

19th September 2011

Dear Sir/Madam,

As residents of Montgomeryshire, we would like you to pass on our grave concerns to the government in Westminster and the Welsh Assembly Government, regarding the proposed development of further windfarms, a substation and the connecting route corridors of massive pylons through Mid Wales.

We believe that this scheme is fundamentally flawed as wind turbines produce a negligible amount of energy and require a back up. To build more inland windfarms here or anywhere else in the country would be a massive and extremely costly mistake. They are not the answer. We fully understand the necessity to meet government targets for renewable energy, but since wind power is so ineffective and uncontrollable, it seems a pointless waste of money and time to keep building more wind turbines.

This precious time and money should be used to research viable alternatives as soon as possible. We haven't got money to waste on unproductive schemes, our fossil fuels are running out and so is our time to find a suitable alternative. The power from water, (which we have in abundance) must surely make more sense. Investment should be made in hydro-electricity, whether from rivers, dams or the powerful sea which surrounds our island.

This area of Mid Wales and Shropshire is one of significant historical interest, plentiful wildlife and outstanding natural beauty. There has been some decline in agriculture and there is little industry and business here. One of the main sources of income is tourism, which would be greatly affected by these plans. We cannot agree to any windfarms, substations or overhead pylons and cables, which would destroy the landscape which is our greatest asset. If any further cables should become necessary in the future, they should be placed underground like the water and gas supplies.

The whole situation with renewable energy needs revising. It doesn't make any sense to pursue wind power. The important decision to increase investment in wind farms appears to have been made already. We, the local residents, have been presented with an unacceptable situation and asked to comment on the details of where the monster substation and pylons should be sited. So much for consultation!

This is not a suitable means of producing electricity and this is not a suitable area for such a development.

Yours faithfully,
Sheila and Mike Price

