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Energy Infrastructure Planning Team,
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Dear Secretary of State

I am responding to the request for opinions regarding the re determination of wind farm applications made by RWE Innogy's 150MW Carnedd Wen and RES 90MW Llanbrynmair wind farms that formed part of the Powys mega-inquiry.

I feel strongly that the original decision made by the Secretary of State should stand. I am therefore writing to strongly support the original decision made by the previous Secretary of State to reject both applications and to convey our anxiety due to the High Court decision.

I believe the energy that the energy policy in Wales and UK is flawed and requires a total review for the following reasons:

1. The economy of Wales will be adversely affected by planning policy surrounding wind farms:
 - a. Reduced tourism leading to major job losses.
 - b. Roads blocked and damaged by transporting turbines and infrastructure.
 - c. House prices and business values reduced leading to school closures and people moving from the area.
2. Increased health risks from sub-stations and pylons (Draper Report).
3. Technical Advice Note 8 (TAN 8) should be scrapped. The overall cumulative effect of the wind farm and pylon infrastructure is not considered in any of the planning policies.
4. On shore wind turbines are less efficient than other forms of renewable energy (solar, off-shore, digesters.....)
5. Wind turbines and pylons are visually obtrusive and will ruin our landscape and our environment. (Flooding, forests destroyed, noise....)

In conclusion, I am opposed to the current energy policy and planning process in Wales and urge the Secretary of State to uphold the original decision to reject the two applications for this ill-conceived plan.

Yours sincerely