

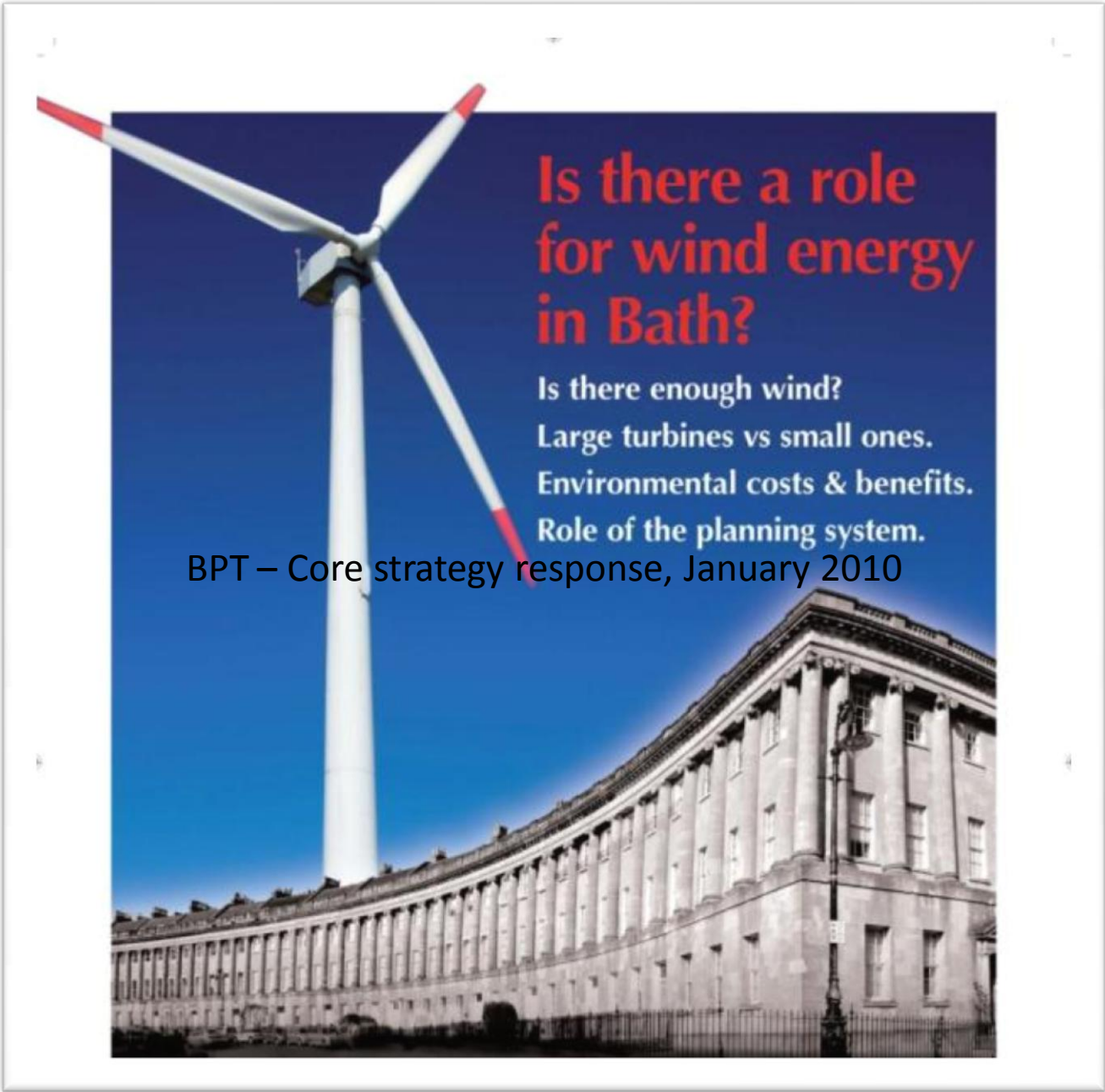
A modest proposal for the solution to the energy needs of the Royal Crescent

(with apologies to Jonathan Swift)





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Is there a role for wind energy in Bath?

Is there enough wind?
Large turbines vs small ones.
Environmental costs & benefits.
Role of the planning system.

BPT – Core strategy response, January 2010

But in reality...What is the current position?

- No permitted development for wind turbines, certainly within WHS, so
- Planning permission required
- Various Council policies are relevant, but there is no specific policy on wind energy, so every turbine would be considered case by case

PPS 22

- Planning authorities should set out the criteria that will be applied in assessing applications for planning permission for renewable energy projects.
- Planning permission for development likely to have an adverse effect on World Heritage Site should only be granted once an assessment has shown that the integrity of the site would not be adversely affected.

PPS 22 cont

- If the renewable energy development would have an adverse effect planning permission should only be granted where there is no alternative solution and there are imperative reasons of overriding public interest

English Heritage position

- Local planning authorities should have SPDs with criteria setting out locational issues
- A strategic approach to the planning system will maximise the benefits of renewable energy projects while minimising their adverse impacts on the historic environment.
- This should be achieved by considering the **cumulative** effect of projects as well as their specific impacts.

National Trust position

- We see appropriate use of wind as a vital part of the energy mix...assisted by the **proper planning**, consultation and decision making process
- Our overall policy will be to **oppose** planning applications for wind turbines where they would cause unacceptable detriment to landscapes and properties the trust values – but to support proposals where they are fully compatible with those interests.

Bath Preservation Trust position

- There is a pressing need [for the Council] to develop **clear policies and guidance** on the adaptation of existing buildings and on the acceptability (or not) of microgeneration installations within the WHS and its environs.

BPT – Core strategy Response Executive Summary, January 2010

BPT position (cont)

- The tree-covered hilltops ...must be conserved and enhanced.
- Policy ...will need to protect against visual intrusion by wind turbines as well as other forms of development which individually or cumulatively would detract from the Outstanding Universal Value of the WHS.
- The impact of wind turbines on the landscape of our AONBs and Conservation Areas outside the WHS also needs careful evaluation.
- Within the city of Bath, the useful output of small scale urban wind turbines is still considered unproven.