

## Outline Statement

I wish to lodge my objection to all five wind farms seeking consent for construction and operation within Powys, but particularly to Llanbrynmair (30 turbines, max. Tip height 126.5m) and to Carnedd Wen (65 turbines, max. Tip height 137m).

My objection is on the grounds of cumulative visual impact. If these proposals go ahead a great swathe of the mid-Wales landscape will be dominated by wind turbines. The effect will not just be confined to Strategic Search Area B but also on the neighbouring Snowdonia National Park, one of the Nation's cherished landscapes.

The views from the southern and eastern parts of the National Park will be spoiled and those from the mountains such as Cadair Idris and Aran Fawddy will be considerably degraded. The distant views of a landscape are as special and important as the close ones and I would argue that the views are what make these mountains and hills so special. Whatever the distance to a wind farm and however small the turbines appear on a photomontage, they are a visual interruption that industrialises and devalues the landscape. It is views of uncluttered, "natural" landscape that nurture and feed our souls and sustain our mental well-being.

For the Aran Fawddy Viewpoint in Snowdonia National Park, RWE npower Renewable say that the significance of the effect of **Carnedd Wen Wind Farm** will be:

"...potentially raising significance towards Moderate/Major when combined with other baseline turbine presence". (p.23, Carnedd Wen Chapter 6 Landscape and Visual, September 2011).

They also state that the magnitude of Baseline wind farms plus Proposed wind farms (including Dyfnant Forest) plus Carnedd Wen Wind Farm as :

"...certainly Medium/High when taken in combined form." (p.45, Carnedd Wen Chapter 6 Landscape and Visual, September 2011).

Paragraph 67 on p.23 also states "The Carnedd Wen Wind Farm would continue to exert a significant visual effect over an extensive part of the landscape." Although they then try to mitigate this by saying that this would be expected in a SSA.

The above statements from the Developer suggest that Carnedd Wen Wind Farm will exert a strong effect on the visual landscape and I do not believe that the proposed wind farm can be justified as the visual impacts are too great.

RES make the following statements in their SEI Non Technical Summary (Document Ref: 01592-004702 Issue:01) about Cumulative Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment of the proposed **Llanbrynmair Wind Farm**:

Para 2.4 "The assessment identified there would be significant cumulative effects upon views from Glyndwr's Way, Brynaere and Cadair Idris." (And note this assessment was made before the inclusion of Carnedd Wen Wind Farm).

Para 2.7 "... in the case of Snowdonia National Park, significant effects are restricted to a limited area in the south of the National Park."

Or to put it another way, if Llanbrynmair Wind Farm goes ahead alongside all the other wind farms existing and proposed, there will be significant cumulative landscape and visual effects within the south of the National Park. I believe that the Developers are being very economical in describing the cumulative effects of their wind farms.

I live in Abercegir, just a few miles south of the National Park boundary, and regularly visit Foel Fadian (above the Wynford Vaughan Thomas View point). I do not want to see the hillscape to the north east and east of the Pumlumon escarpment filled with wind turbines. We already have Cemaes and Carno and that is enough. If these proposals go ahead and others such as Dyfnant are also permitted, wind farms will dominate the landscape in a great swathe stretching from the south east edge of the Snowdonia National Park across the eastern flanks of the Cambrian Mountains.

I do not believe that the "cost" to the visual landscape, and thus its impact on tourism and individual well-being/health, is worth the potential electricity produced and object to these developments in the strongest terms.

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