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## Regarding Wind And Solar Priority Areas

I strongly object to the Energy section of the Welsh Government's draft LPD. Particularly unacceptable is the wording 'there will be a presumption in favour of large-scale on-shore wind and solar energy development in these (designated) areas and **an acceptance of landscape change**'' Allowing large swathes of Powys to be covered in turbines and solar farms without regard to the landscape and local opinion is irresponsible and a real threat to the overall well-being and economic basis of the majority of residents in rural Wales.

Why should such unprecedented power be given to the central Welsh government? English local councils are able to decide about wind enegy proposals and they require community support before being approved.

The ARUP assessment states as an aim 1 Gigabite of wind energy locally owned, yet does not consider the reality that most of the current wind farms have been financed and are controlled by foreign powers. It also doe not take into account the now recognised fact that electricity from wind energy will have to have 100% back-up energy sources to be reliable.

If the highlands throughout Wales are developed with turbines up to 250 metres, these towering wind farms will be visible from everywhere, ruining the views of even the National parks and Areas of Outstanding Beauty. The UK is an over-crowded and disturbed country, so the precious space, quiet and beauty of Welsh countryside needs urgently to be protected and preserved for visitors and residents alike.

Further, the draft does not properly recognise that Welsh road and transport systems are too small to handle large developments. Nor does it address how the proposed energy produced will reach the National Grid, with pylons another potential mar on the landscape.

Much more consideration is required to find ways of best fulfilling energy needs using less disturbing methods.

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