

5 Role briefing sheets

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Farmer

You are a farmer. The developers want to install the wind farm on your land. This will consist of a number of wind turbines. Although they are large, they don't take up much space on the ground and you will still be able to farm up to the edge of them. The company have agreed to pay you rent for the use of the land and for access to the turbines for maintenance.



Holiday park owner

You own a holiday park, with static caravans and attractions. You get quite a lot of visitors, who like the peaceful and unspoilt nature of the area. You have looked at the plans and are getting worried that the wind farm will spoil the view across the valley.



Local resident

You are a local resident and have lived in the area for many years. You like the quiet and peaceful nature of the area. You have read that wind turbines make quite a lot of noise and spoil the view and are getting worried about the changes.

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Environmental campaigner

You are very concerned about the environment and particularly the damage being caused by electricity generated by fossil fuels. You also don't trust nuclear power because of the danger of radioactive waste and you are keen that more renewable forms of energy are used.



Councillor

You are a Councillor. You know that the wind farm plans are controversial. Some people are very keen and others are opposed. You are coming up for re-election soon and don't want to become unpopular. You are happy for the scheme to go ahead but only if it has local support. You are worried that the development company will find a way of going ahead even if local people oppose it and that if that happens you will be blamed.