

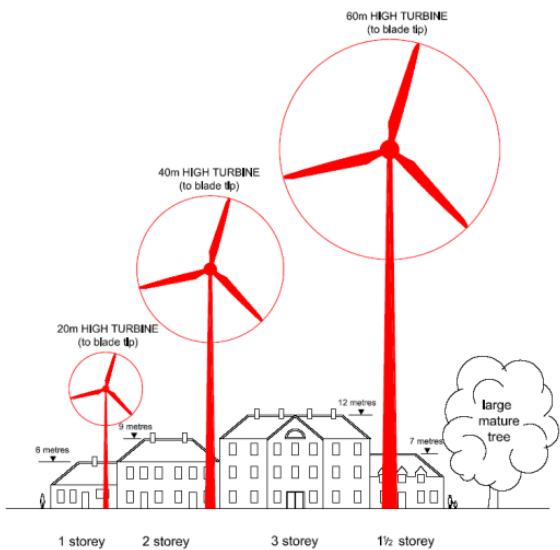


Concerned about beautiful East Lothian? Whether you are for or against wind turbines, join SABEL and together we can protect our magnificent landscape.

**Sustain A Beautiful East Lothian (SABEL) - our aims:**

- To promote and campaign for the **protection** and preservation of East Lothian’s **unique** and **iconic rural landscape**
- To achieve a **sympathetic balance** between the **development of renewable energy** and the **rural landscape**
- To challenge proposals to erect **wind turbines over 25 metres/82 feet tall** on the East Lothian **Agricultural Plain**, the Eastern **Lammermuir Fringe** and the East Lothian **River Valleys**

*Application for membership is open to everyone over 16 who share our aims.*



SABEL are **not against all wind turbines**. We simply want developments to be carefully considered so that our countryside is not ruined by huge pieces of perpetually-moving industrial machinery. These are massive structures (see example, left) – a **70 metre turbine is three times taller than the biggest trees and buildings in East Lothian**.

East Lothian Council is now being inundated with applications for turbines from 30 to over 70 metres in height. Many are for **sites in highly visible and beautiful locations** – e.g. the area around Traprain Law currently has 6 applications, all of which will be visible from great distances. There are many more in the planning pipeline. The cumulative impact will do great damage to our landscape. Supporting us means that you too want to ensure our vistas are not blighted by an invasion of large industrial machines.

You can easily check out and comment on current planning applications for wind turbines at [www.planning.eastlothian.gov.uk/WAM/search/pasindex.html](http://www.planning.eastlothian.gov.uk/WAM/search/pasindex.html). Our website, [www.sabel.uk.net](http://www.sabel.uk.net) also contains further details on such applications. **Go online now for more information.**

Please show your support and detach, complete and return the form below to: *‘The Secretary, SABEL, 3 Mainshill Cottages, Morham, EH41 4LG’*. Application forms for formal membership can be downloaded from [www.sabel.net.uk](http://www.sabel.net.uk)

*Please detach form below and post to show your support!*

Yes, I/We wish to support SABEL to sustain a beautiful East Lothian:

Mr/Mrs/Ms/other..... First Name ..... Surname .....

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Email ..... I enclose a donation (optional) in the sum of £ .....

(Please make Cheques payable to “SABEL.”) Your details will never be given to any third party without your prior consent.



\* **Big corporate developers** are approaching all **farmers** and **landowners** with lucrative offers to site the largest turbines that they can get away with on their land. SABEL understands the attraction of these huge financial incentives. However, it is up to the planners and politicians to decide **how** and **where** we should meet our renewable obligations and a key part of our campaign is to look to them for help

*\* "Wind's unpredictability means it truly has no generating capacity value and its construction will not displace building any new coal or natural gas generating capacity.....Wind is simply an additional capital cost which proves to be more than twice as expensive for the ratepayer"*

Tom Hewson, "Calculating Wind Power's Environmental Benefits". Power Engineering, July 2009

\* Every wind turbine requires a **base** of many tonnes of **concrete**. This is poured into the ground and **will remain there forever**, long after the projected 25 year life of the turbine

\* Most turbines will be **visible for many miles** – some even from Fife. A rash of individual turbines will utterly blight our wonderful countryside. This will seriously detract from the County's **valuable leisure and tourist industry**

\* Not a single conventional power station will close as a result of these turbines

\* These turbines **provide little or no local employment**. Most construction is done by specialist firms based well outside the locality. The turbines are almost always manufactured outside the UK

\* 25 metre+ turbines are a major **threat to wildlife**. Many birds will be put in jeopardy, including rare peregrine falcons

**Half of Scotland's electricity** is already **generated in East Lothian**. The county is producing more than its fair share and does not need any more generating capacity.

Current policy ensures that **you, the consumer, will pay for every turbine** that is erected via **higher electricity bills**. Landowners and developers are the only ones who benefit.

Large, sporadic wind turbine developments threaten our idyllic countryside and will even lead to higher electricity bills. **Join SABEL now.**

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