

# Lincolnshire windfarm rejected to help autistic boys

**A North Lincolnshire windfarm plan has been rejected because of the "serious effect" it would have on eight-year-old autistic twin boys living nearby.**

Anita and Trevor Glathorne, whose Burton upon Stather home is already overlooked by one windfarm, said the rotating blades affected their sons.

The planning inspectorate dismissed the appeal solely because of the impact the farm would have on Lewis and Ross.

Developer Ridge Wind said it was disappointed with the decision.

## 'Spinning objects fixation'

The developers appealed to the planning inspectorate after North Lincolnshire Council rejected the application for the Grange windfarm last year.

It would have overlooked the front of the Glathornes' house, so they campaigned to have the application refused because they said it would harm their sons who both have autistic spectrum disorder.

A report dismissing the appeal detailed evidence from a clinical psychologist who said the boys had a "fixation with spinning objects", adding that the "time they spend engaged in spinning and observing objects has to be limited in order to allow them to engage in other more meaningful activities".

Mrs Glathorne told BBC News the existing Bagmoor windfarm overlooking the back of their home had had a "massive effect" on her sons.

"Both boys just stand and scream and flap their arms ecstatically at them spinning and get quite cross when they don't spin... it's unbelievable the effect, really, worse than we could have ever imagined." She said Ross had become so obsessed with the turbines that they had moved his bedroom.

## 'Mutually acceptable solution'

Mrs Glathorne added: "We just weren't prepared to make them prisoners in their own home... why should we when they've got such a lot of freedom and a such a lovely place to grow up?"

Planning inspector John Braithwaite said: "The effect of the Grange windfarm on the health and well being of Lewis and Ross, and on the health and well being of their parents and sister, cannot be underestimated.

"It is, in fact, difficult to imagine how the family could continue to live at their home if Grange was to be built in addition to Bagmoor."

Marjorie Glasgow, managing director of developers, Ridge Wind, said: "While we are disappointed with the decision, we admire the Glathornes' care of their children and appreciate they are only doing what they think is best.

"We have consulted with experts, who believe that the impact is mitigable.

"It is a two-way communication process and we still hope to work alongside the Glathorne family to



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develop a mutually acceptable solution."