

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Inquiry into Energy Policy and Planning in Wales

EPP 105 – Gordon Gibbs

I object to Pylons for these reasons.

1. Visually obtrusive devastating the Kerry Ridgeway one of the most important and beautiful upland walks in Wales.
2. Depreciation of property values in the area.
3. Risk to health, Radio, TV, and what little mobile phone reception we have.
4. Population moving away, schools closing and communities dwindling.
Would you like to move to this area after reading the above.
I would think not if you are of the same opinion as most people.
The housing market in this part of Powys is almost non-existent.

Has anybody taken into account the transport situation, Newtown is at a standstill at the moment because of one supermarket opening with associated road alterations.

What will happen to this area when you want to deliver loads of 200ft and above, over roads

that are only just suitable for cars. Look for the dual carriage ways in Powys, it's not until you get to the heads of the valleys road that you'll notice them.

These tiny roads of ours will have to take over 3000 abnormal loads in 5 years 22000 + of construction traffic and many more this is not taking into account turbines not known about.

Alternatives.

Solar panels on all new houses, grants for all existing houses to have solar.

The above means no massively expensive transporting of electricity around the country. A better return on investment, turbines are only 30% efficient and that's if they are over 300ft tall.

Wild life does not suffer, no bad health effects, scenario remains unspoilt. You don't need to spend millions on road and other infrastructure.

Conclusion if turbines not used.

You won't be left with massive concrete pads the size of an Olympic swimming pool littering upland Powys once you find out that a 30% efficient turbine will not meet the needs of the UK energy program.
and our children will thank us for the destruction of upland Powys.

Which scenery is the rarest in Britain? why upland Britain of course . The one we are trying to ruin,
plus the wild life that goes with it ie barn owls & red kite to name just two.

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