

THE WINBEG Project

The Lessons Learnt

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Steps in a Project development:

- 1. Preparing the Basic Design
- 2. Public Announcement of the Project (PR)
- 3. Consultation i). With the decision makers ii). With the local people
- 4. Preparing for Planning
- 5. Detailed Engineering
- 6. Obtaining a Power Purchase Agreement
- 7. Project Due Diligence to get Project Finance
- 8. Letting Contracts, building and commissioning Which is the most important step?

- 1. Which of the steps are the most difficult to manage?
- 2. Timing, which ones can you control?

- 1. Where would you expect to expend the most resources (money/people)?
- 2. Who do you have to convince that your project is worthy of approval?
- i. Planning Officials
- ii. Statutory Consultees
- iii. Elected Planning Committee
- iv. Local People (voters)
- 3. Which of the 8 steps cannot you easily control?

Lets have a look at the steps again

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You cannot control the duration of the following:

- 1. Preparing the Basic Design
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Major Issues Identified from Winkleigh Community & Statutory Consultees

- Technology (not a planning issue. PPS22)
- Visual impact of plant
- Scale of development (too big wrong place!)
- Traffic
- Emissions
- Effects of Energy Crop Growing on the Landscape (not a planning issue. PPS22)
- Fuel logistics

Finally;

- 1. Don't let personal attacks on your professional competence destabilise your objectivity
- 2. Don't confuse protestors with the majority with whom you seek to communicate
- 3. Don't resort to personal attacks on objectors whatever the provocation
- 4. Sort out and examine genuine and justified criticisms of the project and attempt to mitigate whenever possible especially don't say no changes can be contemplated
- 5. Be positive, and accept things will take longer than expected
- 6. If the pressure is getting to you take a break or get out completely

Thank You!