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Dear Sir or Madam,

I was informed that my representation by email would be equally as valid as any attempt I may have made to complete the far from user-friendly online form. In fact, I have spoken to a large number of people about this entire process and we all agree that the 'information' that is supposedly available to us, could not have been presented in a more cumbersome and complex way. There has been little effort made to make it easily accessible to members of the public as documents are dotted around the place. I am a FE teacher and I know the importance of clarity in communication.

I attended one of the 'public consultation' very few, and poorly timed sessions. This was in Wrexham, where I spoke for some time to Max Hampton, Planning Manager from the Planning Policy Team in Cardiff. We got off to a bad start when I requested sight of a detailed map which would show the precise edges of these proposed Extended Areas PAs. He told me that they were only identifying 'broad areas' and not looking at Ordnance Survey maps on a field boundary basis. I take exception to this dismissive attitude. There are thousands of us living within these often very rural areas, and many of us feel our homes have now been potentially blighted by these extremely unclear Extended Areas. How can this be termed 'public consultation' when the boundaries of these Areas are totally unclear? TAN 8 was bad enough, as no one at the time had any idea just how many turbines the Welsh Government intended to cram in these areas, and the intervisibility of these structures. Now, there is the intention to cover even more of North Wales with even higher turbines of up to 220m. This at a time when countries such as Norway and Germany are cutting back their plans for wind turbines. Germany has over 30,000 turbines and, as has been extensively reported, there has not been a drop in their emissions. They are now looking to nuclear. Meanwhile, our Welsh Government is intent on destroying our land and seascapes and potentially decimating our key tourism industry, at a time when it is increasingly being recognised that our Grid is being destabilised by renewables that come without large-scale storage.

When I moved to my home just outside Corwen 10 years ago, I could see seven wind turbines. Now there are some 60+. The WG plans to significantly increase this, all within clear view of the nearby Snowdonia National Park and the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB.

At the weekend I walked up Cadair Berwyn with a friend who lives near Oswestry. From there we could look out across North Wales, and also Cheshire and Shropshire. The views across to England were wind turbine free. Look back to North Wales and the breathtaking mountains, and your eye was met by scores of colossal wind turbines. My friend was stunned. He knew I had been opposing massive industrial wind 'farms' for years, but, for the first time, said he could see precisely why.

Wales already produces far more energy than it uses. This is sheer greed and it is the

natural environment, our rural areas, and the essential tourism industry, that will be the victims.

- There is a complete absence of democracy for local communities. See what has happened recently in Norway regarding their wind energy policies. That is true democracy in action. In Wales we are being denied it. Even England listens to and heeds the views of local people.
- Where are the detailed maps for local people to see? The photograph above is an example of the attitude from WG when Mr Hampton doodled on a plan to indicate how one of the Areas may or may not be extended closer to Bala. Totally unbelievable. (I still have the piece of paper.)
- It is the developers' requirements that the WG has firmly in mind. We have seen this before when Planning Inspectors' decisions, as well as the views of local communities, were over-ridden by Lesley Griffiths in giving the green light to more wind turbines in Denbighshire and Mid Wales. We seem to count for nothing. Well, when it comes to the next election perhaps that will change.
- Wales already has a poor record as regards biodiversity and the natural environment. Much of our uplands are devastated by overgrazing and more and more areas are given over to shooting and 'improved grassland'. Add to that the devastation caused by wind 'farms' with their proven record for causing bird and bat deaths; the miles and miles of new access roads; new pylon routes; quarries; borrow pits etc. Then there's the congestion and emissions caused by the convoys of turbine components and cement lorries, as we've experienced months of in North and Mid Wales along 'A' roads, right through the hectic tourist season.
- These developments are usually in the hands of foreign owned companies (including the China General Nuclear Energy owned wind farm in Denbighshire), as are the manufacturers of the wind turbines and solar panels. There are few new, permanent and full-time jobs created for local people, despite the fanfare every time a new scheme is announced.
- Where is the information regarding the cumulative impact of scores more of these turbines in North Wales? The views from above Ruthin and, as I said before, from the Berwyns, are already beyond belief. It is simply not acceptable to be even considering adding to this.
- Has the impact on the well-being and mental health of those affected by this colossal and fast paced industrialisation, been taken into account. Many of us moved to peaceful rural areas to escape industrialisation, and now the WG sees fit to impose it upon us.

There are many more aspects of this truly shocking NDF for wind and solar that I could comment on, such as the short timescale in which the WG aims to bulldoze the schemes through in. This is not democracy. It is a total disgrace. It is nothing whatsoever to do with climate change or caring for the environment, as we already know in Germany that emissions have not reduced, and that already struggling creatures and their habitats are destroyed. This is about money, pure and simple.

