

NDF Team

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Planning Policy Branch.

Welsh Government.

We are absolutely appalled by the new Draft proposals by the Welsh Government to construct wind farms over large areas of Powys - on the beautiful hills and mountains which are the jewels of glorious Powys.

These plans were published in August when the Assembly was not sitting, and the whole thing seems to have been proposed without any consultation with Powys County Council whose Local Development Plans allow for solar development "but no further search areas for wind development". Why is Cardiff ignoring local democracy and ruling by a kind of dictatorship? For our part, the thought of our lovely countryside being ravaged by wind farms is unsupportable. How can you state "there is an acceptance of landscape change in these areas" - it's entirely unacceptable.

Has the Welsh Government considered the impact on tourism? This is growing and employs very many people. Visitors come because of the wild, unspoilt scenery, not to see it destroyed by wind farms. The rural economy in general supports thousands of businesses and jobs, all dependent on scenic mid-Wales landscapes. What about the devastation that would be caused by both the construction of the wind farms and by the pylons etc. needed to connect energy to the National Grid?

It is unacceptable that these draft proposals are determined through a decision by Welsh Government Ministers and not by local authorities. WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO DEMOCRACY?!!!

Yours sincerely,

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