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I am attaching a pdf letter for your attention. I am writing in a personal capacity to respond to the National Development Framework 2020-2040.

I am strongly objecting to Policy 10 and I would be grateful if this submission is forwarded to those concerned.

Thank you

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## **Objection to Policy 10, National Development Framework 2020-2040 Consultation Draft**

Dear Sir

It is completely unacceptable for the Welsh Government to decide that there must be presumption in favour of destroying the Welsh landscape with large scale wind and solar farms.

### **WILFUL DESTRUCTION OF HERITAGE LANDSCAPE**

If carried through this plan will destroy the beauty and tranquility of the 'priority' areas, have a devastating impact on the growing tourism industry and create instead a huge industrial wasteland for future generations, depriving urban dwellers of access to this unique and historic natural landscape.

This is a price that the authors of this plan are prepared to pay.

Deeply rural Welsh communities in their natural agricultural and upland landscapes are central to the Welsh identity. Rural communities face challenges and difficulties and they require a plan that supports and develops sustainability at a local level. Any such plan has to include tourism and leisure, encouraging people in urban areas to visit, enjoy and gain understanding of the natural environment. This plan would destroy any positive plans for these communities.

### **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY OPTIONS**

Yes, we urgently need to reduce energy use and create clean sustainable fossil-fuel free energy. The priority areas could easily be energy neutral with many local generation schemes for local use, using a mixture of hydro, small scale wind, heat transfer technologies. Transmission losses are reduced and employment generated and sustained.

There is no mention in the plan of small scale local energy production nor of other large scale forms such as Offshore Wind, Tidal, Geothermal.

There is no assessment of the impact of construction on the environment such as destruction and destabilisation of Wales' precious blanket bog and the resulting lack of flood control or the carbon effect of felling trees on a large scale without the possibility of replanting.

### **COFIWCH DRYWERYN**

This plan intends to provide distant urban with energy, with high transmission costs and energy losses while destroying local landscapes and reducing the communities' sustainability.

### **URBAN - CENTRIC THINKING**

The design of the NDC draft booklet shows an astonishing lack of interest in the communities, biodiversities and environmental status of rural Wales. Images of construction sites, the built environment, wind farms on-shore and off-shore support the narrative that the future is urban and positive while happily destroying the beautiful parts of rural Wales that happen not to be in a national park.

The Youth Friendly version does not mention that the landscape of Wales will be negatively affected for the future of these young people and for generations to come.

To any visitor to this country and to all Welsh inhabitants rural Wales is clearly one large Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Policy 12 "Large scale on-shore wind and solar energy development is not appropriate within National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty." If that is the case then to destroy the beauty of large parts of rural Wales is simply national vandalism and this plan must not be allowed to proceed.

Yours Sincerely  
Simon Fraser