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Hi

I wish to express my concerns about plans in the NDF for large-scale wind & solar development in North Powys. Whilst I am very worried about the climate change emergency, and realise that there is a need to increase renewable energy infrastructure, the “acceptance of landscape change” is **not** acceptable in North Powys, which is a tourist area and a home to large numbers of professionally creative people. I consider small-scale developments to be OK, but not a wholesale covering of large areas of upland, with the associated infrastructure for both development of sites and connecting them to the national grid.

Suggested alternative options to consider:

- Large solar installations over car parks. This not only utilises land that is already in use, but protects and shades parked cars. It has been done in other countries. Publicly-owned car parks could have their upper space leased to solar developers, and supermarkets etc could be encouraged to do the same. Developments would also support EV charging. See https://www.solarpowerportal.co.uk/news/new_bre_solar_car_park_guide_uncovers_solar_storage_and_ev_potential
- On-shore wind developments in already developed areas, such as alongside motorways, nearer to where the generated power will be used, to minimise the transmission loss that would be a major feature of more remote sites.
- Subsidies for home-owners and businesses to install solar, at least to counteract the recent increase in VAT.
- Requirement for solar and/or heat pump installation on all appropriate new-builds
- Swansea tidal lagoon?

I’m sure there are more!

Regards

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