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Myself and my husband live in an area identified as a priority area for wind and solar production (area 7). We are both very much in favour of environmentally sound energy sources, and accept that this comes with change. My concern is the extent of the impact to our community and environment. I attended the consultation in Llandrindod recently and was told that it is not the government's intention to carpet an area in turbines or solar panels. But this is subjective.

It seems that the priority is large scale farms in the identified areas. But it would also appear that little thought has gone into local farms, meaning small scale production feeding the local community. It has been shown to be viable in other countries. For example I believe Norway has approximately 80% of it's electricity generated this way. The UK has a negligible amount.

Benefits would include the reduction of the amount of large pylons needed. These, along with large turbines have a massive visual impact on areas that rely on tourism to help sustain the local economy. Another benefit would be the limitation of power cuts, limiting affected households to the immediate locality rather than widespread outage as at present.

The NDF focuses on wind and solar power. But we have many large bodies of water in Wales, is hydro-electricity not an option? Surely the impact this has on an area is far less than the other two technologies. My final concern is the infrastructure required for the construction and subsequent maintenance of the farms. We, and our neighbours live here because we enjoy the peacefulness and beauty of the area. If we become surrounded by turbines, pylons and new roads this would have a huge impact on our way of life. It may sound strange to not want smooth dual lane roads to access your home, but for many people this is very much part of where we live.

I accept change is inevitable, but I would ask any planners to be mindful of what is here now, and the impact that any development will have on our community.

Kind regards  
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Sent from my iPad