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Dear Sir,

I am writing in connection with your proposed review of the erection of turbines, + consequent pylons across mid-Wales. I strongly object to the proposals, on many grounds, as follows:-

- 1) Tourism employs the most people and generates the most income for this area, and would be annihilated if pylons and turbines are erected, as planned.
- 2) The devastation of the peat bogs, particularly around the source of the River Severn, would cause serious flooding downstream, in Shrewsbury, Gloucester + other towns and villages, as the absorbent peat would be replaced by 'concrete'.

3) The amount of money in investment and grants, not to mention loss of tourism business, does not justify the relatively small amount of electricity to be generated by the proposed turbines. What is the percentage production of a wind turbine?

4) Mid Wales is home to buzzards, red kites, Ospreys (for the first time this Spring in 400 years) and other wild creatures. The natural & unspoilt landscape perfectly suits them.

5) Areas of Britain have regrettably been ruined in the past, and precious landscapes lost, through mining, sprawling developments, gas works and insensitive housing schemes. Should we not be learning from our past mistakes and preserving what remain of our most precious resource - our beautiful landscape?

I suggest you look more closely at other ways of producing your

electricity, and maybe offering incentives to encourage people to use less. Some of the large amounts of money which you propose to pay ~~to~~ to landowners to seduce them to apply for turbines could be used in this way.

Planning regulations should insist on new houses being properly insulated and photovoltaic and solar panels installed on roofs. All public buildings, especially new builds, should be treated thus, so that no free electricity is wasted.

I could go on - but please consider our pleas. We came to Cardiff in June to express our concerns, but no one seems to be listening. Please have a second look at TAN8 before it's too late - find some other way to approach the electricity problem that doesn't involve ruining our landscape and our lives.

Yours faithfully

