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### **GREEN PLAN FOR EGG FARM GETS GO-AHEAD**

St Albans-based company, Renewable Energy Systems Ltd, announced today that it has been awarded planning permission to convert the former Ovaltine Egg Farm at Kings Langley into one of the region's most environmentally friendly developments. The historical buildings at the Egg Farm, which have been empty for around 20 years, will be sympathetically converted into a low-energy state-of-the-art head office and visitor centre. RES, one of Europe's largest wind energy companies, also plans to generate its own heat and electricity at the site using 'green' energy sources such as solar panels, energy crops and a wind turbine.

The development had already received consent from Three Rivers District Council in December, but had to be referred to the Secretary of State as a formality because the site lies within the Green Belt. The Secretary of State has now decided that the project is environmentally sustainable and has endorsed the Council's decision. Work will start immediately and should take around 18 months to complete, using local architects and builders.

Nick Bristow, project manager for the development, said:

*"We are delighted to get the go-ahead for what will be a flagship project for the region, demonstrating the principles of environmentally-friendly building design and renewable energy generation. Our new head office will be a zero-emissions building, providing all the heat and power we need each year, thereby reducing emissions that lead to climate change and air pollution. The visitor centre will be an important educational resource for local schools, businesses and the community. We are very excited about this project, which will demonstrate RES's commitment to using state-of-the-art technology, protecting our built heritage and making a positive contribution to protecting the environment.."*

A public meeting will take place on the evening of Monday 19 February at Bedmond Village Hall where local people will have the opportunity to find out more about the project.

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