

The Clerk  
Environment & Sustainability Committee  
National Assembly for Wales  
Cardiff Bay CF99 1NA

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Dear Sir,

I believe the current arrangements for energy and planning policy in the United Kingdom are in need of better co-ordination. I live in Shropshire some four miles from the Welsh border and was unaware of the plans for increasing the number of wind farms in Wales and the unacceptable possibility that electricity from existing and planned wind farms may be transmitted via a string of giant pylons along the beautiful Rea Valley. Furthermore, the roads in this part of rural Shropshire are inadequate for the transport of the turbo-generators to the wind farms. No working mechanisms seem to have been put in place by either the Welsh Assembly Government nor the United Kingdom Government to inform those living in adjacent English counties of these plans.

The annoyance and resentment caused by National Grid's recent proposal is compounded by the belief that the wind farms' contribution to preventing climate change is small and fitful. The electricity pylons which are planned to transmit electricity to the national power network will damage the beautiful countryside in Wales and Shropshire and damage the tourist industry.

The electricity produced by the two new gas powered stations in Newport and Pembroke will more than satisfy the power needs of Wales. In addition, the proposed nuclear power station on Anglesey will produce even more electricity without releasing carbon dioxide and exacerbating global warming.

The issue of climate change caused by industrial carbon dioxide production is serious but not amenable to a quick fix. Wales is already producing a disproportionate amount of the United Kingdom's electricity and in future a significant amount of this will be free of associated carbon dioxide when the nuclear power station goes on line.

I support the two petitions calling for a review of TAN8 and the transportation of wind turbines.

