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Dear Mr Scott

Re-determination of the application by RES ("Llanbrynmair") and RWE ("Carnedd Wen")

I understand that I have been asked to comment on the representations, which the Secretary of State received in response to the Statement of Matters. I wish to add my strong objections to both wind farms proposals – although I didn't receive the letter (although am in interested/involved person).

My family have farmed in Montgomeryshire for many years. We have adapted our farming to meet the changing times, while looking after the wildlife and local habitats at the same time. Agricultural rules and regulations have tightened to ensure that care is now taken with all farming methods and wildlife and conservation have high consideration.

If industrial wind developers achieve their goals, the hills of Montgomeryshire will be impacted by these, and many more wind farms. Surely, we all have a duty of care to the countryside and surrounding area. Should these wind farms get the go ahead, then the next consideration will be transmission lines – lines that travel on huge pylons through beautiful countryside as they weave through and across the valleys for many miles into England. Therefore, please consider all wind farm applications and subsequent power line proposals to make an informed decision.

Questions were asked about the adequacy of the environmental information produced in support of these applications for the Development, and whether further or updated environmental information is now necessary. We had surveys at our farm when the Mid Wales Connection route was being considered. Dates and times were set for surveying teams to visit, but the surveyors did not always attend the pre-determined visits. The quickest survey I witnessed took about 10 minutes, where the surveyor arrived in the farmyard, walked around it, then left without any actual surveying taking place at all. If other surveys were conducted in this manner by developers, then a true reflection of the environment and its ecology would not be found. I presume new proper environmental surveys would be carried out, should these developments be granted.

My objections are also covered in the representations that you have received from local Councils and other objection groups. There is concern about the accumulative impact of these two projects going ahead, but the consideration should also include the other wind farms that are already erected in the area. Greg Clarke stated in June last year that "local people have the final say" on wind farm applications, fulfilling the commitment made in the Conservative election manifesto. Please listen to the majority of people in Montgomeryshire, take advice from people who know how inefficient these turbines are, and turn down these re-determinations for the wind farms.

Yours sincerely