

Sir,

My name is Ann Smith and I was brought up not many miles away from here, we had no electricity and lived perfectly normal lives without it. When it arrived in the countryside, during the 1950s I think, it was a great boon, making life easier and cleaner, though it was expensive. What began as a blessing, swiftly became a need that we couldn't do without and today this need has escalated to such a pitch that the people of Mid Wales are being threatened with the sacrifice of their environment to satisfy it. I don't exaggerate.

The Mid Wales landscape is infinitely precious and irreplaceable. The many areas already sadly supporting windfarms, show how devastatingly incongruous it is to strew the hills with concrete and steel. Our wild and lonely places may be 'out of sight, out of mind' in London, Birmingham and Cardiff, until those living there want to come here on holiday. The loss and the shame if this industrialisation is allowed to continue will be felt throughout Britain.

Sir, I respectfully submit that there are other, less harmful means of generating electricity elsewhere and beg you to refuse these applications.

Mrs L A Smith.