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re. Draft National Development Framework

Sir/Madam.

I write in response to the above (Draft NDF) proposals. I submit my concern regarding the 2020-2040 long term proposals. I, like many others feel passionate about protecting our environment and countryside and tackling the very real issues regarding climate change. However, the proposals outlined in the Draft NDF raise very profound and devastating plans that would impact throughout much of Mid Wales. I have lived with my partner in West and Mid Wales for twenty three years. We fought, and won, the battle to prevent a number of wind turbines that were planned to be erected in prime agricultural land. The spectre of many more turbines and the accompanying pylons and infrastructure would destroy large areas of wonderful, unspoilt countryside. At a time where the areas of unspoilt landscapes are increasingly being reduced by yet more urban development, industrial spread with more cars and an increasing population, surely, as a nation we should do all we can to protect our countryside and wildlife.

We run a holiday cottage in this area in the Berwyn mountains, and we, as well as our many



visitors love the unspoilt nature of the area. Many of our visitors come from urban and city areas and the importance of our landscape is highly valued.

I am appalled that local decisions at a County level are dismissed in favour of decisions made by the Welsh Government. The local authority with the opinions of local people and communities is paramount. Our rural economy supports many people who depend on our very special landscape for their livelihood.

The only winners in such developments are the turbine companies that receive huge incentives and 'handouts' and the foolish and greedy landowners, who would sacrifice their landscape for their wayleave handouts.

Other objections to such proposals are highlighted by the fact that our local small network of roads could not support the heavy traffic involved. The installation of turbines and pylons would result in very little longer term employment for local people.

I have strong feelings regarding sustainable energy applications that are reliable, low impact with minimal damage to our environment and local communities.

I feel that solar energy has much to commend itself along with tidal and wave initiatives. A well managed and safe application of nuclear energy has, in the long, a part to play. Why has the Anglesey project been so delayed? I could go on, but do the right thing and keep Wales a country that we and many others across the world can rely on.

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