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Throughout the extensive framework document it is claimed that rural areas are ‘integral to the health and livelihood of our nation’.

However, despite rural areas being home to 40% of the population, it appears from the energy development plan that such areas are held in low regard due to the apparent ease with which the plan recommends damaging such areas with wind farms and solar panel farms.

Even policy 24 is ‘thin’ in respecting the aforementioned value and – especially – fails to recognise that there is quite a bit more of Powys to the North of Newtown.

Many of us accept some of the deprivations of living in rural areas – Health Service, Public Transport, and Infrastructure – but the plan’s proposals seek to damage what we do have – not the least to destroy the very vistas that attract visitors to our areas.

In declaring the project parameters the ARUP report is a little difficult to read. For example, when introducing the ‘carrot’ of an element of local ownership of developed power (thereby implying local benefits) it is not easy to appreciate the size of that benefit when two different scales are used in the presentation – e.g. % ages for generation and Gigawatts for local ownership. Also we are not told just how that benefit might actually be delivered.

Sincerely,

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