



A wind farm at Graveley is beginning to take shape, with two of the turbines now complete and a third well on the way.

The site, at Cotton Farm, is expected to put more than £300,000 into the local community over its lifetime once it starts generating electricity next year.

Energy firm Renerco is building eight turbines at the site and construction of the wind farm is on track for completion early next year.

Michael Rinklin, construction manager at Cotton Farm, said: "We appreciate that there can be some disruption caused by the delivery of the turbines and I would like to thank local residents for their patience.

"We have only a small number of deliveries remaining and the team can now focus on constructing the turbines. With the first two already completed we are on track to finish work in the first half of 2013."

The turbines are already becoming a local landmark and can be seen clearly from some distance away.

Mr Rinklin welcomed confirmation by the Environment Agency that materials being used on the site were appropriate after campaigners opposed to the wind farm raised concerns.

He added: "We and our contractors are dedicated to ensuring that our developments are built in line with best practice and environmental and planning guidelines and local residents can be reassured that this is the case at Cotton Farm."

The wind farm is expected to generate enough energy to power 10,000 homes each year and save more than 23,000 tonnes of carbon.

A community benefit fund is also expected to put more than £300,000 towards local good causes and community projects.

Meanwhile TCI Renewables has lodged an appeal after Huntingdonshire District Council did not reach a decision in time on plans for three turbines on land between Southoe and Grafham Water.

The district council has since said it opposes the scheme citing safety concerns, environmental impact and noise among its objections, although the final decision will now rest with a planning inspector.