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20<sup>th</sup> September 2011

**For the attention of Dr Virginia Hawkins**

Dear Sirs,

**Re: Environment and Sustainability Committee's Inquiry into Energy Policy  
and Planning in Wales**

Llandrinio and Arddleen Community Council would like to respond to the above inquiry. Numerous public meetings have been held within our community following the exhibition by National Grid in Arddleen Community Hall.

One of the proposed pylon routes runs directly through the community and past the local school which has caused major concern along with the transportation of the necessary components.

Many residents feel that although they have responded to the consultation by filling in the feedback form that the final decision is outside their control and indeed many feel may already have been made. They do not feel that there is any local democracy as we try to explain which public body is responsible for approving which part of the wind farm application.

As a Community Council our biggest concern is that these proposals are affecting the quality of life for our residents – many fear a decrease in the value of their property and a risk to their health – not only if they reside close to a potential pylon line but also if any emergency services are delayed due to the high number of abnormal loads on the Powys network during the construction of the wind farms.

In the specific points the Inquiry is relating to we would respond;-

1. Implications for Wales –any decision should be transparent. There are too many tiers of government.
2. Affect on Welsh Assembly Inspirations – TAN8 should be reviewed and other forms of renewable Energy evaluated. Cumulative impact assessment needs to be carried out to ensure that correct limits are set for future targets.
3. Planning Policy – all decisions must be consistent and follow planning policy. In the case of wind farm development the cumulative impact of all the

development should be assessed not just individual applications.

4. Impact on local communities – the economic impact of any development should be evaluated. Tourism is the major employer in Powys and the amount of current wind farm development proposed will have a detrimental effect – holiday makers will not want to sit behind an abnormal load snaking it way through the Montgomeryshire countryside and once the turbines have been erected this beautiful landscape will be changed forever.

I would be grateful for an acknowledgement of this submission together with clarification as to when the findings of the Inquiry will be published.

Many thanks,

Yours truly

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Chairman to Llandrinio & Arddleen Community Council

c.c County Cllr R G Brown