

(Energy Development)

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 July 2016 12:06
To: National Infrastructure Consents
Subject: Llanbrynmair and Carnedd Wen proposed windfarm developments

Dear Sirs

I wish to object to both proposed developments of wind farms at Llanbrynmair and Carnedd Wen.

The visual impact of the Llanbrynmair site would destroy large swathes of pristine plateau landscape and the additional access roads required would extend this destruction of habitat for moor dwelling birds. The Carnedd Wen development is on such an unprecedented scale as to eliminate a very large forest and despoil a whole area of hitherto undisturbed moorland. The combined and cumulative effect of the proposed huge turbine array would make it inaccessible for local residents and wholly undesirable for visitors or tourists.

These proposed sites should not be viewed in isolation but should be aggregated with other existing and proposed windfarm sites to show the wholly disproportionate destruction of the distinctive, beautiful and increasingly scarce areas of rural peace in Powys. Powys has hitherto been a place where hill walkers, cyclists and bird watchers have visited and tourism and its associated employment will be impacted greatly should these proposed sites be allowed.

Token shifting of a small number of turbines from either Carnedd Wen or Llanbrynmair sites does nothing to mitigate the overwhelming impact of these proposed windfarms and their access roads and tracks. The visualisation of the sites is wholly inadequate and fails to convey the scale of development.

The environmental information does not adequately explain the impact on the sites of the necessary excavation of foundations for the turbines and the access tracks with the drainage they will require, nor does it detail how the foundations will be removed and the ground reinstated at the end of the life of the windfarm.

The main routes to reach both these sites are classed as A roads but there is little or no evaluation of the terrain over which these roads pass, the erosion of the verges with dangerous twists turns and lack of passing places on the roads which all contribute to making these sites unsuitable and pose a threat to other road users and a huge deterrent to tourists who visit the area in caravans and motorhomes, as such the impact statements are wholly inadequate. Figures regarding construction and personnel traffic are vague and understated.

The proposed sites would require the construction of a hub and power lines to transport the electricity, since September 2015 there has been no planning permission granted for such installations. Should permission be granted for the sites it would force the issue of connection to the national grid and unduly influence the building of a hub.

Yours faithfully