

(Energy Development)

From:
Sent: 04 October 2016 09:28
To: National Infrastructure Consents
Subject: Ref Redetermination of Llanbrynmair and Carnedd Wen Windfarms
Attachments: DECC statement 2.pdf; Scan_Doc0167.pdf

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing with regards to the redetermination of Carnedd Wen and Llanbrynmair Windfarms. As you are no doubt aware there is a huge threat to the countryside of mid Wales from these and subsequent developments. Our business and that of many other tourism based businesses in the area rely heavily on the tranquil, unspoilt environment. I have attached previously submitted documents, one from 2013 and one from 2015 for your attention. The holiday caravan business is a strong UK based industry – in these uncertain times it is vital that thriving UK business is allowed to continue. I cannot emphasise strongly enough that the mid Wales will benefit in no way from these developments and that any energy produced will not make any significant impact on the UK's energy requirements. If you should wish to discuss this matter further please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Tel.

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DOLGEAD HALL

Select Caravan and Lodge Park



1st June 2015

Dear Ms Rudd,

I am writing with regards to the wind farm inquiry which was held in Welshpool, Powys – the files of which should be on your desk.

My husband and I own and run a holiday home park near Llanfair Caereinion with 156 pitches. We are within a National Grid Corridor for 46m high pylons. Pylons and high voltage lines will be a direct consequence of any large wind farms which are developed.

All of our caravans and lodges are owner occupied, this means that customers have invested in a holiday home on our park, with prices ranging from £15,000 to £180,000. This value being in both the structure of the holiday home and the location it is situated.

They and the 5,000 other owners of holiday homes in the area have a vested interest in the local environment and communities of mid Wales.

The key points I would like to raise with regards to the culminative impact of the multiple wind farms and associated infra structure are:

1. **Long Term Loss of Income.** Our business relies on the picturesque, tranquil environment of mid Wales. Unprecedented, large scale wind turbine development will extensively and irreversibly damage the visual amenity of the county and the viability of our business in both the long and short term.

This has a direct impact on the number of people we can employ and amount we would use local contractors / businesses.

The potential loss of holiday home owners in the area will have massive implications for a large spectrum of different businesses in the area, from high street shops to restaurants and tourist attractions. Each privately owned holiday home pitch contributes at least £8,000 to the local economy (Caravan Club 2008).

2. **Construction Traffic Affecting Tourist Traffic.** If our customers experience recurrent delays in travelling to and around mid Wales they may choose another area in which to own a holiday home.
3. **Holiday Home Owners Not Consulted.** None of the holiday home owners in mid Wales have been consulted with regards to the loss of visual amenity in the area (wind turbines and pylons) and the construction traffic implications they may experience. As Holiday Home Park Owners we felt a personal responsibility to inform our existing holiday home owners and any new customers of the development proposals. This was done purely due to moral conscience.

Following the general election and the pledges made in the Conservative manifesto, the Department of Energy and Climate Change are now in a very unique position, a position where common sense, preservation of the environment and low cost energy all fall within the same course of action;

SAY NO TO LARGE SCALE WINDFARM DEVELOPMENT

I do hope that common sense is allowed to triumph and please do contact me if you would like to discuss my concerns further.

Yours sincerely,





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Details of Caravan and Lodge Park Businesses in mid Wales

The vast majority of holiday home parks in mid Wales operate as second homes for holiday makers. There is very little hire fleet.

Customers purchase holiday homes (static caravan or lodge) which are located on a holiday park. This initial investment by the customer ranges from £8,000 to £200,000. The customer then pays an annual site fee.

Taking this in to account, any study which looks at wind farm impacts on visitor numbers, does not allow for the impacts on the volume of people investing in holiday homes in mid Wales.

In Montgomeryshire alone there are a minimum of 4700 holiday homes

Many caravan and holiday home parks which lie within the pylon corridor fear for their businesses.

Many are fearful that getting involved is a campaign against the proposals because they think it is futile and would alienate their existing customers.

Many are fearful of informing any new customers of the proposals due to the negative impact it would have on their business before any developments actually take place.

Dolgead Hall does inform new customers but has had to resort to offering a 100% purchase price refund (with 10 year expiry) if the power lines did come over the park. This has been necessary to secure sales.

No wind farm and pylon impact study has been carried out on this large sector of the tourism market.

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