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From Mr C H Wynn-Jones FRCS

Sir

Thank you for this opportunity to speak. My name is Charles Wynn-Jones. My wife & I live close to the village of Guilsfield, 4 miles to the west of Welshpool, having moved back to our home county 5 years ago on my retirement as a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon. I continue to teach medical students at Gobowen & Shrewsbury.

Sir

I refer to a front-page article in the Oswestry & Border Chronicle, March 20th

TURBINES 'TO RESULT IN CLOGGED UP ROADS'

Quote:- 'a planning inquiry in Welshpool heard that abnormal load lorries would pass through the region en route from Ellesmere Port to wind farms in Mid-Wales every day for 3 to five years..' unquote

The importance of a free-flowing A483 cannot be too greatly emphasized in terms of agriculture, tourism, commercial activity, home deliveries and social and family life.

But a matter of great concern that I wish to raise is that of access to hospital services. The majority of patients from this area are referred as out-patients to the following hospitals :- Wrexham Maelor, Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Telford, University Hospital of North Staffordshire [Stoke on Trent] and the world famous Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital at Gobowen.

Trauma & emergency patients are taken to RSH, Telford, Wrexham and Stoke.

The slightest hold-up on the A483 causes long tail backs, not only to traffic travelling along that road but also to traffic from the west trying to cross to the east to Shrewsbury and Telford. Can you imagine the chaos created in already over-stretched clinics if patients miss appointments through long delays on the

A483? Can you imagine the administrative nightmare of re-arranging appointments.

Visiting hospital is a worrying time , so imagine how stressful it would be for patients, stuck on the road, knowing that they may not arrive at hospital in time for the appointment they have waited so long for.

And with trauma and emergency patients being taken by ambulance to Shrewsbury, Telford and Wrexham any increase in journey times caused by the transportation of wind turbine parts along the A483 would be unacceptable and carry a significant risk to patients. Not all trauma and emergency patients can be transported by the excellent Air Ambulance Service.

My wife and I do not support the proposed windfarm developments and associated connectivity for all the reasons given by other speakers.

Thank you, sir, for this opportunity to express my concerns.

Charles Wynn Jones FRCS