

E-mail from Grwp Blaengwen Chair

We've attached a brief from a British Medical Journal paperⁱ which came out shortly after the Committee's meeting in Carmarthen. We believe it fully endorses the committee's decision to refer the matter to the Assembly Health department. We would like to see a Welsh research project on the matter. We have also attached a copy of the World Health Organisation Guidelinesⁱⁱ for Europe, which we would be grateful for you to forward to the Minister and Committee Members, Both expose the shortcomings of the ETSU methodology in protecting health.

We have written in our responses to two current wind turbine applications that local people in Gwyddgrug and those who know what happens here have no reason to have confidence in planning conditions based on ETSU -R-97.

There's plenty more to be said about that but two points are, that the World Health Organisation's guidelines are quite clear that the ETSU limits are too high. And Mr Griffiths must agree that people should be able to have confidence in planning conditions... that they will be protected, and that local authorities have the resources they need, legal, human and financial, to fulfil their duties of care.

The fact remains that the previous Minister Jane Davidson wrote at the end of 2009 to Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM saying that there would be a review of TAN 8, and that his constituents would have opportunities to comment, according to Assembly policy and practice. A copy of that letter was given to two members of the Environment Committee – William Powell and Russel George.

I'd be grateful if this information is placed before the committee

ⁱ The British Medical Journal paper is included in the public papers pack

ⁱⁱ The World Health Organization guidelines can be found here:

http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0017/43316/E92845.pdf