

Jubilee Wharf says goodbye to the wind turbines!

It's the end of an era down at Jubilee Wharf, as the wind turbines move away to make way for the new solar trees.

One turbine went to its new home a few weeks ago, and this Saturday 27th May we're going to start removing the rest.

Whilst the work is being done on the quayside, **Muddy Beach Café** will remain **open all weekend** from 9am 'til late for food and drink.

Please use the courtyard entrance to the café, and you can swing by Maya Ullman at Jubilee Wharf Gallery for her Open Studios too!



They're all going to be maintained and put up in other locations, so they will live on and won't be wasted - this includes towers, generators and inverters.

The wind turbines have demonstrated to people that they're easy to be around – and that micro-generation by wind is possible in a built-up environment. It is tempting to dismiss innovative design, and when they were installed they were referred to as ugly and ill-conceived, but we're glad they are now so liked in the area.

Robotmother, who owns and runs Jubilee Wharf and Jubilee Warehouse, places the environment and sustainability at the heart of all our decision-making process. We are a private company and when making our decisions we obviously must balance what is affordable with the best long-term solutions for our buildings and those who live and work here.

The Proven wind turbines have reached their end of life at Jubilee Wharf. The repair costs are prohibitively high, and we have to pay Business Rates on the wind turbines. As they were installed in 2006, there is no Feed-In-Tariff associated with the turbines. So, they cost us a lot to keep them running, and we don't get enough revenue.

With this in mind, we want to replace them with another type of micro-generation. Solar trees, set at the right height to reduce shading on the units and with optimisers and angled properly to maximise the output and cope with the presence of Brain of Brian, are our best option.

When it was built many of the innovative features at Jubilee Wharf were unusual. For example, photovoltaic panels were very expensive and there were no government incentives to install them. It's great that things have moved on since 2006 and many of these innovations are now commonplace. In 2011 we did install PVs on the highest building, where the roof had been designed for this, but unfortunately the zinc roof of the smaller building is not able to support an array of PVs - another reason for having them on the quayside. Updates on Instagram – https://www.instagram.com/jubilee_wharf/