



## Planning • Historic Buildings • Archaeology

Specialist & Independent Advisors to the Property Industry

### Summary of CgMs Windfarm Experience

**Client:** Various including RWE npower renewables, Nuon Renewables, Enertrag, Cornwall Light and Power, 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 impacts of buildings and structures upon the historic environment.



With renewable energy generation being a key part of the Government's Energy Policy and Climate Change Programme, CgMs has been increasingly involved in projects coming from the renewable energy sector, particularly wind farms. The Government's target of achieving 10% renewable energy by 2010 and 15% by 2015 in order to meet Renewable Obligations (RO) means that a continued demand for wind farms, amongst other vehicles, is foreseen. The result is a potential change to the UK's skyline and to the historic landscape. 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. Many firms have turned to CgMs for expert assessment.

CgMs' Historic Buildings and Archaeology teams 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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