

29th July 2016

To _

I write in support of the applications of Carnedd Wen and Llanbrynmair wind farms.

Following a year long public inquiry, the planning inspector recommended consent for both wind farms. He has listened to the evidence and given his reasons which he is qualified to do.

I would be supportive of the secretary of state if he was to follow the planning inspectors' recommendations.

During the inquiry process, not once has my MP, Glyn Davies replied to any of my correspondence requesting to meet to discuss the benefits of renewable energy. He has chosen to side with a minority of climate change deniers which in total represent less than 5% of the Powys population. The numbers opposed to renewable energy locally reflect the official government statistics in their public attitude trackers <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/public-attitudes-tracking-survey-wave-18>

I am particularly pleased to note that my local planning authority, Powys county council have dropped their original objections to these two wind farms.

I would welcome the investment into to the local supply chain if these two windfarms are to be consented. This is something which the Montgomeryshire economy cannot afford to turn down. Powys has the lowest GDP in the UK. The economy here is dependent on the largest sector which is agriculture. Our area is unable to attract investment from other sectors as our existing grid is at full capacity. As a result, our wages are low and more and more young people are leaving the area to find decent work. This is having a negative effect on services. There are currently plans to close a number of high schools due to falling pupil numbers. To prevent this, we need to create jobs and create opportunities for other businesses in our area for young families to remain living here. The benefits that these two wind farms will bring to our area through job creation and business created in the local supply chain will help make the Powys economy become more sustainable.

I am supportive of these two wind farms which if consented will help meet our legally binding renewable energy and climate change targets.

Regards