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## Growing Nimbyism spares wind

BRITISH ATTITUDES have hardened against most forms of new development, including power stations, but wind power appears to be bucking the trend, according to an annual survey of public attitudes to development compiled by the Saint Consulting Group.

Although the consultancy argued that "not in my backyard" (Nimby) attitudes had peaked, it said that people were becoming more active in opposing schemes.

However, its "Nimby approval

rating" placed wind power as the second most popular category of development, gathering 23 per cent support, behind schools, which achieved a 43 per cent approval rating. Opposition to power stations and quarries had grown.

Nick Keable, Saint's UK vice president, said: "It is possible we may have reached the high water mark for general opposition, but those that are against development are becoming more aggressively active."



**Built-in resistance: activism up**