

From: [Maggie Ballard](#)
To: [NDE](#)
Subject: Response to the Draft National Development Framework
Date: 08 November 2019 20:13:20
Attachments: [Let of objection Welsh Gov NDF nov19.pdf](#)

Please acknowledge receipt of the attached document for inclusion in the draft NDF consultation process.

Maggie Ballard & Mike Twyman

Objection Submitted by M J Ballard and M W Twyman

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

7th November 2019

**OBJECTION TO WELSH GOVERNMENT PROPOSED NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK –
RENEWABLE ENERGY PROPOSALS**

We wish to lodge our strong opposition to the proposed National Development Framework specifically, the Renewable Energy proposals.

The following statement is shown at the beginning of your response form **Our plan is for the biggest developments in Wales to happen in towns and cities.**

The renewable energy section of the NDF totally contradicts this as the designated development 'Priority Areas' for wind energy are largely located in rural Mid Wales.

The proposal states that areas of outstanding natural beauty must be protected against large scale wind and solar energy developments. In my opinion, much of Radnorshire, although not designated AONB, is in reality an area of outstanding natural beauty and should be protected as such. Placing turbines, prominent and overbearing moving objects, in this area would have an outlandish detrimental effect on the landscape and the lives of those living in the area, totally spoiling the stunning views we consider ourselves privileged to experience every day, spoiling our leisure and recreation time and destroying the peace and tranquillity loved by residents with continual noise from the turbines day and night. The NDF should aim to improve quality of life in Wales, not ruin it.

Tourism businesses including bed and breakfast establishments, cottages, walking and riding organisations all depend upon unspoilt landscape. Tourism is vital to the economy of mid wales but it will be ruined in areas where turbines are erected. Footpaths and bridleways would be overwhelmed by the scale and noise of turbines. Houses within designated areas would be blighted and impossible to sell.

Once again it seems local democracy is to be trampled down, ignored, in favour of lining the pockets of developers. Local development plans such as ours in Powys have cost tax payers dearly in terms of time and money. What the Welsh Government is now proposing would overrule the LDP and reduce it to a terrible waste of tax payers money.

Why is the disastrous detrimental effect of turbines on the natural environment being ignored? Important ornithological features, including huge roosts of Starlings in winter would be lost forever. Starlings are in serious decline as a breeding bird in Britain and over much of Europe. As well as the starlings, populations of the attendant rare birds of prey which depend on them and hunt the incoming birds at dusk. including Hen Harrier, Short-eared Owl, Sparrowhawk, Goshawk, Merlin and Peregrine would be decimated.

Studies have shown wind turbines frequently catch fire and the fires are almost impossible to put out due to their height. Of course, this would be exacerbated in remote locations which are difficult

for the emergency services to reach such as rural Powys. Toxic fumes released would cause great harm to the local environment and again have an unacceptable detrimental effect on the lives of those living in the area.

Access to vast Wind Farm developments in rural areas would require new and revised road structures causing more disruption to the landscape and environment. There would be a detrimental effect on existing Powys roads caused by the heavy vehicles used in construction and transportation of the wind turbines with increasing costs for repairs being levied on Powys council tax payers.

The Welsh government currently has a policy which limits the areas to be used for wind farms to specific areas (TAN 8). How can this be totally disregarded by the new proposals?

The UK government is no longer backing this type of development. Why are the Welsh Government? We are still part of the UK after all.

Large wind turbines would dominate the landscape and the spectacular scenery that we love would be lost forever. Please, please do not destroy or put at risk the spectacular Mid Wales landscape. For all the reasons given above and surely more, the renewable energy section of the proposed NDF must be rejected.

Objection Submitted by M J Ballard and M W Twyman
(Mrs Maggie Ballard and Mr Michael Twyman)