

# CAMPS, SEXCLES and MERCŒUR

## PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO A ZONE FOR WIND TURBINES

### from 7th January to 5th February 2019

The Group Eolfi and their subsidiary Parc Éolien Corrèze 1 are applying for Planning Permission to build 10 INDUSTRIAL WIND TURBINES, 200M HIGH, in the communes of Camps, Sexcles and Mercœur.

The project, ongoing for several years, has come to the Public Enquiry phase. In 2015, the Sexcles municipal council passed a motion of opposition to the project. This in itself is not enough, it is absolutely essential that the inhabitants of the commune have their say. To participate in a Public Inquiry is the right of every citizen, just the same as your right to vote.

#### WHAT IS A PUBLIC INQUIRY?

The purpose of a Public Inquiry is to inform and allow the participation of the general public as well as to take into account the interest of any third parties that may be affected by any decisions that may be taken which are likely to affect the environment (as defined in the Law of 12 July 2010).

**Make known your views : don't let others decide for you!**



The wind farm seen from Sexcles - Source : Photomontage Group Eolfi

## 10 good reasons for testifying to the Public Inquiry

### Concerning the local economy and finances

**①** Under the pretext of saving the planet and bringing us progress and prosperity, Eolfi, who are a finance company, have come to Xaintrie purely in search of their own profit : produce more, gain more.....but also waste more! Xaintrie is not a windy area, but **the producers of Wind Power are paid double the market price**, which explains their profits... at the expense of the consumer which is all of us. **If we allow this project to go ahead, there will certainly be more to follow in our region.**

**②** Eolfi state in advance that the Community of Xaintrie Val'Dordogne will benefit by receiving money from taxes from the installations. In reality **these taxes will be paid out just as quickly as they arrive** : by a government system called "National Solidarity Fund" whereby surplus rural taxes are channeled into supporting less well off urban city areas. In 2018 the communes which make up the Community Xaintrie Val'Dordogne were obliged to pay more than 400,000.00 euros into this fund, income mainly deriving from our exceptional Hydro-Electric resources.

**③** Rather than supporting our local economy, as the promoters of this industry would have you believe, **this project will permanently alter the tourist potential of our area and devalue the future building potential of the area by between 20% to 30%.** Further, residential building is not allowed within a 500m perimeter of a wind turbine zone.

**4** Only the landowner will receive rent for the turbines, but that rent is linked to an onerous very long term contract (of up to 90 years) whereby **the landowner risks finding himself thirty years later with a field full of scrap to dismantle at his own cost**, or, in the event that he becomes insolvent, at the cost of the Commune!

**5** Eolfi talk of creating employment but **in the long term there are no local jobs created in order to exploit the electricity.**

## And our quality of life?

**6** The Xaintrie is an attractive area due to the outstanding natural beauty of our surroundings, our many unspoilt villages and traditional housing stock, and the land so carefully tended by our local farmers. **This proposed zone of 10 industrial turbines, 200m high, will completely destroy what we have now.**

**7** The studies carried out by the promoters would have you believe that there will be hardly any nuisance risk. However, evidence from residents living and working near to existing zones tell a different story, that of **continuous dull noise, infrasound, strobe lights, health problems both for humans and animals.**

**8** The promoters want to install their turbines in our areas protected by the classification "Natura 2000" and "Biosphere Reserve". A turbine which is 200m high is **two and a half times the height of the Administrative Tower in Tulle and 2/3 the height of the Eiffel Tower.**

**9** **The Dordogne Valley is already a region which produces more energy than it consumes.** Our hydro-electric barrages have been producing renewable energy for more than 60 years. The forecast production of energy by Eolfi represents just 10% of the electricity produced by the Barrage de Chastang on it's own.

**10** The salesmen of this wind powered energy present themselves as **an alternative to Nuclear Power : FALSE!** These promoters say nothing about closing any power stations, just that they would like to see the reliance on nuclear reduced by any other means, renewable or not.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY

### Where can I consult the dossier?

At the Mairies of Camps, Mercœur and Sexcles during opening hours

By web search engine : "ICPE 7 Janvier parc eolien correze 1"

### Where and how can I make observations?

#### • At the Mairie during opening hours :

Write your comments directly in the register together with the date, your name , adresse and signature.

#### • Directly to the Enquiry inspectors during their attendance as follows :

- Camps : 7th Jan., 16th Jan., 5th Feb. > 9:00am - 12:00pm / 24th Jan., 5th Feb. > 2:00pm - 5:00pm

- Mercœur : 11th Jan., 22th Jan. > 9:00am - 12:00pm

- Sexcles : 17th Jan., 29th Jan. > 9:00am - 12:00pm

Hand your pre-written letter to the Inspector.

(Ensure that each page is numbered and signed. Write in the register "remis en main propre à M. le Commissaire enquêteur un courrier de x pages"\* and then sign the register).

\* "Handed to the enquiry inspector a letter containing x number of pages".

#### • By letter (posted before 2nd Feb to arrive before 5th Feb) to :

M. le président de la Commission d'enquête publique Parc Éolien du Deyroux  
Mairie, Le bourg 19430 Camps-St-Marthurin-Léobazel

• **E-mail to :** pref-environnement@correze.gouv.fr > subject : "enquête publique Parc éolien du Deyroux"

### Contents of your comments

Your opposition should be clear and unambiguous. Write either at the beginning or end of your letter the following phrase : **"Je suis opposé à ce projet d'éoliennes industrielles"**

**State what you think and for what reason :** protecting the countryside, protecting the flora and fauna, protecting the historical appearance, health for humans and animals, unsightly, etc.

**Important :** state why you are concerned eg : you have a principal/holiday home, you holiday regularly in the area, you have family who live in the area, etc.