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To: NDF Team
Welsh Government
Cardiff,
Dear Sirs,

It was with deep concern and disappointment that we learn from the draft National Development Plan that the Assembly wish to cover the beautiful hills of Radnorshire and Breconshire with Wind and Solar Farms.

Much of this area, especially Section 7, is covered with in dramatic natural amenity land.

- Parts of the area have already been recognised and adopted as National Trust property
- These are areas of outstanding beauty that are a great asset to the Welsh tourist industry - this would be badly compromised
- These are areas of exceptional tranquillity and remoteness and should be preserved as such for prosperity.

We are particularly concerned on the practical elements that will be associated with the construction and maintenance of such development.

- Access and movement to sites for large windmills will certainly create scars in the hillsides and even the existing supply routes may have to widen for heavy construction and delivery vehicles.
- The distribution of the power would also cause extensive further problems of installation and future maintenance.
- Such desecration of the countryside is unlikely ever to be reversible. Is it even sustainable?
- Any such approval for even small scale development of this nature will create dangerous precedents – wind farms have a habit of succeeding with future planning creep
- As an example the wind site at Llanidloes constructed some 2 years ago still is NOT connected to the grid as a result of extreme difficulties of power distribution.. A botched site that should have been better researched and justified.

The setting for these proposed power sources would have an unacceptable impact on some of these great heritage areas of Wales. If such natural power sources are deemed expedient they should be suitably and more economically located adjacent to the areas where the power is required - thus affecting economies of distribution – which afford better access for construction, and would avoid despoiling the beauty of Radnorshire and Breconshire.

We object to these special areas been considered for large scale wind or solar power sites. We also do not consider sufficient consultation has been given to the concerns above and to the views of local people potentially affected by these plans.

Yours sincerely,

John Grant

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