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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 on behalf of my family and my community 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.

Industrial scale windfarms and National Grid pylons are planned that will impact the whole of Mid Wales. The impact of the building phase on our fragile infrastructure is likely to be devastating with an eight year construction phase. Our region relies on tourism and therefore our landscape. This has not been taken into account in the planning of these developments and no assessment of the **cumulative effect** has been undertaken which points to the arrogance of the developers.

Communities across Mid Wales have been galvanised into action with an alliance of 20 organisations opposing the plans by the energy developers. Protestors from Mid Wales travelled to the Senedd in Cardiff to hold the biggest protest seen in Cardiff Bay when the plans were announced. Glyn Davies, our MP has played a key role in this and as a community we are so grateful to him and the Conservative Government in supporting the community.



“DOWN WITH SORT OF THING” – Montgomeryshire Against Windfarms – Cardiff Bay Protest

The subsidy system has provided a wind energy bonanza. As wind turbines are so unreliable, it effectively cancels out any benefit in CO2 reduction as we have to rely on conventional forms of energy generation as back up. The benefits are very limited as the technology is imported and job creation very limited, whilst the disadvantages are numerous. In terms of the economy there will be a large loss of jobs due to the negative effects of the building phase and the impact of the final development on landscape/tourism.

The proposed windfarms will reap devastation on a fragile rural economy and eco system.

We urge the Secretary of State to uphold the original decision to reject the two application for this ill-conceived plan.

Yours sincerely