

Householder applications for Wind Turbines



Information Required

There are currently no "permitted development" rights for micro-wind turbines, and although this is likely to change in the future, presently a planning application needs to be made. Such an application should include the following information:

1. Details of the dimensions of the turbine in metric (including length of the rotor blades);
2. Existing and proposed plans and elevations showing position of wind turbine in relation to ground or building in a scale of either 1:50 or 1:100, also confirming the height of the turbine above the ground or building;
3. Details of any anti-vibration mounts used to attach the turbine to your property if this is to be the case;
4. Details of an octave band analysis in order to determine the dominant frequency. This is something that should have been completed by the manufacturer;
5. Details of how the system is to be maintained;
6. A copy of the Survey carried out on your property by the manufacturer;
7. A noise profile report from the manufacturer (if available);
8. Whether there is the facility to stop the turbine from rotating during the evening.

This is in addition to general Householder application requirements as follows:

1. Drawings must be numbered and these numbers must be indicated on the planning forms;
2. The scale (or scales) of the drawings must be shown;
3. Wherever possible, drawings larger than A1 size should be avoided;
4. A location plan must be provided. It should normally be based on an Ordnance Survey 1:1250 scale map. **The site must be clearly outlined in red** and any land in the same ownership in blue. OS plans, for the purpose of planning applications only, can be obtained from the Council on payment of a fee;
5. For a householder application the fee is the standard householder fee, for non householder applications please call 01322 343053 for advice;
6. **Five copies** of all plans and application forms are required.

Failure to supply the above information may result in a delay to the registration of your application. Please note that the submission of the above information should not be an indication that planning permission will be forthcoming.

Other Legislation

Building Regulations Approval: This is not the same as planning permission. Building Control deal with technical matters such as structural stability, fire resistance, thermal insulation and electrical safety. Installation of wind turbines may require building regulations approval and you are strongly advised to contact (01322) 343238 to seek advice before carrying out any installation.

Party Wall Act: If you are going to carry out works close to your property's boundaries you will need to take account of the requirements of The Party Wall etc. Act 1996. This is your responsibility. It is up to you to ensure that you have all the necessary consents before starting work. For a free leaflet please visit the Council offices or download it from: www.communities.gov.uk.