

**The Mid-Wales (Powys)**  
**Conjoined Wind Farms Public Enquiry**

19/9/2013

I wish to object to the Llanbrynmair and Carnedd Wen wind-farm proposals in Area SSA B, which are to be considered by this enquiry.

Over 25 years ago I brought my young family to live in Llangadfan. I wanted to give them the opportunity to grow up in a beautiful, rural area and the chance to appreciate the benefits of an 'old-fashioned' upbringing, free from the constraints and dangers of a busy, urban life. Even then, such areas as rural Montgomeryshire were becoming rare and difficult to find. If the combined schemes for windfarm development go ahead, this area will be destroyed beyond recovery for ever. It seems to me that only when all such places have been devastated by development will we realise what has been lost. And then it will be too late. There will be nowhere for people to go to get away from their busy, urban, congested lives – nowhere to refresh body and soul.

There are many practical reasons why these windfarm proposals should be rejected. The enormous visual impact on the environment would be of a scale that is really impossible to imagine. The wind turbines, sub-station and pylons would scar the landscape irreparably and the devastation to the area caused during the construction of these would be unbearable for people living here or travelling through. At present, this is an area which attracts many tourists who are a mainstay of the local economy. That would stop. The reasons people want to holiday here would have been taken away. I worry that there could be danger for people living in the area if a need arose for urgent medical attention. If, during construction, roads are impassable for ambulances, people could die. I have many elderly neighbours who are extremely worried about this.

The windfarm proposals are already affecting property sales and prices in this area. Due to family issues, we have our house on the market at present. It is being advertised at a reasonable price and has been for sale since the beginning of May 2013. We have had no-one interested in it and we can quote two people who have told us: 'Nothing's moving in that whole area now.'

'We're not looking anywhere round there because of the windfarm'.

We have all our water from a well. We are not on the mains water supply. I fear what may happen as a result of any windfarm development to the ground water levels and to possible contamination to and effect on our water supply. I believe that wind turbines on this huge scale are not able to provide the electricity that people hope for.

Sometimes it's not windy, sometimes it's too windy! Either way, they need back-up! So, you still need other sources of power. I don't believe that the power companies would be at all interested in vast windfarm developments without the subsidies they will be given from the government. I believe that these proposals do not provide value for money for the consumer. To transmit the electricity from the proposed sites to the proposed sub-station and then on into the national grid will result in miles of high power cables and pylons stretching across what I believe is the most beautiful and tranquil countryside. This would be ruined for ever for everyone.

I hope that my worries and concerns will be understood and that common sense will prevail. I ask that the inspector should reject the proposals for the Llanbrynmair and Carnedd Wen windfarm development.

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