

Outline statement (Helen & Roger Fielden)

1. The proposed locations where these proposals will be situated have highly complex, sensitive and diverse eco systems and the consequences will be long term, far reaching and of the utmost severity.
2. The cumulative impact on the landscape will be detrimental to the area and adversely affect businesses in the area which rely on tourism.
3. The policy relating to these proposals is in a state of flux and as such no proposal can be decided when the impact of such proposals is so great.
4. I have concerns in relation to the transport issues in respect of the wind farm developments both at construction stage and with regard to ongoing maintenance.
5. The proposed National Grid "Mid Wales Connection" comprising a new substation, power line, pylons and other infrastructure is a direct consequence of the proposed wind farm developments and should be brought within the scope of this Inquiry. The Mid Wales Connection is part and parcel of these proposed developments. It would clearly be against public policy and the public interest not to include it.
6. The proposed Mid Wales Connection would damage many communities, including Meifod in terms of amenity, landscape, economy (with especially negative impacts on tourism, local businesses and employment), wild-life, environment and cultural heritage, including the built heritage.
7. The proposed Mid Wales Connection is counter to local plans and has been brought forward by National Grid without proper consultation with local people who are strongly opposed to it and to the wind farms, which would trigger it.
8. The local consensus is that these developments should not take place. I believe that local people should be listened to in determining what happens in the places where they live and work.
9. Our property lies in a 'route corridor'. Should pylons be built in this 'corridor' they would undoubtedly have an extremely adverse effect on house prices.
10. There has been little research into the effect of pylon lines on health and this is of significant concern to all in the 'corridor'.
- 11.** The construction of pylons would have a disastrous effect on the landscape and wildlife in this area.