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Democracy

One can now have no faith in local democracy. When the LDP was in sway and before the NDF consultation process began, the then Minister, Lesley Griffiths, ignored first the unanimous bar one Powys Planning Committee and secondly the Planning Inspector in their rejection of Hendy Wind Farm's application which she allowed. The Inspector had said the amount of electricity did not warrant the despoiling of the landscape.

The NDF looks set to continue in the path of Ms Griffiths's decision. . It would be an irony of progression if when we had democracy the Minister could ignore it and we will end up with no democracy for anything over 10Mw

Environment

The LDP constrained development in sensitive areas. The Minister who approved Hendy did not, it seems, take into account the obvious SAC - the Nant Brook leads from the site of turbine 5 and other projected turbines into the river Edw which in turn drains into the river Wye. I have seen salmon leaping in the river Edw towards its spawning site. Many people saw the slurry entering Nant Brook and informed the NRW. Any results of testing for chemicals resulting from the pouring in of tons of concrete and the placing of iron reinforcement should be made public (if indeed taken) and it should be the duty both of Powys Planning and the Minister responsible to follow this up.

Otters - European Protected Species - are in this area of SAC - and the Logyn Brook which drains the Llandegley Rhos to the North.

Ministers considering further wind/solar need to realise the consequences of scorning SACs in their choice of site.

Conditions

Ministers lay down Conditions when they allow a development, as was done for Hendy. These were not adhered to in the race the developer had to get his turbine up in order to collect his subsidy. Why Powys Planning did not ensure that he discharged his obligations within the prescribed time limit we don't know but both the Minister concerned and Powys Planning should be asked why not. Surely they did not simply want to aid him to claim his money.

This behaviour is good reason to be worried the Welsh Assembly and local planning might continue in this vein with new developments to which they might grant the go-ahead.

Beauty of Wales

Quite apart from Snowdonia, Brecon Beacons and the Gower there are many other areas of outstanding beauty in this country that should not be ruined by industrialisation.

Tourism and Economy

Its beauty is, of course, the attraction accounting for some billions in income for the people involved in providing for these visitors to Wales. Any placing of wind/solar structures must bear this in mind for people will shun industrial landscape.

People living in these regions relying partly or wholly for their living on visitors do not wish to see tourists channelled toward National Parks and areas of outstanding beauty. Their livelihood could be severely threatened.

Employment

It is a myth that many jobs are created. Developers have their own teams of workers who are specialised in what they do and move from development to development.

The National Grid

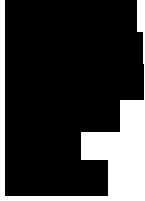
This is not yet capable of coping with asynchronous electricity generation - certainly not in this part of mid Wales and there are difficulties of connection with the Grid that have yet to be overcome. Owing to the fact that both solar/wind are asynchronous systems, the more you have is likely to bring instability and the probability of power cuts.

I trust the WG, which has worked on this for two or three years, has been researching both local micro

generation and also the new nuclear power technology - advanced modular reactors (e.g. Moltex Energy's Molten Salt Reactor.)

Then we all can keep our landscape.

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