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POWYS PARADWYS CYMRU?

I write to protest in the strongest possible terms against the latest threats to democracy, our landscape and our general well-being contained within the so-called National Development Framework for Mid Wales viz.

The proposal that Welsh Government Ministers, rather than local councils and authorities, (as works adequately enough in England) will have the powers to determine the outcome of any large scale potential wind factory developments, over-riding and negating a system of consultation and opportunities for any local opposition to such schemes, is unfair and unjust.

The assumption that there will be 'acceptance of landscape change' is chillingly redolent of other events in history where acceptance was imposed upon geographical regions and sections of the populous.

Our landscape is the main asset and the basis for our rural economy. Any claim that anything other than transitory employment will be generated by wind factory developments is a spurious one.

Technical arguments against the installation of large-sale wind factory developments, especially in terms of the amount of carbon displaced, damage to environment, wild life etc are valid and well-documented. The lack of accurate modelling data in regard to connection to the National grid is a concern. England has comparable geographical areas to exploit to provide more localised energy needs rather than destroying our landscape and livelihoods to do so.

Road networks in and into Powys are already over-whelmed by volumes of traffic, with accidents a frequent occurrence. Previous transportation of turbine parts generated intolerable hold-ups and chaos on roads too narrow and too congested to cope. Installing the infrastructure required to access remote areas will be counter-productive in preserving the environment in an effort to reduce climate change.

Opportunities for diversification in 'renewables' that will have less impact should continue to be explored.

'Powys is a large world of small things, one of the most beautiful counties in Great Britain, Powys Paradwys Cymru, the paradise of Wales.' What price paradise?

Yours sincerely,

(SJ Morris)

