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## TRANSPORT STUDY TO DETERMINE POTENTIAL FOR NEW WIND FARM

An empty delivery vehicle, capable of carrying the larger components of wind turbines, has today made its way from the A130 to Southminster, to investigate the feasibility of developing a new wind farm on the Dengie peninsula.

The specially modified articulated lorry used has rear-axle steering, and can “shrink” down in the event of encountering a tight bend. It was used to test the delivery route for a potential wind farm site near Southminster, and the vehicle was accompanied by logistics experts and officers from Essex County Council’s Highways Department.

Jon Knight, a Project Manager for the RES, the company behind the plans, explained *“RES has been carrying out investigations into the potential for a new wind farm on the Dengie Peninsula for a number of years now. There are many possible constraints which can limit the availability of suitable wind farm sites, and one of these is access.*

*“Therefore, as part of our site investigations, we have commissioned this transport route study to determine the feasibility of getting turbines onto the site by road.”*

The outcome of today’s drive will have implications for the design of the wind farm and will feed into the ongoing environmental studies which RES is carrying out.

Jon continued, *“This access study is just one of many surveys and site investigations which are being undertaken this year. If we do decide that the site has potential for a new wind farm, we will of course undertake a thorough public consultation process and are committed to ensuring that the entire community is kept fully informed throughout the planning process.”*

RES has promised to be proactive in keeping the community and local media fully informed if the wind farm plans develop further.



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### Notes to editors:

1. RES is a leading UK renewable energy company with operations across Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific. RES built its first wind farm in Cornwall in 1992. RES has been at the forefront of wind energy development since the 1970s and has developed and/or built more than 4700 MW of wind energy capacity worldwide, including projects in the UK, Ireland, France, Scandinavia, and the United States, with a large additional portfolio in development. The RES Group is active in a range of renewable energy technologies, including large-scale solar and biomass and on-site heat, power and cooling technologies, as well as offering design consultancy for sustainable built environments. Drawing on decades of experience in the renewable energy and construction industries, RES has the expertise to develop, construct and operate projects of outstanding quality. For more information, visit [www.res-group.com](http://www.res-group.com)

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