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**Objet: Recours gracieux pour annulation du les potentialités de développement de l'éolien sur la commune de Videix, 87600**

Madame,

I understand that you are able to answer my initial enquiries about the proposed, potential wind farm development in Videix.

It is with extreme dismay that I have just discovered that this project would be just 500meters from my home and successful gite business. I am extremely disappointed that to date, no one has spoken to the residents who will be so profoundly affected by its location.

This project is still in its very early preliminary stages, but I would like to raise and register my objection now, in the hope that you will not proceed with this devastating development; especially since it falls within the boundaries of the Parc Naturel Régional Périgord-Limousin.

I have not had time to formulate an authoritative letter; so initially, please can I ask for the following information in order to determine my course of action. All of which I understand is available once a site has been selected:

1. The actual number of turbines being considered
2. Their hub height
3. Their blade length
4. The total height
5. The sweep area
6. The proposed power kWh of each turbine / model
7. The proposed number of sub-stations for this project
8. Their proposed, preferred locations

Please could you provide me with the names / relevant departments and full postal addresses for all of the nominated people involved in the following, and possibly others I've omitted?

9. Newly created 'shell' company that will manage the project IF it is progressed
10. Groupe VALECO (yourselves)
11. Encis Environment
12. EDF En France: Cœur Defense – Tour B
13. EDF EN France: Nouvelles énergies – Responsable Région Sud-Ouest
14. EDF En France: local representative for our project
15. Préfet de la Haute Vienne

Please could you provide a reference to quote on all future correspondence.

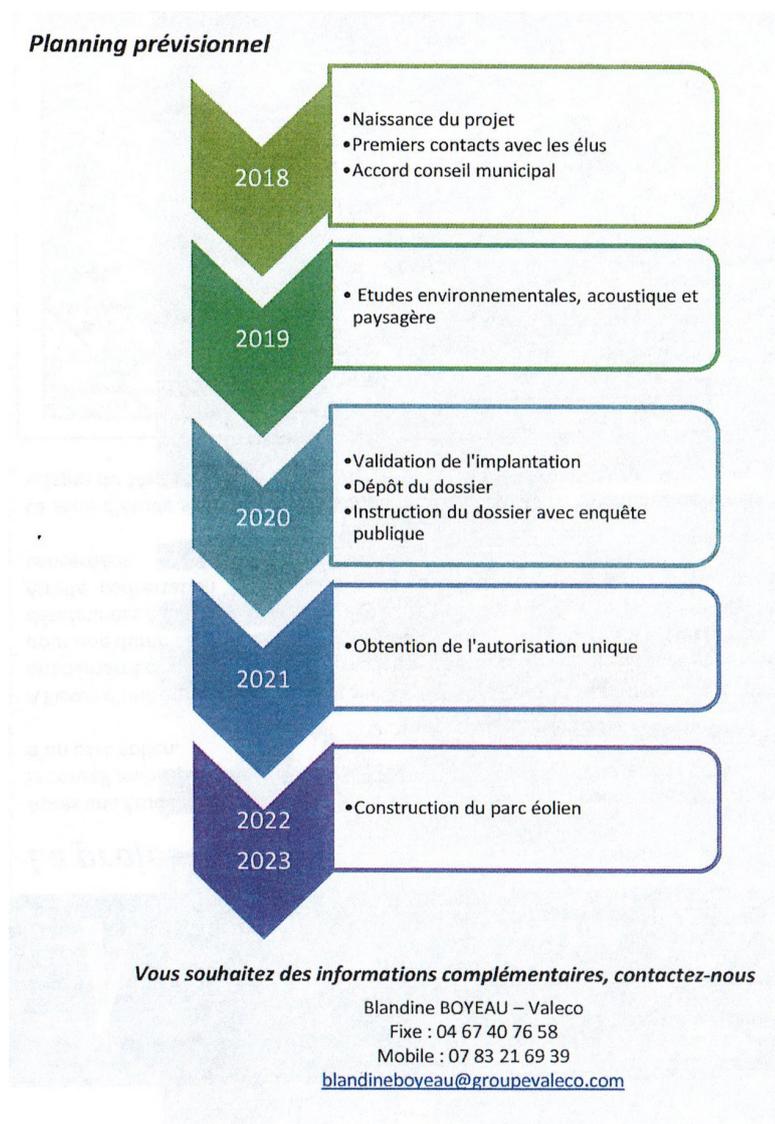
When it is produced, I would like to receive a copy of the “RESUME NON TECHNIQUE DE L’ETUDE D’IMPACT SUR L’ENVIRONNEMENT” or equivalent publication ~ I would be happy to receive a draft copy if one is available now?

I beg of you to reconsider your proposals and abandon this plan immediately.

Je reste à votre disposition pour fournir tout renseignement complémentaire, et je vous prie de croire, madame, à mes sentiments distingués.

