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I comment on the above document as follows:

I believe that the beautiful landscape of Mid Wales has an intrinsic value which cannot be quantified in monetary terms. However, it is obviously a major asset to the county and plays a an important part in the tourist economy of the area.

This tourism supports thousands of businesses and jobs.

In England, local councils are able to determine wind energy applications and they must have the backing of local communities before they can be approved. This seems fair and democratic, unlike the system in Wales where the decisions are made by Welsh Government Ministers. I call for local democracy to decide these matters.

The proposals in the document do not detail how any energy generated will be connected to the National Grid.

We all agree that we need to make greater use of renewable energy but the scale of what is proposed for Mid Wales, together with what is already in place is absolutely unacceptable.

A greater use of solar panels needs to be promoted, by legislation if necessary on all public buildings and new-builds.

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