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First Minister  
 H Welsh Government.  
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ref. draft National Development  
 Framework - Priority Areas for  
 Expansion renewable energy.  
 - Interim response.

It is incredibly disappointing to see, once again, targetting of the wild & wonderful uplands of Wales for industrialisation by wind turbines (to a lesser extent solar arrays)

The arguments against this technology are well-known (its intermittent nature, the need for grid connections, new roads, the high carbon footprint of concrete, the absence of local benefits or jobs)

Surely decision-makers in the Welsh Government can understand that the beauty of landscape is a finite resource of greater benefit to Wales than wind turbines, — biodiversity, peat preservation, flood management, tourism .....

It will be a tragedy to despoil such natural beauty, & I implore the Welsh Government to think very carefully before taking this route to renewables

I love Wales and lived in mid-Wales & worked there for 35 years — please, please spare it. We really need to harness wave & tidal power — the technology is there, but the political will is required.

I have looked at the Consultation Response form, but it doesn't appear very relevant to the my main concerns which reject the National Development Framework's emphasis on large windfarms, on shore.

The feedback process for ordinary members of the public is not user-friendly  $\therefore$  I have restricted myself to addressing the wind farm issue.

I am not sure what the Welsh Government wants. Do any of your members actually love Wales? Do any politicians in Wales have any interests in defending beautiful views? preserving fine sweeping landscapes for future generations to enjoy? What motivates & drives you all? The aspirations for reducing carbon emissions are arbitrary, & meaningless in the global context where China & India have increasing populations & still burn coal, and where forests in Indonesia, Amazonia, Africa, are being illegally logged for palm oil production & cattle grazing.

We must treasure our uplands. If we don't future generations will judge you all harshly for bad decisions.

Did we learn nothing from Cefn Croes?  
(all of the papers are lodged in the National Library of Wales archives)

Please please turn around before it is too late.

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