



# TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

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Site Evaluation Committee  
Department of Environmental Services  
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Re: Application of Groton Wind

Dear Committee Members:

The Plymouth Selectmen write to convey the concerns that we have received from many citizens who have communicated with the Selectmen about anticipated visual impacts from the proposed siting of the windmill towers that will be visible to many of Plymouth's residents.

Many people have expressed concern that the windmills will have a negative effect on the value of those properties that will have a view of the windmills that stretch across the mountain ridgelines. There are a many properties in Plymouth that are located in areas where the visual impact of the windmills will be considerable. Good land use planning strives to minimize such impacts.

Plymouth's ordinances and regulations are designed to minimize mountain and ridgeline development. When such development occurs, it is required to harmonize with existing uses so as to protect the property rights of others. We have had a difficult time explaining to our residents that these principles do not seem to apply to this project. The proposed introduction of these manmade structures will have a negative effect on Plymouth's character and scenic beauty.

We would encourage the Committee to examine the location of those windmills that will be so prominently visible from Plymouth. We ask the Committee to consider whether relocating those towers that will be most visually offensive strikes a more appropriate balance between the aims of Groton Wind and its investors and the legitimate concerns of the Plymouth property owners and residents who will bear the visual and economic impacts this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Plymouth Board of Selectmen







