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At a recent Council Meeting, Councillors discussed the current investigations being undertaken into the possible installation of a wind farm at Rushy Mead. This followed the attendance of a representative of HARM (Householders Against Rushy Mead) at a meeting of the Town Council's Planning Committee.

Councillors were advised that the turbines under consideration were very large, and would, it was speculated, be visible from a wide area. Councillors were reminded that no formal planning application had been submitted to date and it was understood that investigations into the suitability of the site, and the final number and size of the turbines was yet to be determined.

Councillors were also advised that the HARM group had undertaken research into the possible health implications of positioning turbines too close to residential properties. The Group had also undertaken surveys of the possible height of the turbines which might be installed, in comparison to other buildings.

Members present at the meeting felt that it was important that local residents were consulted on the proposals since, although the site was just outside the Town's boundaries, any turbines installed of the size currently under consideration would have a significant visual impact on the area.

Furthermore, Members felt that it was important that the Town Council was fully aware of all the facts relating to this project and, therefore, requested that a representative of Partnerships for Renewables should be invited to give an update on the project at a future Planning Committee Meeting.

