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Sent: 23 October 2019 12:59
To: NDF
Subject: The Draft National Development Framework

Dear Sirs,

I write to you on behalf of Llanfyllin Town Council, Llangynyw, Llanfihangel yng Ngwynfa, Llanwddyn and Penybontfawr Community Councils.

The above councils have discussed the National Development Framework and the considerable additional powers which the Welsh Ministers have accrued for themselves through the Planning (Wales) Act 2015 on Developments of National Significance.

The Council members strongly feel that the Welsh Government must not be allowed to interfere in the planning priorities of Powys in an attempt to impose large scale wind and solar energy developments on Mid Wales communities against local people's will. All members defend the principles of local democracy and Powys' ability to set its own Local Development Plan without interference from Central Government.

The members also expressed the following:

Mid Wales landscapes should be protected and that an acceptance of landscape change as set out in the proposals is entirely unacceptable.

Our rural economy supports thousands of businesses and jobs that are dependent on the scenic mid Wales landscapes.

In England, local councils are able to determine Wind Energy applications, and applications must have the backing of local communities to be approved. It is unacceptable that applications in Wales are determined through a decision by Welsh Government Ministers and not local authorities.

The proposals in the document make insufficient reference to how energy produced by potential large-scale wind developments will be connected to the National Grid.

There is insufficient road and highway access across North Powys to facilitate large scale wind development and associated infrastructure.

The Councils respectfully ask that you to take their opinions into consideration when make your final decision.

Yours Faithfully

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