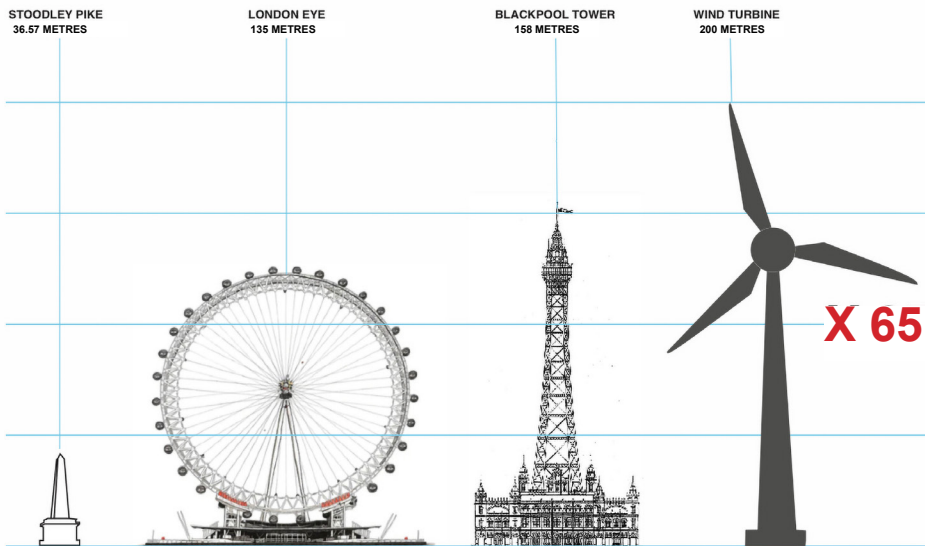


# STOP CALDERDALE WIND FARM

## Turbine Height Comparison



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# Stop Calderdale Wind Farm

A Saudi-owned and Saudi-backed company calling itself Calderdale Wind Farm Ltd has announced a plan to build one of the largest onshore wind farms in England on the Walshaw Moor Estate above Hebden Bridge. If the scheme goes ahead, 65 enormous turbines up to 200 metres tall would be installed in Walshaw Dean and on the moors directly above Hardcastle Crags, Crimsworth Dean, Widdop Reservoir and Top Withens, dominating the skylines and views throughout the Upper Calder Valley and Brontë Country. The site itself is huge: 2,352 hectares (more than 9 square miles).

Calderdale Wind Farm's main partner, Worldwide Renewable Energy Global Ltd, is run by Wiltshire property developer Christopher Wilson with Saudi backing. The Walshaw Moor Estate is owned by Lancashire-based businessman Richard Bannister, who acquired the land from the Savile Estate in 2002. He plans to sell the land to the developers if the scheme gets planning permission.

- By adopting the name Calderdale Wind Farm the developers imply that this scheme was initiated locally (it wasn't).
- They claim this is a green energy scheme whereas in reality it is primarily an investment opportunity and would be highly damaging to the environment.
- They imply that all the energy generated will be used in Calderdale (it won't) and that all Calderdale residents will be given discounted bills (they won't). They refer to the possibility of a community benefit fund but this is just a bribe and the amounts per person would be derisory.
- They imply that the wind farm has the backing of Calderdale Council (it doesn't – the local planning authority is supposed to remain neutral).

Stop Calderdale Wind Farm is a campaign to raise awareness about the environmental and ecological threats posed by this massive industrial development, which we believe would be an environmental catastrophe for Calderdale. Here are just a few of the many arguments against the scheme:

- **In terms of scale this gigantic development bears no relation to any existing wind farms in Calderdale. The closest comparison is to vast off-shore wind farms. The 65 turbines on Walshaw Moor would be up to 200 metres tall - more than 40 metres taller than Blackpool Tower. They will loom over Hardcastle Crags, Crimsworth Dean, Walshaw Dean, Top Withens and Widdop Reservoir and intrude on views throughout Calderdale and Brontë Country.**

