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Changing Beeston skyline is blowing in the wind

THE University of Nottingham has announced plans for three 125-metre high wind turbines on land adjacent to the River Trent, between the Rylands playing fields and Clifton Bridge, as part of a series of measures aimed at reducing its carbon footprint.

If granted planning permission, the turbines will supply green electricity directly to the University Park campus, equivalent to the domestic needs of approximately 5,000 houses. This will meet a third of the electricity needs of University Park.

The turbines would reduce the University's carbon emissions by 7,000 tonnes per year, equating to

40 percent of the target reductions required by 2015.

The Carbon Trust carried out an assessment of all the University's land holdings and identified the location, off Thane Road, as the most suitable for wind generation.

A planning application for the project is to be submitted in February 2011 and, subject to planning approval, the turbines would be installed in 2012. Construction would take approximately six months.

The University accepts that the turbines will be a prominent feature on the Nottingham skyline and will be visible from a number of locations, including the A52 and the A453.

Professor Alan Dodson, Pro-Vice Chancellor for Infrastructure and Environment at the University, said: "This proposal will help The University of Nottingham to play its part in reducing the carbon emissions that contribute to global warming. By generating a proportion of our electricity through renewable methods such as wind power, we can make a significant step towards our carbon reduction target.

"Wind energy is a clean, renewable source of energy which produces no greenhouse gas emissions or waste products, thus helping in the battle against climate change."

Presentations to local residents

The University has offered to carry out presentations in the council wards nearest to the proposed turbine site.

Rylands residents and other interested parties are invited to a public meeting at Leyton Crescent Community Centre at 7.30 pm on November 22.

Rylands meeting

Rylands ward councillor Steve Barber said: "To support the principle of The University of Nottingham Wind Turbine Project, subject to full consultation with the residents of Beeston Rylands and a full environmental impact

assessment, we have invited the University to send a representative and to answer questions." All Rylands residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

In the new year, the University will undertake a full public exhibition and consultation before the formal planning application is made.

Beeston tram finally in motion

by the Editor

IN amongst the massive spending cuts announced in the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review last week came the news that the money for Nottingham's new tramlines could be found.

After years of discussion about the optimum route for NET Phase Two, a public inquiry, uncertainty for residents along the route and local traders facing an uncertain future, the news that the Government intends to pursue lines two (to Clifton) and three of the tram network is at least an outcome – whatever your point of view.

Leader of Nottingham City

Council, Cllr Jon Collins said: "This is very good news for Nottingham. We have worked so hard to argue the case for two more tramlines that it would be foolish not to proceed with the proposals. I'm pleased that the Government has recognised this."

NET Phase Two Line 3 to Beeston and Chilwell will run between Nottingham city centre and a 'Park and Ride' site at Bardill's island on the A52. It will connect the Queens Medical Centre (QMC), the University of Nottingham, Beeston town centre, Castle College and Inham Nook, and is due to be

operational by 2014.

The Government is seeking savings from NET as it awards the project £530 million. The balance of the cost will be funded by a workplace parking levy (WPL).

Cllr Collins continued: "We've always believed that the scheme offers good value for money, but in these straitened times, we now have the challenge of responding to the Government's demands to bring the cost down. Our focus is now on working with the Government to identify further savings.

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