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To: [NDE](#)
Subject: Wind farm proposal
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Dear Sirs,

As a property owner at The Pentre, above Mochdre in Powys, I am writing to register my objection to the for the following reasons:

1. They are ugly and will be an eternal blight on the landscape. Our children, grandchildren and all future generations will never, ever be able to enjoy, or have any concept of the unspoilt Welsh hills.

Prince Charles has described them as a, "horrendous blot on the landscape".

A very apt description.

He refuses to have any built on his Highgrove Estate or on any estate belonging to The Duchy of Cornwall, so why should The Welsh Hills be treated differently?

I understand that he is a strong proponent of building wind farms offshore.

2. They only produce electricity when the wind is blowing and are thus far more efficient when sited offshore where the wind is reasonably constant.

The state of South Australia, which has become increasingly dependent on renewable energy and where electricity prices are higher than any other state in Australia, was completely blacked out for many hours about a year ago when there was no wind.

Ironically, the complete shutdown was caused by an inter connector failure, through which the state had been quietly supporting its green credentials with power from coal fired generators in Victoria.

3. They kill birds in large numbers.

The MacArthur Windfarm in Victoria, Australia, which is tiny when compared to the proposal in question, kills at least 1,500 birds a year. This includes 500 rare or endangered raptors such as Wedge Tailed Eagles, Brown Falcons, Nankeen Kestrels, Black Shouldered Kites and Spotted Harriers.

As the local paper wrote, 'If someone shot this many birds they would be fined and jailed and there would be public outrage'.

In 2014, The Smithsonian Institute (USA) calculated, from a meta analysis of published data, that up to 328,000 birds were killed every year by wind farms in the States by wind turbines. They projected that the number would grow as the size of turbines increased, because they kill more birds, particularly raptors.

So if the proposition went ahead it would probably clear the Welsh Skies of Kites and Buzzards in addition to a host of other birds.

4. Wind turbines produce a penetrating and very disturbing noise which is transmitted over a considerable distance.

When my wife and I were last in Wales and went out for an evening walk, we heard what I thought was a tractor in a nearby field. I eventually tracked the noise down to a single wind turbine two miles away in Dolfor.

Some years ago a farmer near our house at The Pentre, despite intense local opposition, was granted permission to erect a single wind turbine on a hill on his property. I understand that the constant noise, particularly at night, literally drove a nearby resident out of his mind. There were court proceedings which you will be able to refer to.

Not far from where we live in Australia the Bald Hills Wind Farm was erected. From the first day there were complaints about the noise generated which were denied by the local council and the Japanese developer.

Eventually an independent investigator was appointed and deemed that the turbine noise constituted a nuisance to extent that the local council was liable to act under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008.

I understand that a Queens Counsel is now deliberating on a class action for damages and that a Supreme Court in Victoria hearing is to consider forcing the wind farm to close down.

Taking account of the above information, I respectfully suggest that the proposal is discarded in favour of placing the turbines offshore.

Yours faithfully,
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