

Llandinam Repowering : Comments on SEI 2013

I would like to make the following comments as regards the above SEI and register my continuing objection to the scheme.

Visual affect of the scheme on sensitive receptors and the landscape.
Although the developers have tried to reduce the magnitude of the affect of the scheme by removing some more turbines that are relevant to the Caersws Historic Landscape the overall affect on Mid Wales is still severe due to the following:

The scheme as the developers point out will be theoretically visible over more than 900 sq. kms.

Significant effects will according to the developers be possible up to 9 kms. Analysis of their viewpoints shows that even they acknowledge Significant effects at 11.2 km

Of the 27 viewpoints 15 produce Significant effects and there are many more that would be considered Significant by the residents and visitors in Mid-Wales.

It must be remembered that the viewpoints are only 'representative' of the effects of the development. For each of the viewpoints there will be hundreds if not thousands of similar views that the residents and visitors will experience in Mid Wales. It is acknowledged that residents and tourists are 'sensitive receptors', and as Mid Wales has such far reaching views the effect is profound.

The photomontages are in many instances not representative as the turbines have been cleverly 'coloured'. Viewpoint 4 is an excellent example of this where it is almost impossible to see the proposed turbines. One only has to visit Dolfor in order to plainly see the present turbines which are only about a third of the size.

No wireframes of the effects that close residents will experience are provided. The Llanbadarn Fynydd developers do this so why shouldn't these developers do? Also no viewpoints are provided for the Mochdre area which is significantly affected by this repowering scheme.

The Caersws Historic Area is still Significantly affected as viewpoint 25 illustrates. The magnitude of change is still 'Substantial' and the ZTV shows that about 60% of the Historic area will be so affected

The affect upon the Glyndwr's Way National Trail remains considerable as well as upon the rights of way network and National Cycle Network.

There are many more such issues which will be presented at the Inquiry

Transport

The revised proposal which includes a temporary bridge across the Wye south of Builth Wells appears to fully indicate that there is not a reasonable method of bringing such components into Mid-Wales. To contemplate such a scheme in an area of such outstanding Landmap classifications and a very likely very deleterious effect upon the River Wye SAC is quite incredible.

Ecology

The developer's further work on Valley Mire and peat habitat show that they will only carry out any relocation of turbines if other issues including commercial ones are not disadvantaged. It is difficult to believe that we should be allowing them anywhere near such valuable habitats if they are so negligent of proper diligence.

Other issues

Further issues will be raised at the Inquiry

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