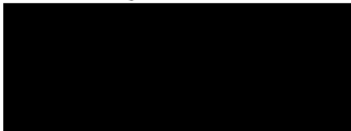
  
Mrs Beryl Crone  


28<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Welsh Government Draft National Development Framework Consultation

To Whom it may concern;

The Welsh Government have identified large areas of Mid Wales for on-shore wind and solar energy development. According to this document there will be a presumption in favour of these developments and the acceptance of landscape changes by the general public. The proposals do not include any detail of how the energy produced would be connected to the National Grid. The population of Mid Wales have previously made their views known regarding Pylon construction in rural communities.

This document was published during the August recess when A.M's were not sitting so could not be scrutinized by them before publication. Wales is a democratic nation, why then are the Welsh Government determined to ignore the needs and views of the people they represent. Time has been spent discussing Brexit over which Welsh Government has no jurisdiction but appears not prepared to devote time for scrutiny of this DMDF document by AM's

The Welsh Government must not be allowed to interfere in the planning priorities of Powys in an attempt to impose large scale wind and solar energy developments on Mid Wales communities against the local people's will. In England local councils are able to determine Wind Farm applications which must have the backing of the local communities before they are approved. It is unacceptable that in Wales such a decision can be made by Welsh Government and not local councils.

Our rural economy supports thousands of businesses and jobs that are dependant on the scenic landscape which must be protected and such suggested changes are entirely unacceptable. The road and highway access across Mid and North Powys is insufficient to facilitate large scale wind development and its associated infrastructure.

I like many others support renewable energy and economic development in Rural areas and agree we must invest in renewable technologies, Off- Shore, Hydro and Tidal energy producing schemes deserve further consultations and scrutiny before any decisions are made.

Thank you for your consideration on the above.

Yours sincerely,  
