

# Eye Wind Turbines Section 106 Impact Report



**Funding is generated on a yearly basis for projects within a 10km radius of the wind turbines at Brome Industrial Park, formerly Eye Airfield. Up to £5,000 can be applied for from community groups or projects within Eye, Yaxley, Brome and Oakley, Mellis and Thrandeston. Organisations in parishes not listed but within the 10km radius of the turbines may apply for up to £1,000.**



**Funding is available towards projects or initiatives that promote energy conservation, biodiversity measures, the promotion of renewable energy, landscaping or environmental mitigation.**

**Since 2014, over £70,000 of funding has been invested into 15 community projects in the area surrounding Eye.**



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## Case Studies

### Mellis Memorial Hall

#### **£5,000 - Solar Panel Installation**

Mellis Memorial Hall is a 1920's building which has seen an extensive series of refurbishments and upgrades since the 1990s. The Hall has successfully applied for Eye Wind Turbines S106 towards new windows, upgraded heating as well as more recently the installation of solar panels and batteries. The funding has enabled the Hall to reduce their carbon footprint while also significantly reducing the running costs, particularly energy bills, of the organisation. This has benefited the community of Mellis by providing a warm and comfortable community facility for all, while keeping booking costs low for users.

### Wortham Lawn Tennis Club

#### **£1,000 - New LED Floodlights**

As Wortham is one of the parishes within the 10km radius of the Wind Turbines, Wortham Lawn Tennis Club were able to apply for £1,000 Eye Wind Turbines S106 towards the installation of new energy efficient LED floodlights at the Club, replacing fading and inefficient bulbs that were over 15 years old. This project reduced running costs for the Club, reduced the Club's carbon footprint and improved the experience for players, with courts fully and consistently lit, offering tennis throughout the day and year. The funding was applied for alongside a Capital Grant and used as match funding for the Suffolk Lawn Tennis Association.

# Impact

**Eye Wind Turbines S106 supports the priorities of the Mid Suffolk Plan, working to achieve net zero carbon emissions throughout the District and improving biodiversity and nature recovery. The funding delivers a wide range of community benefits to organisations within the eligible area, including:**

- **Improved energy efficiency of community buildings, such as sports facilities or village halls**
- **Enhanced biodiversity and improved habitats through landscaping and planting**
- **Improved sustainability for voluntary and community groups through reduced energy costs**

