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I am very strongly opposed to your plans to cover large areas of Wales in solar panels and wind turbines, especially as your plans fail to take into account the associated sub-stations and pylons that will cover the country.

Yes, we need to increase our use of renewables but also we need to keep our countryside for the health benefits it provides, for the wildlife it supports, for farming, as food security should be taken into consideration far more than it is currently, and for tourism and the associated economic benefits it brings.

The Welsh Government should be moving towards local and self-generation power schemes and, in particular, the building code should be made to reflect this need. A coherent, consistent strategy to cut our carbon footprint and build an economy for the future that does not rely on consumerism needs to be developed; the current plans do not do this but decimate our countryside whilst allowing us to ignore the issues of over-population and over-use of world wide resources. Wind turbines and solar panels must play a part in such a strategy, but their use and siting should be well thought out and all power lines should be underground.

Sadly, the way in which works at the Hendy wind farm have been carried out, show that the authorities have no regard for the local populations in Wales, but I live in hope that a well thought out energy strategy for the future will emerge rather than the one that the current map and marker pen approach has come up with.

Yours,
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