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**A minimum distance which is linked to the size of turbine is a better approach and would protect communities as turbines get bigger. 2km is reasonable for the larger turbines (145metres) but it should be greater for 200 metres turbines and larger. The number of turbines should also be taken into consideration. It must not be permissible to have more than one turbine at the minimum distance. Ideally, the larger Wind turbines should never be closer than 5 km to anyone's home. There are places in Britain where turbines can be erected that are not next to peoples homes (remote parts of the country – York Moors and Pennines, motorways verges and brown sites – look at what they are doing on the continent) – they are just not as profitable to the landowners and developers!**

**The only rule which sets distance is indirect through the ETSU R97 noise rules. These are unique to wind turbines and allow more noise than other industrial equipment and premises. The noise rules do not provide protection for home owners – this is wrong! The rules are also very complex and difficult to enforce.**

**Additional protection against noise nuisance is also required due to the unique characteristic of wind farm noise and the fact that it is more annoying to people than other types of noise - traffic, aircraft etc. The ETSU Noise rules are also unique in that they allow more noise at night than during the day.**

**It is a principle of planning law that the local community is not entitled to a view, but such laws did not foresee structures like wind turbines towering over our villages. A minimum distance would provide a level of protection that does not currently exist. We need to enforce a minimum distance from peoples homes!**

**I am sick of these wind farm developments hanging over our villages/communities like a black cloud – schemes which drag on through the planning process for years (5 years for Woodlane) and when local decisions are made these are overturned centrally making a mockery of the local process and riding roughshod over peoples views. We must end the ludicrous subsidies that benefit only landowners and developers. This must all stop!**