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To whom it may concern

Having just been made aware of the Welsh government's plans to ride roughshod over the people of Powys with their enormous and unacceptable plans to destroy the countryside and local environment by so doing, we are hereby making our strong objection.

We note there is mention of 'presumed acceptance' which is a surprise: in case you are unaware, there have been well-organised campaigns here in Powys to reject proposals such as these. We add our voices to those protests for the following reasons:-

- The Mid Wales landscape is one of the most beautiful in the UK; it attracts many visitors and it is thus in the environmental and economic interests that it should be protected. I would suggest those who propose this wreckage come and ask people who live here if they find this 'landscape change' acceptable or not, rather than taking the lazy option of presuming one way or the other.
- In England, local councils are able to determine Wind Energy applications, and applications must have the backing of local communities to be approved. It is unacceptable that applications in Wales are determined through a decision by Welsh Government Ministers and not local authorities.
- There is insufficient road and highway access across North Powys to facilitate large scale wind development and associated infrastructure. To gain required access would mean tearing up hedgerows and possibly road-widening together with endless road works: how 'green' is all that? It is clearly not. which is hardly in the interest of the environment, to say nothing of the wanton destruction of that environment. And for what? Wind turbines are woefully inefficient, producing only about 19% efficiency and have a short lifespan after which they have to be replaced. My understanding is that the huge concrete plinth upon which they stand also not only has to be replaced but re-sited, thus leading to an ugly concrete patchwork across what was beautiful countryside. There are also serious drainage issues that come with this.
- We find it hard to see any sense in these proposals; in pursuit of 'green' energy the Welsh government is prepared to inflict carnage on the environment, cause untold misery for many people, ruin the local economy, wreck the road network and also please take into account the pollution created by the mining, manufacture and transportation of these next-to-useless items of 'green' political correctness. And all for what? 19% efficiency and that they can only be used when the wind is blowing within a narrowly-defined speed corridor. And it should also be remembered that in winter when we have days of snow and it's bitterly cold, there is no wind. That is when people would really need the energy.

Build a nuclear power station instead; it's zero carbon (for those who subscribe to this New Age religion) and produces the power we need, in the quantity we need it and when we need it. You can build it in our garden if you like.

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