

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Inquiry into Energy Policy and Planning in Wales

EPP 138 – Jan and Martin Watt

The Welsh Assembly's TAN 8 document which proposes the building of massive wind turbines across mid Wales and huge pylons across mid Wales and north Shropshire must be reviewed for the following reasons:

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Tan 8 was written some years ago and is clearly out of date.

- Wind turbine technology has moved on and so have other forms of electricity production.

- The amount of physical/environmental and visual damage is totally disproportionate to the benefits.

- There has been no environmental study done in TAN 8.

- On shore wind turbines are inefficient producers of electricity and will have to be augmented.

- Turbines and pylons will impact on the countryside and destroy the thriving tourist industry.

- The property market and tourism is already being affected by the TAN8 proposals.

- The construction of these turbines and pylons will cause huge environmental damage.

- Communities, roads and the local economies will be badly disrupted for over 5 years.

- None of the communities affected by this proposal can be compensated for this level of destruction

- Please note too that the Welsh Assembly acted unilaterally as it never consulted Shropshire.

- Shropshire will be affected by increased flooding, environmental/visual/economic damage too!

Please take all these issues into account.

Thank you.

Jan and Martin Watt