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Mr Darren Millar AM
Constituency AM Clwyd West,
National Assembly for Wales,
Cardiff Bay,
Cardiff.

**REF: DRAFT NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK 2019 – WIND AND
SOLAR PLAN FOR WALES**

Dear Mr. Darren Millar AM,

I am writing to you regarding the proposal to set new Priority Areas for wind and solar across large parts of Wales. I am totally opposed to what is planned. If this is implemented it will blight vast areas of our countryside.

I find that the National development Framework 2020 – 2040 policies and forms with leading questions confusing and deter me from completing the Welsh government's consultation form.

I found that the National Assembly for Wales documents relating “National development Framework” difficult and time consuming to read and understand. They seem over complicated for the public to read. It may be alright for those employed and paid to produce these documents, but other general public like myself have a lot of other things to do that spending lots of time trying to understand them. There must be a lot of people with too much time on their hands in the Welsh Assemble!
Also I find that completing these consultation forms quite restrictive and but not let you state what you really wish to.

The draft development seams to totally miss out other renewables like offshore wind, biomass and tidal. Is this because offshore wind farms come under the control of The Crown Estate and therefore out of the scope of the Welsh Government? If this is the correct assumption, as new licences for offshore wind farms are being issued then this should also be considered. I think the Welsh Office is pushing their own importance considering the overall situation.

In North Wales we already have a large assortment of off shore wind farms. The Irish Sea has already been turned into a large industrial estate. However I would much prefer further developments of offshore wind farms to that on land, which destroy the welsh countryside.

The new proposed nuclear power station at Wylfa now seems to have been abandoned. This would have cut CO₂ omissions for Wales.
In the 1960's the UK seemed to be able to build a large amount of nuclear power

stations of the UK's own design, now we seem to struggle to build any and any that are built are of foreign design and owned by foreign companies.

I would like to make the following general points:

- Whilst I agree that something has to be done about the climate change and the associated increasing CO₂ levels. The UK only produces approximately 1% of the CO₂ omissions of the world. Therefore, whatever we do will make little difference. It needs to be controlled on a global scale and not played about with by the Welsh Government.
- We will need whatever electricity is produced by green energy, a supply by large power stations which have systems with large inertia to stabilise the irregular supply by that of green energy.
- The other thing to consider is this green policy is increasing electric energy costs making heavy industry uncompetitive. The UK is already has one of the highest electricity costs. This has already had an impact to our steel making industry.

Yours Sincerely

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