

Proposed Windfarm at Walshaw – Survey Results Summary

Independent survey commissioned by Wadsworth Parish Council

UK benefit

- a. Clear majority support in the UK for renewables v traditional fuels.
- b. There's a middle ground for nuclear with around 50%
- c. So, the majority opinion thinks the UK can benefit from traditional renewables as opposed to fossil fuels.
- d. Minor differences with age & tenure – the older someone is/longer they have lived here they are slightly less likely to support renewables and slightly more likely to support traditional fuels.

Renewables

- a. Renewables are at least somewhat important to 88% of residents.
- b. This increase to 92% for the under 34's.
- c. Not a single under 34 said renewables was not important as opposed to 6% of older ages.
- d. This trend repeats on tenure – the longer you've lived here renewables move from totally to somewhat important – a likely correlation with newer residents being younger.

Familiarity with wind

- a. A definite uncertainty with all ages and tenures – around 60% are somewhat familiar.

Offshore v onshore support

- a. 88% support offshore but only 55% support onshore.
- b. However almost half of all people that are against the windfarm do support onshore wind.

Awareness of the development

- a. Everyone is aware - 99%
- b. But over half only know a little or nothing - big opportunity to educate and ensure info, events, consultations are widely promoted.

Support for Windfarm

- a. 93% against it.
- b. 82% are totally against it.
- c. This does not change with age – although the under 34's are more inclined to be somewhat than totally.

Why?

- a. Main reasons are nature and flooding
- b. 8 out of every 10 people said at least one of these reasons for being against it.