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While many in rural Wales have come to accept the hatred shown to rural Wales by the Welsh government, and its obsession with on shore wind energy, one cannot fail to be horrified at the WG,s latest renewable policy ,(Although that will please the WG I am sure ). not so much a draft proposal , more a statement of intent. One would think that such a policy which will impact on so many peoples lives and their well being, tourism, wildlife and landscape would have been widely publicised ?, full page adds in local newspapers alerting people in new "priority areas" (PA,s) ?, not a bit of it, just a poorly drafted, haphazard policy document, on the WG,s website. For the record not everyone has internet access.

1. It shows no regard for Rural Wales and its inhabitants, and seems to be solely focused on the needs of wind energy developers.
2. The NDF and regional plans will override Local Development Plans and remove any local decision making.
3. 1/5 of Wales is prioritised in PA,s, while giving no contextual evidence of the devastating impact on the landscape both within or outside PA,s other than to state , "landscape change is accepted as inevitable", (that's putting it mildly.)
4. No evidence regarding cumulative impact, visual blight across Wales ,including National Parks or the fact that both European protected sites and many sites of special scientific interest ,SSSI,s are within PA,s. in fact scant regard is given to Biodiversity, dNDF will accelerate Wales already poor record, in halting and reversing, biodiversity decline. (just as important as climate change,) but not as financially rewarding as on shore wind energy.
5. The dNDF sets out a 20 year policy without any justification , which seems par for the course through out this whole document. Other forms of renewable energy are totally absent, off shore wind energy. biomass, wave and reducing demand are ignored.
6. No mention of the effect this will have on one of these areas key economic drivers, tourism .

THIS REPORT IN ITSELF SPEAKS VOLUMES on the Welsh governments utter contempt for democracy, and other points of view , how can anyone have any confidence in the WA,s decision making , when it has shown itself to ignore any conflicting evidence . To give just one example of how much of a utter sham of policy consultation this is , 11 critical existing legislation(EIA), environmental acts , WBFGA, etc , including "protecting and enhancing eco systems", biodiversity and cumulative effect are not addressed . No one has any faith in NRW,s ability to stand up for biodiversity , it has shown itself time and again to be less of a guard dog for the natural environment of Wales, and more of lap dog of the Welsh Governments , which is how the WG likes its organisations. I would point out that Rural Wales is a stunning, haunting landscape, that should have a landscape designation to protect it. Instead it has a government hell bent on destroying it , This is no consultation more of the Welsh Government loading the dice in developers favour. Yours sincerely Mr D E Cartwright.