

Public Enquiry Witness statement.

- I moved to Lluast Mathew in November 2000, and at the time of purchasing it came to light that a planning application was in for Tirgwynt wind factory, which would be visible from the garden of Lluast Mathew.
- After much thought, we decided that the position and view from the property was worth progressing with the sale, we were convinced, that the possibility of the wind farm getting planning approval was unlikely. We based these assumptions on the fact that it seemed illogical that such an inefficient way of producing electricity would be sanctioned. This application had also been turned down previously.
- Of course we were not then privy to the massive financial incentives been offered to the developers, irrespective of performance, visual amenity etc.
- Tirgwynt has now of course been granted approval, alongside other developments already installed. The cumulative effect of all the wind factories, those already currently operating/approved, and those in planning will surround my cottage.
- Only last week, another development at Mynydd Lluest-y-graig has been registered with the planning Inspectorate for between 25 & 35 turbines to be constructed by Vattenfall. This is to replace a previous planning application for a smaller factory, one would assume the developer is hoping for a decision at Westminster, rather than locally. Information is not yet available, even though they claim to have a web site on which we can get further information, and register for updates.
- All of these other developments being considered by this enquiry, are not so close to home of course, but those that are not having a direct effect in terms of turbine visual affect, will result in the need of a new hub at Cefn Coch, which will mean the power lines and Pylons will further blight my view.
- My aged parents live at Doleau, and the effect of the transportation of the AIL's will cause distress to them, and consequently affect me and my wife.
- These developments are already affecting me mentally, and once they go up I expect health concerns to be realised in due course. Noise, vibration, hydrology, my water supply, were will it end?
- As a driving instructor, I use the roads daily, and I will be forced to time my lessons to avoid the massive transport convoys when they come through the area! So not only will my personal life be affected, but my business as well!
- An individual Turbine (recently turned down due to its detrimental effect on views) has been resubmitted within a mile of my home, and on my daily commute route, where will it end?
- Having had time to take the situation in, and trust that the "right decision" will be made, we have now been informed that the nearest Pylon will be between 500 and 600 metres directly in front of our 200 year old cottage.
- This however is no were as bad as our near neighbour at Pen-y-Waen, who will have to suffer a pylon about 150 to 200 metres away, which has already had a detrimental effect on their Holiday Cottage business, causing them sleepless nights.