My comments relate to Sub Theme 3.1 RENEWABLE ENERGY.

Wind Farms
Policy should be reviewed to amend and update policy with regards to
* impacts upon surrounding environments and subsequent need for buffers.
* location.
* assessment pathways provided under current legislation.
Given that renewable energy is a relatively new industry, policy needs to be investigated, strengthened and UPDATED to provide improved guidance for large scale renewable energy generation, including Wind Farms - design, BUFFERS, IMPACTS, location and procedural matters.

Planning policy must be able to keep pace with TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS in the renewable (wind farm) sector in order to contain contemporary BEST PRACTICE based policy for NOISE.
Provide IMPROVED GUIDANCE regarding the intensity, location and CUMULATIVE IMPACTS (ie Noise) of these developments.

When deliberating on these critical issues, please do your best to take in to consideration most recent scientific facts and information now published more freely, on the damaging effects of INFRASOUND, some of which includes LRAD Corporations (Long Range Acoustic Devices) - wind turbines, and MAD (Mosquito Anti-social Devices) - wind turbines.
Many scientific papers openly discuss such topics as "A short history of Sound Weapons" Infrasound is used (perhaps even in some of our outer train stations...) under the guise of "anti loitering devices." This is the same low frequency - 5 to 10 Hz which causes so many residents living near turbines and who are unwillingly subjected to this bombardment of misery, to feel ill, suffer from lack of sleep, sustain high blood pressure, and become dizzy and faint. A "BUFFER" needs to be 10km from a residence.
Please take some time to up date yourselves on the wealth of freely available research results on how damaging this zone of low frequency "noise" is and how far it travels. Please do not subject innocent citizens to this torture.