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I am writing my response to this Framework.

Yes, as you all predicted, as I have seen on broadcasts and in meetings, I am interested enormously by your proposal for Wind Energy. The reason is I live in Powys! And you have decided Powys can be a sacrificial lamb. Four Designated areas lie within its beauty. Powys will soon be slaughtered and I who love it and who have walked it and walked it with my children as babies, pushing them and pulling them in a pram and now that they have gone, with my husband walking with poles to keep his balance, do not know whether to throw myself off a steep hill so as not to have to see it die.

Must Wales be destroyed by Turbines? You do know how little energy, and how unreliably, they produce? That you will have to role out more and more Priority areas to have enough to make a difference? You have excluded The Brecon Beacons and Snowdonia as they are National Parks, but soon, if Turbines are your method, you will have to take them as well. Wales will pay a very big price for the route you are taking.

Turbines are destructive of Landscape, human and animal habitat, insect and vegetable, trees and birds. Turbines contribute to the extinction of species. They may, collectively provide energy but they are not really green at all. They take a lot of CO2 to construct and to fix into the ground. They play havoc with water courses and contaminate rivers. They kill birds and bats and drive some people from their homes who cannot stand the sound they emit. They reduce the value of people's houses and set neighbour against neighbour. Communities that once got on stop talking to each other and leave dead foxes on each other's door step. Land owners made rich lose their friends and wonder if it was worth it.

And what about the grid? If too much un synchronised energy goes in it can cause blackouts. So wind farms are paid more not to supply. One day this problem may be resolved but it is not yet. There are places where the connection to the grid is all but impossible, so I am told by people who know, but this Framework has not explained how the connection to the grid will work. I think that is a very strange omission.

Then there is the expense. Our bills will keep rising as our quality of life, our well being, reduces.

And to top it all you will have disenfranchised us. Our local democratic right to have our say you will have taken away. We will be resentful and I think many will not forgive you. How can you say a development of two turbines is one of National Significance?

This Framework is a high handed, Paternalistic plan to silence the many who love where they live who will suffer to see it spoilt. Many will lose their livelihood if they work in the Tourism Industry and many will suffer financial hardship from loss of value in their homes and increase in the price of electricity. It has missed the opportunity to engage fully with local Communities to encourage them to devise their own green energy production. It could have imposed high standards for new building of houses to ensure they were well insulated and able to produce their own roof energy. This might have increased the price of the build but would have been recouped in lower energy bills.

I think this a very bad plan for the future of Wales. It's Landscape is its most valuable resource.

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