



PRESS RELEASE

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The Windy City

Acorus Rural Property Services Ltd successfully gained planning permission at appeal for the siting of a wind turbine for domestic use on land at a Listed property in Brewood, Staffordshire.

The original application was refused because the site was within an area of Green Belt and it was perceived that the proposed turbine would have an adverse effect on the character and appearance of the adjacent Shropshire Union Canal Conservation Area and on the adjacent Listed buildings.

The owner approached Acorus to submit an appeal and Richard Foxley, Rural Planning Consultant, argued that although planning policy sets out that the construction of new buildings in Green Belt is inappropriate, none of the categories listed refer to wind turbines.

Mr Foxley explained that 'With appropriate landscaping measures and the natural existing location of tall trees in the locality along with a well designed turbine, the harm caused by its visible presence would be hugely reduced.'

It was also accepted that the proposed wind turbine would substantially reduce the level of carbon being released into the atmosphere through the electrically powered heating of the property, and any harm to the Green Belt would be outweighed by the environmental benefits of producing renewable energy.

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About Acorus

Acorus Rural Property Services Ltd is an independent firm of Chartered Surveyors and Planning Consultants with extensive experience and expertise in rural planning, diversification and property consultancy.

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