

To: Mr A Poulter, Planning Inspector,
Mid Wales Conjoined Wind farm public Inquiry.

6 October 2013

Dear Mr Andrew Poulter

: Case against the Llanbrynmair, Rhydd Ddu and Carnedd Wen wind farms

I have lived in this area for 30 years and in for 26 of those. We came to to raise our family; our children are now 23 and 25 years old and were both educated in local schools (Llanbrynmair Primary School and Caereinion High School). Although my husband and I are both non-Welsh speakers, both our children have been educated in Welsh and speak the language fluently. Both still live and work in Wales.

We have always supported our local communities, though now we have less contact with those communities since our children have left home.

We have loved the absolute peace and quiet of Cwm Nant yr Eira so it was with dread when Res approached us almost ten years ago with their plans for the Llanbrynmair wind farms.

Effect on the value of

At the initial meeting with Res, we were told that the development could devalue our house and make it unsaleable for the foreseeable future, something they have since publicly denied.

I have had two estate agents view the property in recent years, both of which have confirmed that the value of the house will decrease by £50,000.

Construction disruption

Over a period of at least two or three years, we will experience the inevitable disruption of commercial traffic and noise associated with the development of the wind farms. It is without doubt that the Cwm Nant yr Eira road running between Talerddig and Llanerfyl will be used for this purpose.

Surrounding developments

Llanbrynmair and Carnedd Wen will be visible from two sides of the house, and Rhydd Ddu will be visible from the front. In fact, in one of their brochures, they have an eye over our house as a view point showing what will be visible. It has also been acknowledged that we will be affected by sound.

Detriment without benefit

As referred to above, whilst our children were at home, we were heavily involved in the community, supporting local schools, facilities and events. However, since they have now left school, we will no longer see any of the benefit of the money being fed into the community by the developers. The purpose of that money is to compensate for the disruption and detriment caused.

As illustrated above, we will be suffering that disruption and detriment without benefitting from the compensation.

Proposal

This is not a case of “not in my back yard”; in my opinion, wind turbines should not be in anyone’s backyard. Turbines are not economically viable as a source of renewable energy; they serve only to destroy a beautiful landscape.

The Llanbrynmair, Rhydd Ddu and Carnedd Wen wind farms should not go ahead. If they do, I really do not wish to continue living in a home that I have loved and put my heart into.

What I would ask is that the companies responsible for the wind farms buy at the true market value (unaffected by the wind farms). I must emphasise again that if the wind farms do go ahead, we will be the most affected but one of the few not to benefit at all from them.

I would be grateful if you could thoroughly consider the points raised in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at the address above or on

Yours faithfully