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We write to formally register our total opposition to the new Draft NDF.

The document suggests that there will be a presumption in favour of "large scale on-shore wind and solar energy development in areas of mid-Wales, and AN ACCEPTANCE of landscape change".

Nobody has asked us for our opinions, as ever the local population is never consulted, there is just an assumption in Cardiff Bay that our opinions and thoughts are irrelevant. One is forced to ask whether such decisions would be taken without consulting the local population, or even considered as a possibility, if this area was covered by a couple of marginal Labour held constituencies, where a small change in voting habits could remove the Government's majority in the Senedd. We think not.

At a time when the emphasis UK-wide is for further development of wind power should be concentrated off-shore, where the power is produced far more cheaply and far more reliably and where installation costs have now reduced dramatically from the early off-shore sites, makes the proposals in the Draft NDF questionable to say the least. It is high time that the Welsh Government realised that we are now in the 21st Century, and that technology and thinking has moved on.

Only in Wales could a Government produce such a document, making assumptions without any evidence whatsoever and without consulting the local people first.

The Draft NDF is a disgrace, it should be withdrawn, and the Government, we use the term loosely, should start again - after first holding meetings throughout the Country to discover what the public - who at the end of the day voted them into Office - think about the whole question of energy production in the future. Dare we just mention the Swansea Bay scheme? - predictable power, something wind can never be, and last time we checked Wales does have quite a lot of coastline.

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