

14TH September 2011-09-14

Dear Sir / Madam.

I wish to express my views regarding the petitions to be discussed by the Environment and Sustainability Committee.

Petition 1

No to TAN8 wind farms and high voltage lines spoiling our communities.

There has been total disregard for the visual amenity of the area proposed. 600ft +high turbines will disfigure the beautiful Mid Wales landscape.

Huge areas of forest will be cut down to accommodate the turbines with loss of habitat for birds and other wildlife and what about the impact on the Carbon footprint?

No environmental study has been done on the implication of TAN8 on the Communities involved

House and Land values within these areas will depreciate; small villages will become ghost towns.

Turbines fail to provide a consistent energy supply, in most cases requiring back-up from an alternative source

Pylons are noisy, they snap, crackle and pop on damp misty days of which there are many in the areas proposed. They are visually obtrusive.

Reports suggest an increase in childhood Leukaemia within 200m of pylons.

Tourism which is the life blood of many small communities and generates approx £650m yearly in and around Mid Wales will be affected with the loss of hundreds of jobs. Communities will move away, schools will close and many years of rural life destroyed.

Petition 2

Transport of wind turbines in Mid Wales.

TAN8 does not mention the transport issues.

Large Heavy loads will cause structural damage to roads and adjacent buildings

Over 5 years up to 3000 abnormal loads and accompanying construction vehicles will travel on unsuitable roads. Powys road systems struggle to cope with day to day traffic and in many areas totally incapable of supporting this volume of traffic

Extra loads over many years to maintain the 800+ turbines in Mid Wales has not been considered

Rural Wales depends on the Air Ambulance for emergency and sometimes routine provision of transport .Wind turbines and Pylons are an added hazard for them to negotiate and this could put lives in danger

Please consider these views very carefully and support the call for a total review of the TAN8 document/

Yours sincerely.

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B J Crone Mrs.