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Dear Sirs,

**ReWelsh Government Draft National Development Framework**

Llandysilio Community Council wish to respond to the above consultation as follows;-

*Policies 1-4 Supporting Urban Growth & Rural Communities.*

The suggested principle of developing a resilient rural community is undermined by Policy 10 which seeks to introduce Wind Farms to almost a quarter of the whole of Powys. The economy of Mid-Wales relies strongly on Tourism and this amount of Wind Farms will affect the number of tourists. It is also noted that whilst development is planned for North Wales and South Wales there are no plans to encourage business development in Mid-Wales. We need more Business parks to enable local Businesses to grow and so help to retain our young people and associated skills.

*Policy 5 – Delivering Affordable Homes*

The delivery of Affordable Housing is key in both Urban and Rural areas. The Community Council also feels that if a dwelling is designated as a s106 Affordable dwelling that it should remain so in perpetuity and the planning process should be strengthened to make this Policy.

The Community Council also believes that each Local Authority should adopt the Community Infrastructure Levy which takes a proportion of any development monies and uses it to develop local infrastructure.

*Policy 6 Planning in Mobile Action Zones*

This is a very important strategy and one which is greatly needed in Mid Wales with many areas having poor/no phone signal and subsequently no Broadband. We commend our Assembly member, Russell George for organizing several meetings

with Mobile phone operators in our area to try and get them to work together to achieve better coverage.

*Policy 7 – Low Emission vehicles*

We are all aware of the need to use low emission vehicles but the technology in the vehicles and the capacity to be able to recharge quicker has still a long way to go together with the provision of more charging points.

*Policy 8 – Biodiversity enhancement and ecosystem resilience*

The Community Council supports this initiative but would like to see this supported at a local level by the Local Authority. We have been asked by residents to provide Allotments and have identified a piece of ground currently part of a County Council Small Holding. A small piece of this land could be easily be spared to allow this to happen and encouragement should be given to enable this to happen.

*Policy 10 – Wind and Solar Energy in Priority Areas*

The Community Council is strongly opposed to the introduction of more Wind Farms in Mid Wales. This will not only affect the economy of the area but will also affect the infrastructure which cannot cope with the transportation of the large components. This was evidenced in the construction of the Tirgwynt Wind Farm which resulted in many rural roads being re-engineered to allow the long vehicles to manoeuvre them. Motorists were subjected to long delays if they were caught up behind one of these convoys as there were few places where the convoys could pull in – this aspect will also affect Tourists. No details have been given as to how these Wind Farms would connect into the National Grid as the introduction of pylons and overhead lines will further affect the scenery and industrialise Mid-Wales.

The Community Council would instead like to see the re-introduction of the Grant to encourage householders to add solar panels to their property

*Policy 12- Other Renewable Energy Developments*

The one thing we have in abundance in Mid Wales is water and with the presence of 2 Dams more encouragement needs to be made in support of hydro-electricity.

**The Community Council also feels strongly that the proposed National Development Framework erodes local democracy as it seeks to hand more power to the Welsh Assembly in respect of granting planning permission for any Wind/Solar Farms.**

**It is local people who will be affected by these proposals and it is important that local opinion is reflected in any decision making.**

Kind regards

Yours truly,

Clerk to Llandysilio Community Council

