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To the NDF Team

We wish to make the following comments regarding the Draft National Development Framework consultation :

We are strongly opposed to the creation of a Mid and South West Wales Region. It being too large and there being little or no comparison in terms of population density, landscape, infrastructure, environment and economy.

Mid Wales should be a 'Region' in it's own right.

The Draft NDF Policy 10, focuses on Mid Wales as simply an area for wind and solar energy generation with the presumption in favour of development for these schemes and an acceptance of landscape change. This policy is clearly opening the door to speculative developers and takes no account of the sensitive ecosystems in these so-called priority renewable energy generation areas or the fact that the scenic rural landscape of Mid Wales is what draws visitors from around the world and generates substantial income to the area from tourism. What happens when the tourists stop coming?

We are very concerned that our democratic right will be compromised when making objections to planning applications for any such developments because of the presumption in favour of development and acceptance of landscape change as stated in Policy 10.

It is counter-intuitive to attempt to reduce the affects of climate change by the destruction and desecration of the wild upland areas of Mid Wales with the resultant loss of habitat of the flora and fauna in these areas. Upland soils are the largest carbon store in the UK and the peat bogs of the upland area sequester vast quantities of atmospheric carbon dioxide.

If further substantial wind and solar development takes place in Mid Wales, how is all the power generated to be transported to the National Grid system? Are we to be expected to accept further landscape change and industrialisation of our rural landscape with high voltage power-lines and pylons?

This draft NDF shows that the Welsh Assembly Government has no respect for the landscape, flora, fauna, or the people of Mid Wales: our opinions, our well-being our economy, our values, our respect and appreciation for where we live and the rural environment we want our children to inherit. Mid Wales is simply seen as a resource to be sold off to the highest bidder and to enable the boxes of the Welsh Assembly's climate change targets to be ticked!

We would appreciate an acknowledgement for this email.

Yours sincerely

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