

Environment and Sustainability Committee
Cardiff Bay
Cardiff
CF99 1NA

21st September 2011

Dear Sirs

I am writing in relation to the development of wind turbines in the uplands of Montgomeryshire.

I am concerned not only as to the long term effects on the local economy where tourism is so important but more particularly to the effect on the hydrology of the area. The cumulative impact of so much concrete in our peaty uplands and the required drainage of the areas so as to obtain a stable basis for so many turbines is bound to have effect on the drainage and run off in the upland areas which feed into the Vyrnwy and other tributaries of the R Severn.

The Severn and its tributaries are renowned for their flooding potential. This has been shown on numerous occasions in the recent past. Should the speed of run off increase as I understand it must do if whole areas of the natural drainage basin are to be concreted and drained, then the speed and ferocity of floods will increase. This will affect properties all the way down the Vyrnwy and Severn Valleys causing immense financial and economic problems to thousands of people and businesses.

I have considerable doubts as to the merits of wind powered generation. I believe that the pursuit of this source of renewable energy is dogmatic and not founded on good scientific reasoning. I believe that the cumulative impact of the plans for my locality have never been considered – the impact of assessment for one wind farm is very different from the assessment of all the proposed wind farms.

I believe that the Welsh Government is sleep walking into what will become an extremely expensive mistake for Wales and its government. My concerns are echoed by so many who live in this area and we are anxious that we are listened to. I would urge most strongly an immediate review of TAN8 and a moratorium on future turbine developments until this is done so that there is a real and proper consideration of the environment and ecology of the area and the social and economic impact of what is proposed.

Yours faithfully,



R David R Corser

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Dear Sirs

I am writing in relation to the consultation launched in respect of the formation of this new committee.

I have been born in Meifod, Montgomeryshire and have lived here all my life. Generations of my family have come from the Valley and the hinterland towards Cefn Coch and Llwydiarth. I am devastated at the possibility of this extremely beautiful area of Mid-Wales being destroyed by wind turbines and the ensuing power lines and a massive substation.

I am concerned as to the long term effects on the economy and on communities in the area which will be adversely affected for generations to come. Wind powered generation will not, I believe, be sustainable into the long term future. Even now the tide is turning against onshore wind farms and weak and expensive production of power through them and I believe that the sustainability of this source of energy will, at best, be short term, extremely costly to the environment and economy, and very limited.

I do not believe that this has been considered in any detail and I have lost all faith in the TAN8 document that is supposed to govern the plans in such cases. I am deeply concerned that in a democratic country the voice of the communities most affected is not being listened to. I believe TAN8 requires immediate review and would call upon those who are democratically elected to take this important step on behalf of those so materially affected.

As a member of the MAP committee I have seen the document submitted by them to the Environment and Sustainability Committee and would endorse its contents.

Yours faithfully,


Sarah H. Peirce

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Dear Sirs

I am writing in relation to the consultation launched in respect of the formation of this new committee.

I understand that you will be considering the implications of the imposition of wind powered turbines on many of the beautiful hills in Montgomeryshire, my home and that of my family for generations. This is Powys Paradwys Cymru. As such, I believe that such development is a desecration of our glorious landscapes.

I am concerned as to the long term effects on the economy. Tourism is a key player in the local economy and the reason for visitors to stop, stay and spend their money in our area is because it is so beautiful and attracts such a variety of flora and fauna. Its wild beauty has inspired poets from the Bards of the medieval Welsh Court to R S Thomas in the 20th Century.

We are trustees of this landscape into the future. It is not ours to destroy on the basis of dogma and poor science. Wind powered generation will not, I believe, be sustainable into the long term future. Even now the tide is turning against onshore wind farms and weak and expensive production of power through them and I believe that the sustainability of this source of energy will, at best, be short term, extremely costly to the environment and economy, and very limited. Here in Montgomeryshire we will pay for the dogmatic approach taken to this flawed source of energy for generations to come.

I am deeply concerned that the cumulative impact of the developments proposed under TAN8 has never been considered and yet the costs of failing to do so in terms of the effect on the economy, the hydrology of the area and the general environment has never been properly considered. I believe and hope as our elected representatives you will undertake a full review of TAN8 which I believe to be out of date and urgently needing updating and deeper consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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