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Thank you for giving the people of Wales the opportunity to comment on this draft policy.

I would particularly like to comment on the proposal that 20% of the area of Wales should be made available for wind farm applications.

Whilst fully acknowledging the need for clean energy production I would simply make the following comments.

1. The single most important contribution to the Welsh economy is now tourism, and this is at last growing. Visitors come here for many reasons, but all of them admire the unspoilt natural environment. This needs to be protected from visually intrusive industrialisation. There are already large wind farms of the North Coast and plans for more in the South. Visitors find these more acceptable than land based developments.

To extend the existing offshore wind farms is a much better option.

2. Land based wind farms bring many environmental problems i.e. access roads, concrete bases, overhead cabling, disturbance of habitat amongst others.

3. Wales has some of the largest and strongest tides in the world and should, through the Welsh Government, become a world leader in tidal energy technology, which is far more reliable than wind.

Yours sincerely,

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