- **Walshaw Moor is designated by Natural England as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and a Special Protection Area (SPA). Its moorland habitats and wildlife are of national and international significance. Building a huge wind farm would cause irrevocable ecological damage to these sensitive habitats, reduce biodiversity and decimate the ground-nesting birds which breed there, including curlews, lapwings and golden plovers.**
- **In environmental terms, blanket peat bogs are as important as tropical rain forest. They act as 'carbon sinks' storing carbon in the ground and absorbing it from the atmosphere. Excavating the peatland on Walshaw Moor would increase carbon dioxide emissions, exacerbating climate change and negating any benefit of renewable energy generation. According to the RSPB, 'a wind farm on Walshaw Moor is highly inappropriate, given the sensitivity of this location, with important peatland habitat, significant wildlife interest and protected wildlife sites.'**
- **The turbines, concrete foundations, crane pads and access tracks will require extensive excavation and thousands of lorry loads of concrete and crushed stone. Damaging the peat and surfacing the moor will increase water run off and heighten the risk of flooding in Calderdale.**
- **The spectacular landscape of the Upper Calder Valley is some of the most beautiful in the UK. By rights it should be a National Park. Our hills and dales are beloved by locals and visitors alike. Walkers flock to Hardcastle Crag and love striding over the moors on the Pennine Way to Haworth. This intrusive industrial development will completely ruin the countryside we cherish – our natural heritage - the landscape that inspired the Brontës and Ted Hughes.**

*Don't be fooled by green-washing. Calderdale Wind Farm is not environmentally friendly and will not save the planet. This development is a Hostile Act against the landscape, wildlife and people of Calderdale.*

**What you can do: Write to Calderdale Council now and tell them your object.** Quote Ref: 23/06010/EIA Calderdale Wind Farm, Walshaw Moor Estate. Address: Chief Planning Officer, Calderdale Council, Planning Services, Town Hall, Crossley Street, Halifax HX1 1UJ. A planning application is expected so ask them to keep your letter on file and object again when it happens. **Calderdale Wind Farm are obliged to hold a public consultation. Make them aware of your opposition as they are legally obliged to record all objections. Every single objection counts.**

# What we're fighting for:



The Scout above Widdop Reservoir (T5, T59, T1, T4, T56)



Curlew on Walshaw Moor

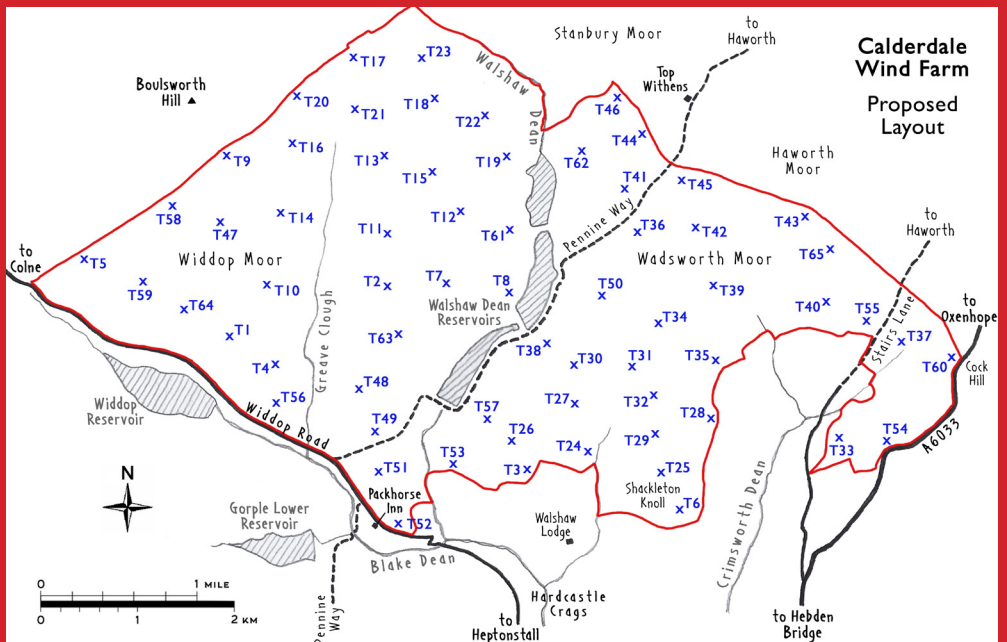


Golden plover on Walshaw Moor



Blake Dean in Hardcastle Crags (T51, T52, T53, T3)

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