

Committee Clerk
Environment and Sustainability Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
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Dear Sir or Madam

We wish to express our very deep concerns regarding plans to build extensive and damaging wind turbines and associated infrastructure (pylons and hubs) in Montgomeryshire, Mid Wales and the Welsh borders.

As residents of the beautiful county of Powys, it appears little consideration and respect has been afforded to the environmental impact and devastation to the economy of mid-Wales. More specifically, the potential loss of £360m per year in lost tourism income (plus associated job losses) as visitors will almost certainly stop coming here; not to mention the ludicrous and dangerous disruption to the road network whilst transporting the wind turbines etc.

There appears to be little independent or recent research carried out regarding the very real health risks associated with such large scale, high voltage power schemes. And I'm sure it won't have escaped anyone's notice the natural beauty and precious solitude of the mid Wales and border country that will be seriously compromised by these extensive and misguided developments. This beauty attracts many visitors, particularly from the Midlands conurbation. It seems the officials involved at the power companies have afforded little value to our beautiful countryside – perhaps they should take a visit and see how narrow the roads are too – and they want to transport 606 foot turbines?

There seems to have been no serious attempt either to address the environmental impact; in particular to migratory birds and potential flooding. And we haven't even started to mention the catastrophic loss of priceless historical sites and antiquities; or reductions in property and business values that will almost certainly result.

In anticipation of a reasoned and balanced response from our elected representatives.

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