

Village's windfarm concerns

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Residents are in “uproar” over proposals to build a new wind farm.

Nuon UK Ltd has applied to build a 60ft mast in Charwelton Road near Woodford Halse.

If approved, the mast will be used to test wind strength and determine whether a wind farm can be built in the area.

It has sparked fury from residents in Woodford Halse and neighbouring villages who are concerned about health issues.

A group of residents have created a website opposing the plans and spokesman Edward Giles says he has received hundreds of e-mails from concerned people.

“The whole place is in uproar,” he said.

“These masts create low frequency vibrations and there is emerging information to suggest they affect people’s heartbeats.”

The proposed mast would stay up for 36 months while data is collected.

Nuon spokesman Al Hanagan said the company had written to the local parish councils in September to advise them of its investigations.

He said “The research involved is quite extensive and included monitoring the wind and climate from a temporary mast.

“The research is at an early stage but Nuon has committed to fully present any proposals that this research may support at the earliest opportunity.

The action group’s website is www.woodfordwindfarm.com