

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Inquiry into Energy Policy and Planning in Wales

EPP 256 – John Williams

I wish to express my concerns for the continued building of wind farms across Mid-Wales. What has not been given proper consideration is the damage to the unique unspoilt rural character of the area.

My immediate neighbour at Tanygraig, Meifod has established a small Bed and Breakfast business which has a 4 star Wales Tourist Board listing. Some of the customers are walkers following the Glyndwr trail and last year I happened to speak to a Dutch couple who had enjoyed the rural walking scenery but the proximity of the trail to wind turbines had reduced their experience. As a result they did not wish to repeat the experience and they stated that now wind turbines in Holland were being removed.

There is already a blight following a possible National Grid pylon route through the Meifod valley and no possible compensation to householders for the unexpected property devaluation which is very wrong

The vast majority of local residents with whom I have spoken are against these Wind farm and infrastructure developments to the detriment of the traditional lifestyle values of the area.

Totally opposed to this flawed energy policy.

John Williams