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Please find attached our responses to the above framework.

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RESPONSE TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

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1. NDF Outcomes Strongly Disagree

The outcomes are general aims, lacking measurable outcomes. Despite looking through additional documents, I am unable to guess at the possible end results.

There is a cavalier attitude to the people of Wales, by the Welsh Assembly with scant regard to their wishes. **There is no evidence that the people of Wales will have the democratic right to determine their future. It is time for the Assembly to work for the people of Wales, listen to their voices and uphold democracy.**

2. Spatial Strategy Disagree

You state how important the rural areas are for drawing visitors to Wales – one of the largest sources of income for rural Wales. However, you appear determined to industrialise the landscape with large scale energy projects.

Climate change challenges should be a thread throughout the plan. Wales' buildings should be more self sufficient in energy and water.

- **New build projects to be largely self sustaining in terms of energy and water needs.**
- **Urban areas to produce sustainable energy to meet their needs.**
 - Retrofitting solar panels to commercial and industrial roofing.
 - Insulation
 - Water harvesting schemes

It is inappropriate for Government/Assembly buildings to utilise prime locations which could be best used for income generation activities

No mention of an empty homes policy to alleviate housing issues.

3. Affordable homes

Build energy efficient and energy generating homes and businesses which will provide more homes which have ongoing affordability and fewer energy needs and water harvesting ability.

4. Mobile Action Zones Strongly Agree

5. Low Emissions Vehicles --

6. Green Infrastructure Strongly Agree

7. Renewable Energy and District Heat Networks

Large scale wind and solar developments

Strongly Disagree

- **Object to plans for the enlargement of priority areas.** These are unacceptably large areas of rural Wales
- **There is a total lack of reference to the well documented public opposition** to more large wind farm schemes.
- **There is no evidence that any consideration has been given as to how the electricity generated across this vast designated area can be exported to the grid system.**
- **There is also no evidence of where the electricity will be exported to.**
- **There is no evidence that all the electricity will be used in Wales and be of benefit to Wales.**
- **There is little or no grid connection in rural areas.**
- **There is public opposition across Mid Wales and Shrophire to any proposals for the erection of pylons.** The reasons are many and are well documented.
- One of your annexe documents (Stage 2 Refinement of priority areas for wind and solar energy Section 4.2.4) states that there is little difference between the cost of underground and overground cables. Therefore, Wales should adopt **a policy of that overground cables can only be used in urban areas where such infrastructure is already in existence.** You have no plan to do so. This is a failure to acknowledge the strong opposition in Mid Wales to the erection of pylons to support the wind farms.
- **Strongly reject your assumption that large scale development of energy schemes in rural areas are welcomed.**

- **Strongly reject without evidence your assumption that development in rural areas is welcomed either by visitors and or residents.**
- **Strongly object to your assumption of the acceptance of landscape change.** Widespread schemes would be overbearing in the Welsh landscape causing great **economic and environmental damage**. Tourism is the major sources of income in Mid Wales, and the proposed plans would potentially have a devastating effect resulting in loss of income, employment opportunities etc.
- Power schemes must be determined by local authorities together with the local community having the right of approval, as they do in England. **The people of Wales must have the right to have a say in their future.**
- **Road Survey is inadequate** and fails to show the plethora of small lanes and roads leading to high spots on the landscape
- **Strongly object to development of windfarms outside the designated areas**
- **Strongly object to the development of other energy projects which do not have an existing grid infrastructure to support it.**
- **Strongly suggest that all appropriate brown field sites and areas of scarred landscape should be used in the first instance.**
- **Strongly suggest that electricity is generated close to areas of most need.**

8. The Regions

Stongly Disagree

I feel most strongly that the role of the Assembly is to put forward the aims for Wales, but it is for the local authorities and communities to have the democratic right to implement the plans in ways which suit the local areas needs and desires best.

9. North Wales --

10. Mid and South West Wales

Strongly disagree

Unable to find much reference to mid Wales in the Plan. The only plan you have for Mid Wales is to cover it with wind turbines and pylons and centralise planning approval to the detriment of the wishes of the people.

11. South East Wales

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