

18th July 2016

Dear Sir,

RE-DETERMINATION of LLANBRYNMAIR and CARNEDD WEN WIND FARM  
APPLICATIONS and all associated infrastructure.

In respect of the above I wish to refer the Secretary of State to the statement I made to the  
Conjoined Public Inquiry in Welshpool, dated 3rd April 2014:-

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"My name is [redacted] and I was brought up not many miles away from here. We had no electricity and lived perfectly normal lives without it. When it arrived in the countryside, during the 1950s I think, it was a great boon, making life easier and cleaner, though it was expensive. What began as a blessing, swiftly became a need that we couldn't do without and today this need has escalated to such a pitch that the people of Mid Wales are being threatened with the sacrifice of their environment to satisfy it. I don't exaggerate.

The Mid Wales landscape is infinitely precious and irreplaceable. The many areas already sadly supporting windfarms, show how devastatingly incongruous it is to strew the hills with concrete and steel. Our wild and lonely places may be 'out of sight, out of mind' in London, Birmingham and Cardiff, until those living there want to come here on holiday. The loss and the shame if this industrialisation is allowed to continue will be felt throughout Britain.

Sir, I respectfully submit that there are other, less harmful means of generating electricity elsewhere and beg you to refuse these applications."

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I submit to the Secretary of State that I am ignoring neither global warming, nor the nation's need for electricity and if I believed that sacrificing our country would halt the first and that wind turbines would provide sufficient of the latter I would feel guilty in writing this letter, but I feel very strongly indeed that we shall rue the day if we abandon our very environment in this vain attempt. Our Welsh bogs and wild places are as important to the planet as the rain forests and there is less of them. If we allow them to disappear under concrete what harm will we have done?

This applies not only to the turbines and windfarms themselves, but to the whole necessary associated infrastructure, particularly lines of pylons encroaching on historic farmland, carrying the electricity from the generating station to England, on which subject I have had considerable correspondence with the National Grid.



The answer to the problem surely lies in other sources of energy, including nuclear. Maybe it should be part of our evolution that a substance conceived for mass destruction, correctly managed, shall save the world.

Yours sincerely,

