will be working very closely with South Norfolk Council's legal team who will be defending their rejection of Enertrag's application. It will be more efficient for SNC to work with one body of opponents to Enertrag rather than several.

We will keep you informed of all developments as they unfold. To help us achieve this, we would really appreciate receiving email addresses from those of you who have internet access and whom we do not already email. Please forward them to showt.hempnall@yahoo.co.uk We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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