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21st 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

Llandysilio Community Council would like to respond to the above inquiry as follows:-

TAN8 needs to be reviewed – strategic search areas have now been identified but the cumulative impact of the total amount of wind farm development permissible has not been fully evaluated in terms of economic impact, environmental impact and in terms of how it affects the daily lives of residents of Montgomeryshire. Our community lies within a possible pylon route and as a result property prices have already plummeted. Many residents are deeply concerned that the full health impacts have not been considered and they are only too aware of the links with childhood leukaemia. The effects of the transportation of the components is also a grave concern as the number of abnormal loads will mean that the day to day lives of residents will be disrupted and they are concerned that the response times of emergency vehicles could very well be affected.

Residents also feel afraid that the final decision will be taken by bodies not democratically elected.

- I. Implications of Wales – very important that decisions should be transparent and all bodies accountable. Localism seems to be the key word of government at the moment but is missing in this scenario.
- II. Affect on Welsh Assembly Inspirations – have any other forms of renewable energy been investigated – why does there seem to be a single minded target on developing onshore wind farms
- III. Planning Policy – all decisions must be consistent and follow planning policy. In the case of such a proliferation of wind farms in one area the cumulative impact must be considered along with other material considerations.
- IV. Impact on Local Communities – Tourism is the major employer in Mid Wales.

Will holiday makers still visit when they may sit in traffic tail backs because of the transportation of the components and will they want to visit a landscape dotted with turbines. If there was a reduction in employment then people would migrate to the towns for work and hence country schools and shops would inevitably close.

I would like to request an acknowledgement of receipt of this submission together with details of a timescale for the publication of the report following this inquiry.
Many thanks,

Yours truly,

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Clerk to Llandysilio Community Council