

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Inquiry into Energy Policy and Planning in Wales

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing with reference to your forthcoming inquiry where you intend to consider how the current devolution arrangements for energy policy and planning affect the delivery of the Welsh Government's desired future "energy mix" in Wales, and to give consideration of the two petitions regarding the Welsh Government planning guidance as it relates to onshore wind energy and the impact on local Communities and infrastructure.

I also understand that you are considering two petitions, "No to TAN8 wind farms and high voltage lines" and the "transporting of wind turbines in Mid-Wales."

I am sure that you are receiving many letters regarding pylons, 606 ft turbines, depreciation of house prices etc, all of which I would agree with.

My point is very simple. We are electrical contractors who work closely with the tourism industry from large hotels and bed/ breakfasts, to caravan sites and camping areas. Speaking on a regular basis to clients and customers, there is a real worry within the industry of the impact that wind turbines, the infrastructure of power lines, and associated transportation will have on the area of Mid-Wales. I already know of several chalet and caravan owners at a park near to Welshpool who intend to sell up if this madness is to continue.

We employ six full time staff who all rely on us as their employers to provide them with work. I am concerned that as Hotels, caravan parks etc start to lose business, it will have a "knock-on" effect, and may well lead to redundancies within our own Company.

From a personal view point, I also live close to a proposed route corridor and would hate to see these monstrous pylons coming anywhere near to my home and my family. Nobody can assure me that overhead power lines are safe. I am an electrical engineer and I do understand some of the implications.

I urge you to consider carefully all the concerns directed at you. Thankyou for taking time to read this,

Yours sincerely,

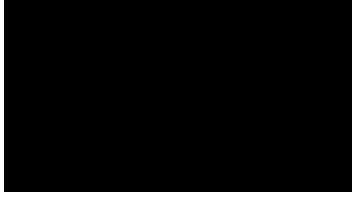


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