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Dear All,

I wanted to share an experience I had over the last couple of weeks.... I'm for wind energy, but do struggle with it being placed in scenic areas and how it can effect neighboring real estate etc. This story pertains to real estate and I'm sure it's a common one.

My partner and I were speaking with an owner of a home on 5 acres on Halls Brook Rd in Rumney (about 1/4 mile up the road and just below several wind towers).... we were planning on buying the property as an investment. The first day I met with the homeowner myself, it was a calm day and the turbines were hardly turning, but he did mention how sometimes they can sound like a jet flying overhead - I didn't pay too much attention to this, we agreed upon a price and were planning on proceeding with the acquisition (having not yet signed an agreement).

A few days later my partner and I went up there so we could see the place together and it was pretty windy; the turbines were spinning at a pretty good clip and we were astonished at how loud the blades were - it did sound just like a commercial jet flying overhead, in a pulsating manner, too. That did it for us. No way were we going to risk buying a place in that situation.... our concern was of course that we would struggle to find tenants and even worse, wouldn't be able to get a buyer if we decided to resell at some point. As investors, we have to weigh up negative vs positive factors and compare one opportunity against another, so this was an unquestionable PASS for us - the presence of the turbines made the location just too risky.

We hear all the time about how wind farms can effect real estate values/saleability and this is a live example of a sale falling apart as a direct result of these towers being in close proximity to a property. I hope this will assist any efforts to prevent another wind farm from going ahead in this area.

Thanks for listening,

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