

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Inquiry into Energy Policy and Planning in Wales

EPP 174 – Michael Bowen

Dear Sir,

The National Grids exhibitions in North Shropshire with regards to the High Voltage lines exposed there lack of planning. They had no concept that the Rivers Severn, Vyrnwy and there tributaries flood on a regular basis and that a considerable area of land north of Welshpool, to Shrewsbury and Llanymynech is affected. With Villages cut off and roads under water for weeks. Particularly in the Melvely and Maesbrook areas, making the area difficult for access.

The areas of North and West Shropshire and East Wales, have had money invested in them to promote Tourism, develop the many Heritage sites that exist, and establish SSI's in sensitive environments. .

Tourists on whom the area is heavily dependant for income, do not come to view pylons. No matter how pretty the Grid think they are.

The visual impact of pylons, is awful, they are noisy, particularly when it is damp or wet, and there is the Draper report linking them to an increase in childhood Leukaemia.

The construction of the wind farms themselves, and the connecting infra structure has to be moved through residential areas on minor roads, over a possible 5 year period.

HOW CAN THE WELSH ASSEMBLE EVEN CONSIDER APPROVING THIS.

Regards

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