

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Inquiry into Energy Policy and Planning in Wales

EPP 67 – Pat Atkinson

Dear Sirs,

The proposed number of wind farms and a hub station in North Powys are unacceptable for a number of reasons:

Tan 8 is out of date

North Powys already has its share of wind farms

These developments will irrevocably spoil this rural environment

The health of local residents will be adversely affected according to the latest evidence, and the stress on established rural communities is being ignored

Tourism is a major revenue source here which will be negatively affected

The psychological/ spiritual contribution of the wonderful landscape is being ignored at a time when depression and anxiety disorders are on the increase

The environmental effects have not been researched

The transport issues during the construction process have not been sufficiently researched

The turbines only have a life of 25 years and the construction companies are not required to remove them after the end of their active lives

Turbines only operate at a low percentage of their capacity and are inefficient, and expensive, the only profit is made by the heavily subsidised construction companies

WAG should lead the way by exploring the use of solar energy and reduction of wasteful energy use

Once constructed the turbines will result in a very few local job opportunities

This consultation process is heavily weighted in favour of the construction firms with their greater resources

Yours sincerely,
Pat Atkinson