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The University's plans to install three utility-sized wind turbines adjacent to the city of Urbana are causing concern for Urbana City Council members.

At its regular meeting Monday, several members of the council said the plan was moving too quickly.

Ward 7 Councilmember Diane Marlin said it was "troubling" that the University was pushing for the turbines without involving the city of Urbana.

"I support alternative energy sources, such as wind and solar power, as a commitment to the future," she added. "However, I'm also committed to the present, where it's our responsibility to protect the interests of Urbana's residents and businesses and to mitigate the impact of these enormous structures."

The 40-foot turbines will stand along Philo Road and will provide at least 1.5 megawatts of power exclusively for the University.

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Councilmember Marlin obviously has no idea of the enormity of work that has poured in from the students' side of the project. The City of Urbana, on the other hand, had the last 7 years to work with the university. Where have their concerns been all these years?

Commit to the past as well, Councilmember Marlin. If you believe that Urbana's failure to act in the past will hinder the

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Mitigate the impact of enormous structures? Sounds like Council member Marlin is talking about a big box store, not a wind turbine. The wind turbine has been in the works for over 7 years. The city's attempt to obstruct the process at this stage is pure lunacy.

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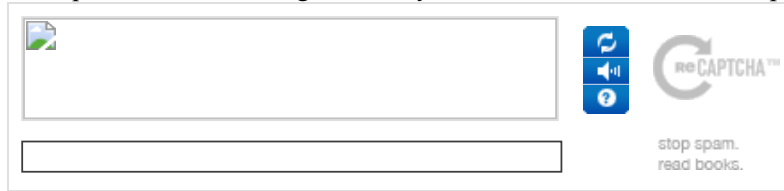
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