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To whom it may concern,

I would like to register my strong objection to the renewable energy proposals in the NDF 2020-2040.

Having attended a meeting at Wrexham Library I was disappointed by the lack of response to my concerns, the equivalent of a shrug of the shoulders.

My concerns are mainly based on the knowledge I have of my local area and the industry I am involved in. Some key points are listed below:

- In Montgomeryshire there are approximately 5000 holiday homes, the majority of which are owner occupied. Customers make a long-term investment in a second home bringing their leisure spending with them but without drawing on the local resources. This tourist population enables pubs, restaurants and other local businesses to stay open, which is vital in the modern day struggling, rural communities.
- A National Caravan Council study in 2009 showed that each holiday home plot contributes £15,000 per annum to the economy
- Montgomeryshire does not have the seaside or national park status to attract tourists. It relies solely on its unspoilt countryside.
- All holiday homes are manufactured in the UK, with the industry playing a hugely significant role in UK tourism.
- Dolgead Hall is a fantastic example of farm diversification, turning a small, loss making, farm into a profitable business which directly employs 6 staff and relies upon numerous local contractors.

I appreciate that studies can be sited for tourism and windfarms running hand in hand, however these studies do not look at industrialisation of an area as proposed by the Welsh Government.

In addition to this, the NDF does not address the export of any potential energy created.

When National Grid was involved in the Mid -Wales connection (2013) for wind farm energy export, the ONLY option was via 50m high pylons. NG were adamant that this was the only effective way to export the energy. When speaking with a WAG representative at Wrexham, he said pylons would not be used. Forgive my cynicism but as far as I can see, the energy export problem is UNCHANGED.

I can only predict a huge 'home goal' if these plans for Montgomeryshire were to get the green light. Killing a thriving tourism industry, which incidentally is funded by English pound notes not Welsh, cannot be a good thing.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Yours faithfully,

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