Cordialement

BOUGOURD Mme Julie



For your information I shall be looking into the following issues:

1. **Historic Monuments:** Videix has a 12-century church 'Sainte-Marie-Madeleine', which is listed as an Ancient / Historic Monument since 1992. Distance only 1.2km / 2.2km

2. **Access and Infrastructure:** I will be interested to understand:

- ❖ Access plans, since the roads here are single-track lanes, sided by snow-ditches and canopied with trees. They would not be able to accommodate the length of the turbine blades, which alone could be 50 metres
- ❖ Weight restrictions and limits; the turbine nacelle alone can weigh 85 tonnes.
- ❖ No access from the main roads
- ❖ The location of the sub-power station(s) that would be required.
- ❖ Distance of nearest 33-66Kv distribution grid (financially should be within 10km)
- ❖ Confirmed use of only under-ground cables, since this site is located within Le Parc Naturel Régional Périgord-Limousin.
- ❖ How this parcel of land was chosen. There must be hundreds of areas that do not have to utilize the 500metre minimum distance to resident's dwellings on 5 sides of the plot?
- ❖ Any "over-flight" of blades onto surrounding land

3. **Wildlife and conservation:**

- ❖ The site you have designated is on the direct route of the migrating Cranes / Grues.
- ❖ It is in the middle of Le Parc Naturel Régional Périgord-Limousin.
- ❖ It is a low-lying, wooded area; as opposed to open land on a high ridge.
- ❖ The land is mainly used for cattle farming; an integral produce of the Limousin.
- ❖ The woodland has copious sweet chestnut and walnut trees, ceps and other woodland luxuries again, integral local products.
- ❖ Any protected and endangered wildlife, flora and fauna; also habitat and welfare of large families of deer and wild boar / salamanders and green lizards / owls, eagle, buzzards and kites etc
- ❖ Serious damage to the biodiversity balance
- ❖ The ecological impact of 2000tonnes of concrete for each turbine; and the relevant vehicles to transport all the components
- ❖ Destruction of woodland / habitat / hedgerow, just to accommodate access roads
- ❖ In 15 / 20 years time to repeat the process again when the turbines are being decommissioned

4. **Day-to-day effect on residents:**

- ❖ Noise of the turbines; there is a constant noise; and it is proven that it is not acceptable at 500m. Record current levels daytime / nighttime against recommended dB(A)
- ❖ Distance: "The French Academy of Medicine" recommends a 1.5 km distance between commercial wind turbines and private residences.
- ❖ Low frequency noise: deleterious effects on health including cardiovascular, respiratory, neurological and renal pathology issues
- ❖ Light flicker, an intolerable, light-strobe effect caused by evening sunset shining through the turning blades.
- ❖ Light reflection, an unbearable effect caused by morning sunlight reflection on the blades
- ❖ Red pulsing night light
- ❖ Health: tinnitus, epilepsy, headaches, sleep disorders, vertigo, depression, tachycardia etc
- ❖ Sight: the destruction of the horizon forever, towering over everything by possibly 150m.
- ❖ Height: and size, they are monstrous and the residents need to be aware of this
- ❖ Vibration: ground vibration will be felt which is constant and unnerving.
- ❖ Electromagnetism issues: interference on television and wireless communication; mobile reception is already poor in this area
- ❖ Property devaluation: a 40% reduction in property prices ~ IF they can be sold
- ❖ Decommissioning point 1: Ensure that the landowners are aware of the cost implications to themselves after 15 / 20 years of life expectancy of the turbines? (Could be 80k€ +)
- ❖ Decommissioning point 2: Ensure the Council are aware of their liabilities, if the landowner cannot cover the cost implications

5. **Feasibility studies due to be conducted in 2019:** I understand that there are to be several feasibility study; along with environmental, acoustic and landscape studies. I will be contacting the relevant agencies to see if they can visit me and, if I can attend some of their studies. I am also aware that minimum wind speed levels are required to make a project viable. This area is known to have a very weak wind potential; which is also the reason why you would have to utilize such a large, highly obtrusive tower and blades.

- ❖ We will be obtaining independent wind speed tests, conducted by a professionally accredited person. To corroborate official tests.

- ❖ We will be obtaining independent noise level tests, conducted by a professionally accredited person. Should the turbines be built, subsequent tests would be conducted

- ❖ We will be arranging for an independent, 'to-scale' visual image of the turbines

- ❖ We will be arranging for independent aerial photos to be taken when we know the the actual height of the turbines, for an accurate reflection of visual impact

- ❖ Ensure that it has it been explained to the Council that the quoted, projected figures for annual income received are only if there are prevailing winds. (Refer: maire Lesterps, Daniel Suopizet)

6. **Tourism:** negative impact studies to be conducted, and contact made with:

- ❖ Local swimming lake at La Chassagne at 1.8km

- ❖ Local swimming lake at La Guerlie at 2.9km

Both also have water activities, bars and restaurants.

- ❖ Outdoor water sport centre at 2.5km

- ❖ Equestrian centre at 2.5km

- ❖ Two gites in La Besse at 500m

- ❖ Gite in Le Mas at 750m

- ❖ Chambre d'Hotes with two gites in Videix at 1.3km

- ❖ Commune owned gite complex in La Chassagne at 1.8km

- ❖ Camping des Lacs, large catered camping park in La Guerlie at 3.1km

These are only the businesses that I am aware of; there may be many more. The proposed site also impacts on:

- ❖ An extremely popular hot air balloon flight that departs from Videix lake

- ❖ A designated walking route.

- ❖ A designated cycling route and other trails.

- ❖ Air Force Base Cognac: flight path for training of fighter jets that pass at low altitude.

- ❖ "La Chasse" uses this wooded area frequently, being an integral part of French life.

7. **Personal impact:** This potential development is beyond life changing, it is totally soul destroying. My husband & I moved here 5 years ago, purchased a house with adjoining buildings to be converted from shells into superb gites; qualifying for 4 epis and 3 epis with Gites de France. We have spent our life savings and would be totally without sustainable income; or be able to sell our property. We will therefore:

- ❖ Arrange for a property valuation now to evidence any negative devaluation impact

- ❖ Business impact: Review any previous compensation cases for 'loss of business / income' when other options and locations could have been considered

- ❖ Business impact: Review any previous compensation cases, should specially adapted facilities (windows / curtains etc) be required for the gites to reduce noise and light effects

- ❖ Business impact: Review any previous compensation cases, should air-conditioning be required in the gites due to having to close the windows at night due to noise levels.