

WINDFARMS DON'T OFFER ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL OR SOCIAL  
BENEFITS. ∴ WINDFARMS ARE NOT SUSTAINABLE

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Committee Clerk,  
Environment & Sustainability,  
National Assembly for Wales,  
Cardiff Bay CF 99 1 NA

Dear Madam/Sir,

re. the forthcoming review of energy policy & planning  
in Wales, & in particular TAN8 on renewables

In 2005, a civil servant told me that of >1,500  
responses to the TAN8 consultation, 87% opposed expansion of  
wind, 9% were ambivalent, and only 4% fully supportive.  
This rejection of expansion of on-shore commercial wind  
developments by the general public, and many local groups,  
organisations, and people with special knowledge of engineering,  
conservation, & economics was ignored and not reflected in  
the final TAN8, which was virtually unchanged.

It is disgraceful that TAN8 was largely written by  
the wind industry & wind supportive lobbyists, with no  
representation by landscape, conservation, tourism specialists.

It is further totally disgraceful, and probably  
illegal that 57% of the land in the identified SSAs is on the  
National Forest Estate ie. public land!

Given that wind "farms" won't provide a secure, or  
affordable electricity supply or have any effect on greenhouse gas  
emissions, the policy should be abandoned.

Yours