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## Protect the environment by saying NO to wind turbines

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We are an association of people living in the rural Limousin region of France. Our association was formed in response to a project for the installation of industrial wind turbines 150 metres high in a Regional Natural Park. The project will result in the destruction of woodland, home/hunting ground of a rare species of bats. It is also in a major migration corridor for cranes. In addition, these monstrous machines will be 500m from houses. There is ample evidence of the adverse effects on human health resulting from the noise, low frequency noise and vibrations. The Academie de Médecine Française recommends a distance of 1500m between wind turbines and habitations. This is being ignored by our local officials. Worst of all, the Limousin is an area of France with very little wind - there is just about enough to make the rotor blades turn, but the amount of electricity that will be produced by these very expensive machines will be derisory. New gas-fired power stations will have to be constructed to produce electricity when there is not enough wind and these have to be on constant standby - and produce carbon dioxide emissions. Contrary to what we have all been made to believe, these massive wind turbines will have a negative effect on the environment and on the lives of those living near them. We can see from the experiences of Germany and Spain that the installation of wind turbines is very costly and does not reduce carbon dioxide emissions. We should be looking for ways to use less electricity.

You are not alone - there are hundreds of associations of ordinary citizens in France who are fighting to preserve the environment from the installation of wind turbines. We wish you good luck .

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