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Environment and Sustainability Committee
Cardiff Bay
CF99 1NA

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Turbine Transport

Dear Sir

We are particularly and personally concerned about the impact of possible wind farm development in mid Wales because we live here, and believe the mid Wales countryside to be an invaluable but vulnerable asset.

We also have a professional interest in the cost-benefit analysis of large projects, and in particular the danger of making disastrous decisions if some of the costs are externalised. That is, if some of the costs are not taken into account properly, or at all, because the beneficiaries of the project can avoid having to bear them. We have seen no evidence that the following effects have been costed, and urge you to make sure that they are costed, and taken fully into account, before any decisions are made:

- The cost of the greenhouse gas effect of cutting down forests;
- Income lost due to the reduction of tourism;
- The infrastructure costs of job losses;
- The cost of road building and maintenance;
- The cost of treating the leukaemia which is known to be associated with power lines;
- The cost of increased flooding due to run-off;
- The cost of failures to maintain emergency services;
- The impact on property prices; and
- The cost of making good the damage when wind farms come to the end of their lives.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Hawley & Dr A Hawley

(copy also sent by email)