

(Energy Development & Resilience)

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LLANSANTFFRAID AND DEYTHEUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**CYNGOR CYMUNED - LLANSANFFRAID****& DEUDDWR**

Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)
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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")

Dear Sir,

I write as Chairman of our Community Council (CC) in Llansantffraid and Deytheur. The CC is elected by the largest village community in the Montgomeryshire Vyrnwy valley with a population of c. 2,000 which rises to c. 4,000 in the summer tourism months. We have a direct interest in the issues which you as Secretary of State will address in your re-determinations. This stems from the negative downstream impacts which would arise if the above applications were approved and the wind farms constructed.

Over the last decade our community has been under threat from developers, encouraged to an extent by the Welsh Government and other public authorities, proposing to develop industrial-scale wind and solar projects in the Powys uplands to export electricity to English cities and towns. These projects have been on hold for several years pending UK Government decisions and were the subject of a major Conjoined Public Inquiry ending in May 2014.

If constructed, the wind and solar farm projects would, according to National Grid plc, require a 42 km super-highway of 400 kV overhead power transmission lines mostly on 50+ metre-high pylons to convey the electricity to the grid in England. This controversial scheme, currently suspended, is known as the "Mid Wales Connection" (MWC). Best estimates are that it would cost a staggering £550 - £850 million, all to be recovered ultimately from the electricity bill-payer.

The MWC would pass directly through Llansantffraid, crossing the river Vyrnwy 13 times in 3 miles, destroying the landscape and our built heritage of listed buildings. It would pass between our 5 holiday parks, with over 850 holiday homes all of which would be blighted. These, along with agriculture, are the foundation of our local economy. The MWC threat has already caused business closures, job losses and much stress to local people.

This Community Council supports the deployment of renewable energy in our area but not at the industrial-scale level proposed by the wind farm developers, all foreign-owned companies attracted by the subsidies offered. We hope that in making your re-determinations you will give careful consideration to these downstream impacts so that we may avoid the destructive and potentially disastrous consequences seen so far.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman of Llansantffraid & Deytheur Community Council,
 cc. Clerk to the Community Council (letterhead address)