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- Wind farms can be a useful source of power, but in appropriate locations, normally off-shore. Powys is a totally inappropriate site for the reasons given below, and I urge the Assembly to delete the priority areas sited in the Powys uplands from its National Development Framework.
- The Mid Wales landscapes should be protected. Even though they may not be in a National Park or a similarly “labelled” area of outstanding natural beauty, this does not mean they can be sacrificed by industrialisation, with their vistas and remoteness ruined.
- Our rural economy supports thousands of businesses and jobs that are dependent on the scenic Mid Wales landscapes. People come for tranquility and unspoiled countryside: they will not come if the area is blighted by turbines and pylons.
- Local democracy is being over-ruled. 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, therefore, that applications in Wales are determined through a decision by Welsh Government Ministers and not local authorities. The people of Powys have protested vigorously in the past against wind farms and pylons; Cardiff knows this but is willfully ignoring them. Surely Cardiff should take into account the very expensive and long-running public enquiry on wind farms in Powys and subsequent government decisions last time round.
- 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. This is a crucial factor in wind farm establishment and the effects on the environment and economy, as mentioned above.
- There is insufficient road and highway access across North Powys to facilitate large scale wind development and associated infrastructure. There would be extensive damage to the narrow and winding lanes which are unsuited to the type of development required.

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