Regards,

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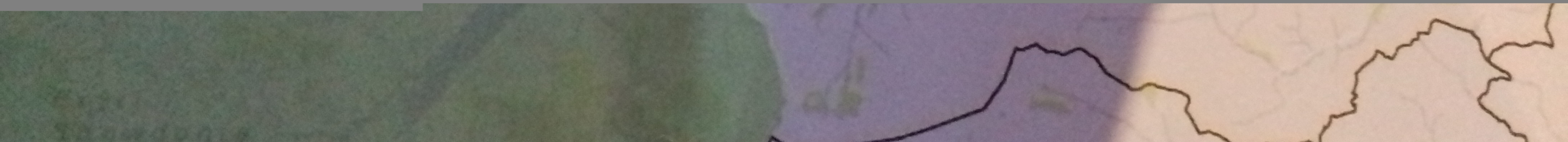
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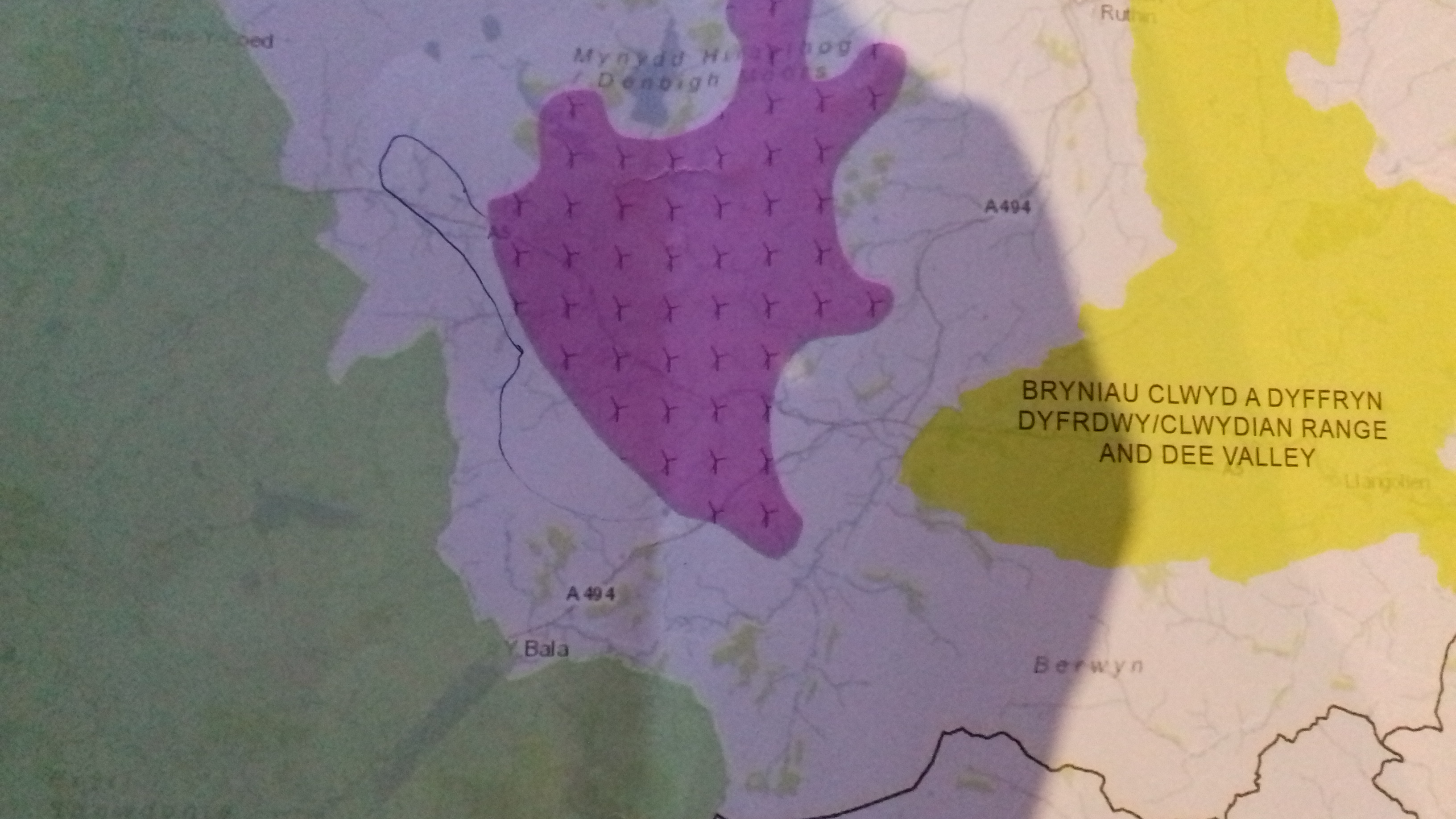
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