

COMBINED PUBLIC INQUIRY – Powys Mid Wales

Statement of case

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First I request that the National Grid high voltage grid connection and substation at Cefn Coch are specifically included in the inquiry because they are a direct consequence of the proposed wind farms and will have a significant and wide impact.

I object to both the proposed wind farms and grid connection on the following grounds:

- The adverse impact on tourism in economic terms – Mid Wales is both a destination and a gateway for tourists visiting Wales.
- The loss of the visual beauty of this ancient and unspoilt landscape.
- The damage to the local flora and fauna – highly valued by residents and visitors.
- The adverse effect on local sites of historical and cultural importance – highly valued by residents and visitors.
- The affect to the health and wellbeing of local people.
- The loss of value to our property by insensitive siting of pylons and wind turbines.
- Transport issues – roads in Mid Wales are narrow and small. In order to erect pylons, ancient hedgerows and trees will have to be removed to allow access. To access the windfarm sites the developer will have to remove ancient trees and hedgerows and traffic will be brought to a standstill.

If the windfarm developments go ahead, the infrastructure of a substation and pylon line that will follow from National Grid will make a huge impact on the landscape both in the long and short term.

I believe it is not in the interest of the local residents or visiting tourists for these developments to go ahead, and I wish my objection to be lodged at the inquiry.

Sarah Wilkinson,

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