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Specialist & Independent Advisors to the Property Industry

Summary of CgMs Windfarm Experience

Client: Various including RWE npower renewables, Nuon Renewables, Enertrag, REG Windpower, ECO 2, Coronation Power, RES, Broadview Energy and Coriolis Energy.

Location

Various Nationwide

Services Provided

Archaeology
Historic Buildings

Date of Completion

Various

Key Issues

Pre-scoping assessment

Environmental Impact Assessment

Assessment of impact on wider landscape setting and visual amenity of historic sites

Expert witness at Appeal and Public Inquiry

CgMs has a long established track record advising clients about the potential impacts of development the historic environment.



With renewable energy generation being a key part of the Government's energy policy, CgMs has developed a specialism in projects coming from the renewable energy sector. Wind farms, in particular, can present potentially significant effects on the historic environment, especially in relation to the setting of listed buildings, scheduled monuments and registered parks and gardens. Detailed analysis is therefore required to appraise potential impacts on sensitive receptors; buildings; monuments or views and to minimise or mitigate against any possible harmful effects.

This requires robust, independent and commercial approach from early stages of a proposed scheme.

CgMs' Heritage team have a positive attitude towards renewable energy and believe that an acceptable balance between heritage and renewable energy can be achieved. We are regularly involved at early scoping stage, to highlight potential constraints and suggest routes forward and mitigation measures. Our staff have prepared numerous EIA Archaeology and Cultural Heritage chapters considering both newly proposed sites and re-evaluating existing wind farms up for renewal. We have been involved with a number of high profile projects and regularly provide expert witness at Appeal.

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