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Sent: 04 November 2019 13:21  
To: NDF  
Subject: Draft NDF Response from Trefeglwys Community Council  
Attachments: Draft NDF Consultation -Oct 2019 (1).doc

To Whom it May Concern;

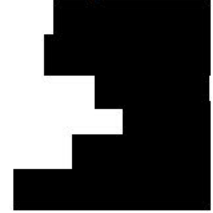
Please find attached the response from Trefeglwys Community Council in regards to the Draft National Development Framework Consultation.

Kind regards

Sophie Palmer  
Clerk to Trefeglwys Community Council

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29<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Welsh Government Draft National Development Framework Consultation**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Trefeglwys Community Council has discussed the details of the Draft National Development Framework and is objecting to the draft on the basis of the following details and issues raised.

Trefeglwys Community Council wish to support and reiterate the points raised by Russell George AM, CPRW and The Cambrian Mountains Society as follows:

Undemocratic:

- The draft NDF proposes large prescribed RE 'priority areas' across 1/5 of Wales, with Welsh Government making all decisions for over 10MW.
- Wales is supposed to be a Democratic Nation, why are rural Wales' needs being ignored within this proposal
- 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. This document was published during the August recess denying AM's the opportunity to scrutinize it.
- The Renewable Energy policy is tailored to the needs of developers and ignores the needs of those living in the areas affected.
- An acceptance of landscape change as set out in the proposal is entirely unacceptable.

Mid Wales Landscape:

- Our rural economy supports thousands of businesses and jobs that are dependent on the scenic Mid Wales landscapes which could be altered in a way which would threaten this irreversibly.
- This framework would have a devastating impact on the landscape and on the well-being and livelihoods of rural communities.
- Biodiversity will be severely hit and reversing biodiversity decline is every bit as important as reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The proposed framework will actually accelerate biodiversity loss.

- Priority Areas are chosen for maximum size resulting in minimum environmental protection and will put species and habitats which are a priority for protection will be put at great risk.

Consultation inadequate:

- 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 and the current situation is that there is not the infrastructure to support the proposals made.
- There is insufficient road and highway access across North Powys to facilitate large scale wind development and the associated infrastructure.
- A 20 year policy is proposed without providing justification.
- Contextual evidence or quantification of cost or consequences is not detailed or discussed.
- Other technologies such as and including off-shore, hydro and tidal production, target capacity/power generation, reducing demand, are not discussed.
- Areas of Wales are now covered by 3 conflicting renewable energy policy designations: TAN 8 Strategic Search Areas, LDP Local Search Areas and now Priority Areas within the NDF.

Trefeglwys Community Council wishes to add that it is not against renewable energy and recognises the need to make changes and produce energy in a more environmentally friendly way but the draft National Development Framework is flawed and would have a negative impact on communities such as our own in a number of ways. The Council urges Welsh Government to look at the feedback and take into account the need for local decisions and local needs in the rural areas which appear to be ignored within this currently proposal.

Thank you for your consideration on the above.

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