

Mr Nigel Brown OBJ/093/OSOC

Text from Email

Outline statement of objections to further construction of Mid Wales Windfarms and associated infrastructure:-

1/ I fully agree with - and endorse - all the statements/concerns detailed by the Conservation of

Upland Powys group.

2/ I object to the lack of adequate mitigation proposals that Charles Hendry MP said MUST accompany

these major applications.

3/ I object to the lack of consultation with (and thereby the absence of a *workable* safety plan involving)

Mid Wales Fire and Rescue Service. Sites on dry moorland (and those near or in forested areas) MUST

have a fire-fighting plan in order to safeguard the public who may be walking near or live downwind

of these industrial generating plants that have electrical equipment sited at such a height that normal

fire fighting is completely impossible.

4/ I object to the absence of a *practical* plan (ANY plan) involving the Environment Agency and/or DEFRA for

cleaning up the toxic chemical debris, including carcinogenic and mutagenic chemicals plus Dioxins, that

result from a turbine nacelle fire. Historically they have been left to burn themselves out because firefighters

simply do not have the specialised equipment needed to tackle fires of this nature and at these heights.

This distribution of dangerous debris (without any monitoring plan being in place) over a wide area of grazing land downwind will lead to :-

a) significant health risks to ill-equipped and ill-informed 'clear up teams' (as discovered in the United States)

b) ingestion of dioxins by grazing animals thus facilitating entry into the human food chain

c) contamination of water courses and water sources.

5/ I object to the projected noise output of groups of turbines being forecast by a computer model which :-

a) bases calculations on the figure 'claimed' by the manufacturer

b) which cannot take full account of the local topography.

This is exactly what was described to me by a Scottish power engineer at a Llanfair Caereinion public meeting.

Despite claims by ... less-than-accurate members of the wind lobby, there is peer-reviewed evidence relating

to the effects on public health linked to "Wind Turbine Syndrome".

The Government has failed to update the elderly ETSU noise regulations despite a dramatic change in size

(and AM noise) from ever-larger turbines.

Nigel Brown. 20th January 2013.