Sites needed for research on wildlife and turbines

The majority of small-scale wind turbine installations in the UK currently require planning permission. Better understanding of the potential wildlife impacts, and how these can be mitigated, is vital because this is often a factor considered by planning officers assessing applications.

Research at Stirling University is underway to examine the behaviour and activity of bats and birds before and after turbine installation, and we are looking for study sites where we could conduct this work.

We are looking for planned installations anywhere in mainland UK which meet the following criteria:

1. Free-standing turbines only
2. Mast height 10 – 20 m

If you, or any of your clients are willing to take part in this study, please contact: Cerian Tatchley; Email c.k.tatchley@stir.ac.uk; Telephone 01786 466370;
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Data collected as part of this study will be held electronically with security measures to prevent unauthorised access to information. This information will be treated in the strictest confidence in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998, and we will not disclose it to any third party.

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