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Dear Sirs,

My wife and I are totally against the establishment of any further wind factories in Mid Wales. We already have one on the hillside facing the back of our house which we have no problem with, but we think we already have our fair share of them in this area. As one of the two villages named as a possible site for a nineteen acre sub station, we are all too aware that the development of further wind factories will inevitably result in the industrialisation of our beautiful hills and valleys, as they will need to be connected by miles of cables supported by ugly pylons. This will unquestionably have a profound visual impact on the beautiful hills and valleys of Mid Wales. This is the very same environment that attracts

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Thousands of tourists to the area and persuades thousands more to buy a caravan on one of the many parks around here. Thus bringing jobs and income for local families.

As well as the visual impact of the turbines, sub station and pylons, harnessing the wind is not the most efficient way of producing renewable energy. This is why several European countries are no longer investing in onshore wind. They are not efficient and can never replace traditional power stations. Mid Wales should not be the dumping ground for wind factories just because of the height of our hills. Denmark has thousands of turbines but not a single recognised mountain. It is morally wrong for the U.K. government to use taxpayers money to subsidise foreign owned companies to develop onshore wind and desecrate our countryside only for those companies to sell the energy as 'green' to their unsuspecting English customers. And how absurd, if it is true, that the companies are also subsidised when the turbines have to

be shut down when storms occur. Their shareholders must wring their hands with glee.

Mid Wales does not have the road infrastructure for the construction traffic. Many lanes around here are single track with bridges designed to carry light traffic. There is uncertainty about the effects of electrical currents on the health of people living near the cables. In an area where prices are already low, property values will be depressed even further. It is also inevitable that there will be a serious impact on wild life in these valuable upland habitats.

More research needs to be done on producing renewable energy locally, thus avoiding the need for more connections to the national grid. Why not subsidise the installation of p.v. panels on the roofs of individual houses? We would like to see a moratorium on wind factory development while a new policy to replace TAN 8 is developed. We would also like to see the W.A.G apply the same enthusiasm to preserving the Welsh countryside as it does the Welsh language.

Yours faithfully,
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