

Objections

The primary objection is that this is an area of outstanding beauty situated between Snowdonia and the Brecon Beacons National Parks. The proposed massive development would rip the heart out, a green and pleasant land would become a barren industrial corridor.

The only real, sustainable, and growing source of income for the area is its beauty – the proposed development will disfigure it permanently, disenfranchising the inhabitants and vastly reducing their property values. When old and looking for a simpler and more easily sustained life, the property “nest egg” will not be available.

Wind power should be regarded as an addition to, not a replacement for conventional systems; it is non-viable as “stand alone” and therefore is not suitable for displacing part of the National Grid.

The consultation document TAN8 was shuffled quietly in and not even noticed by affected residents – when the implications became evident, everyone affected was aghast and outraged (other than those who stood to gain vast amounts of cash – landowners who were consulted privately, and, I fear, prior to other residents). The alternative proposals for the power lines/hub put to residents were a foggy shroud intended to obscure the already decided direct, least costly and easy route from the wind farms to the National Grid connection site. These proposals would be the rape of Central Wales by foreign suppliers of goods and services which the residents do not want or need, and which will bring huge costs without any benefit to them.

These costs including traumatic, aesthetic and pecuniary are:-

- 1) Pre Construction – massive earth moving, hedge grubbing-up, access roads
- 2) Construction – half a million cubic metres of concrete poured with associated traffic movements, the transfer of huge pylon and turbine components; the influx of labour and associated construction sites, and the accumulation of excavated debris into slag heaps.
- 3) Disruption – local traffic diverted/delayed with major concerns for emergency vehicle access.. Noise, dirt, and the destruction of local and much loved beauty spots. Loss to tourism, this area's main and expanding asset – visitors do not come here to be assailed by industrialisation. I have asked many visitors and they have all indicated this.
- 4) Post-construction – after many years of trauma – the area will have suffered a cancer which has included obvious aesthetic damage but just as importantly the less obvious – wild life – birds to butterflies; land drainage – carbon sinks destruction – and what effect will all this have on the already highly flood-prone Vyrnwy Valley.

This proposal was borne out of the “Group of Four's”* attempt to take in as much profit from now almost redundant wind farm schemes.

NEILS GRAM OF THE DANISH FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIES SAID, “IN GREEN TERMS, “WINDMILLS” ARE A MISTAKE AND ECONOMICALLY MAKE NO SENSE – TAKING IN ALL ENERGY NEEDS INTO ACCOUNT IT IS ONLY A 3% SOLUTION” - And he was a pioneer of Danish wind farms – WORLD LEADERS 10 YEARS ago.

*“Group of Four” interests

- 1) Wind farm component manufacturers – selling semi-redundant components
- 2) Landowners – paid huge amounts for access
- 3) Electricity distribution companies – aware of the scam, but complicit - “it's business”
- 4) Powerful politicians - any or all of these motives:

KUDOS – pacifying the global warming lobby
INCOME - from land access
INCOME – investment and manufacturing interests
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