

Residents say no to turbines

RESIDENTS fighting plans which could see a wind farm appear on picturesque Bickerton Hills have stepped up their bid to stop it.

Families living close to the site met last week to discuss how to stop Banks Developments Ltd's plans for a 60m wind-monitoring mast on land off Long Lane.

The proposal is for a temporary period of three years for wind speed data to see if the site is suitable for a wind farm. It's the first application of its type in the locality.

Objectors say it will be a blot on the landscape.

Resident Kate Reeves said: "There was a very good turnout to the meeting and it just showed how very strongly locals feel about this. They are all very, very angry."

A committee and a "fighting fund" have been set up in response to the plans so that all monies needed in the search for legal advice against the plans can be embraced.

Cllr Stan Davies "called in" the application to be discussed at committee level and says it would be unsuitable in an area of special county value where tourism is being encouraged.

Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council says its policy is to look to encourage any form of renewable energy but not to compromise amenity or allow visual intrusion.