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Dear Sirs

Re-determination of the application by RES UK – Windfarms at Llanbrynmair and Carnedd Wen, Powys, Mid-Wales

This Estate manages around 15,000 acres of the Welsh countryside and is acutely conscious of the need to act responsibly when dealing with anything that affects our wonderful landscape. The Estate also has extensive interest in mines and minerals in Mid Wales, in particular Carnedd Wen where these interests may be, in part, sterilised as a result of the development. Nonetheless we support the applications in principle.

However, landscape impact – We have previously made submissions, hereby repeated, that the Secretary of State insists that the developers do not paint turbine masts and any associated pylons in a single colour. We believe the impact on the landscape by these unnatural structures can be mitigated with the use of varying shades of colour, chosen to best suit the background against which they are most commonly seen. The lower part of mast towers are often against the hillside where their colours should be earth colours of browns and greens (similar to army camouflage colours), and where the backdrop is sky, the whole or the upper part of the tower should use shades of blues, grey, white (similar to naval battleship camouflage).

Enclosed is an (amateurish) illustration of what we mean.

We trust the Secretary of State can be persuaded to build a proposal upon these lines into any approved scheme for these two windfarms, and indeed any others.

Yours faithfully

A SIMPLE MEASURE TO MITIGATE THE VISUAL IMPACT OF TURBINE MASTS



USE "MOTTLED" OR APPROPRIATE COLOURS TO SUIT THE BACK-DROP MOST COMMONLY SEEN.



EARTH COLOURS FOR HILLSIDES - BLUE/GRAY/WHITE FOR SKY  
THIS BREAKS UP THE UN-NATURAL LINEAR STRUCTURES

