



The Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales Montgomeryshire Branch

**ELECTRICITY ACT 1989: RE-DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR BUSINESS, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY OF THE LLANBRYNMAIR & CARNEDD WEN WIND FARM PLANNING APPLICATIONS
THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2000 ("The 2000 Regulations")
THE CONSERVATION OF HABITATS AND SPECIES REGULATIONS 2017 ("The Habitats Regulations")**

Response from the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales (CPRW) Montgomeryshire Branch

We would respectfully remind the Secretary of State that the vast majority of the local population maintain their strong objection to these two schemes as evidenced in the Inspector's report. Equally, all the Alliance's (of which CPRW Montgomeryshire was a part) evidence submitted at the Conjoined Public Inquiry, and in all subsequent representations to the SoS, still remain. The government is, as stated in your 'Electricity development consents,' intending 'to implement its manifesto commitment to give local people (in England and Wales) greater say in determining applications to build onshore wind farms in their local areas.'

On the specific issue raised here of the likely effect upon merlin, hen harrier and peregrine of the two windfarms, which as the location maps show are to all intents and purposes one very large windfarm, CPRW Montgomeryshire is of the opinion that the species are of such rarity and in such a threatened state that the precautionary principle should obviously apply. As NRW point out, it is unlikely that any desk-based study will provide definitive and sufficient evidence that such a development will not harm these protected species.

As BEIS points out in the letter to NRW all the species are present on the two sites and NRW, we presume in evidence not in the public domain, are of the opinion that there will be interchange between the sites and the Berwyn SPA so it is evident that these sites are clearly not suitable locations for such development.