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Dear Team member

Consultation Response : Draft National Development Framework

I am writing to oppose the proposals presented in the draft NDF document you have presented to the people of Mid Wales, identifying us as Mid and South West Wales, and state that the proposed changes to our landscape are totally unacceptable.

I have been a resident of Mid Wales for over 20 years, many of which have been spent fighting the industrialisation of our precious upland landscape from wind farm developments, single wind turbines and their infrastructure, which it now appears is also threatened with solar farms. We already have more than our share of wind farms and associated cabling blighting our hills, with the only route from England to the Welsh Coast where windfarms are not visible being the A458 and A470 north to Dolgellau!

Your document puts too much emphasis on Mid Wales' landscapes need to contribute to renewable energy without considering that this beautiful and irreplaceable environment already provides many benefits in the form of carbon sequestration, water storage and provision, food, recreation, health and wellbeing. As a keen walker who has been walking the local hills for many years I can say that I have already seen many new wind farms built, now industrialising and spoiling our hills and we don't need any more.

Your document doesn't properly recognise or consider the importance of tourism for this area. People come to visit and stay here because of the natural beauty, peace and quiet and do not see industrial structures on the landscape as beautiful. Others, as myself, choose to live here for these natural environment qualities. Tourism brings a huge amount of money to the local area, providing jobs for significant numbers of people and if people do not visit then the local economy will be adversely impacted. The limited jobs that come from wind and solar farms are very short-lived and do not justify the loss of the jobs in local tourism and permanent negative impact on the landscape.

The people of Powys know that when TAN 8 was formed there was no consideration of how the power generated was to be transported to England. The draft NDF shows insufficient consideration of how any energy produced will be exported.

Many extremely ill-informed decisions were made during TAN 8 plans and it was assumed we had a road network in place that could accommodate the thousands of loads needed.

There was not and major disruptive roadworks ensued. It is unacceptable for our communities to endure any more wind farm traffic disruption and roadworks that will be needed for these proposals.

There are many positive ways to make more of Wales' precious environment, securing and protecting it for those who live here and for future generations to enjoy, and these are not one of them. Please register my objection to these extremely short sighted proposals that do not properly recognise the importance of Powys' landscape.

Yours sincerely

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