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LOCAL FIRM PLANS NEW WIND TURBINE TO POWER ITS MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS

A long-established and successful local company has launched a community consultation on plans to install a second wind turbine to generate affordable green electricity at its manufacturing base in King's Lynn.

KL Technologies, which employs nearly 200 people, says that a wind turbine would provide the secure and reliable source of affordable green electricity it needs to power its operations.

The company is preparing a planning application to submit to King's Lynn and West Norfolk Council, and now wants local residents and its workforce to provide feedback on the plans and ideas on how the company can be more sustainable.

Mark Littlewood, KL Technologies CEO, said: "The consequences of climate change will impact us all and here at KL Technologies we believe that we have a responsibility to reduce our consumption of fossil fuel. Generating our own renewable energy is at the heart of our sustainable business model.

"In 2014, we installed a 1.5 MW wind turbine and 6,000 solar panels. By generating our own renewable energy, not only did we reduce our carbon emissions by 1,650 tonnes every year, but we were also able to grow our business and provide more high skilled jobs to local people."

Manufacturing leaders at KL Technologies are working in partnership with the local community and Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Council to tackle climate change. Local politicians recently declared a climate emergency and the county urgently needs to reduce carbon emissions - West Norfolk is one of the highest emitting boroughs in the UK for Co2 emissions.

An additional wind turbine at the KL Technologies plant could save a further 1,200 tonnes of Co2 emissions a year.

Information leaflets are being sent to local residents and the consultation is also online from 21 February to 11 March. KL Technologies will submit a planning application in the spring, and West Norfolk Council is likely to make a decision in the summer.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

About KL Technologies: Based in King's Lynn, KL Technologies manufactures membranes, ceramics, water filters, and textile coatings for the UK market and for export around the world, and are a significant local employer, currently providing around 190 high-skilled and well-paid jobs. They also offer apprenticeships to young people locally and have a training partnership with University Centre West Anglia. In 2020, they made use of their production facilities and expertise to manufacture PPE for the NHS and carers.

The proposal & consultation: The wind turbine will be on the existing manufacturing site on the Riverside Industrial Estate, just off the Estuary Road.

The consultation runs from 21 February until 11 March. The information leaflet being sent to all households near to the site includes a freepost return feedback form. All consultation materials, including an online feedback form, can be found at www.kltrenewableenergy.co.uk

The proposed development will consist of a 1.5 MW machine with a tip height of approximately 100m. Cabling will be underground.

West Norfolk is one of the highest emitting boroughs in the UK for total Co2 emissions and has the highest level of Co2 in the Industry and Commercial category, making up 47.6% of total emissions in the borough (Source: DBEIS 2020, Local Authority CO2 data).

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