

Tourism Awkward Questions

Q. Do they know what impact pylons will have on tourism?

A. *Alarmingly huge, people come to the countryside to get away from industrialised landscapes*

Q. Do they know how much tourism is worth in Montgomeryshire?

A. *Tourism in Montgomeryshire was valued at £358 million was supported 6,300 jobs. This is a large percentage of the local work force.*

Q. Have they done any research in to the estimated effect of the transport of the abnormal loads to develop the wind farms and pylons?

A. *Based on current turbine estimate of 470, the 3,300 long distance abnormal load movements will take a minimum of five years to complete at a rate of three vehicle per convoy and three convoys per day Monday to Friday. Police may restrict numbers extending delivery timescale. Again not really encouraging holiday maker to the area. Come to mid Wales and spend your leisure time stuck in a traffic jam!*

Q. Do they know how many caravan holiday home parks and subsequent number of pitches are going to be affected on the Meifod valley corridor?

A. *By National Grid on this route alone 12 parks will be affected with average 150 pitches per park, that's 1800 holiday home pitches.*

Q. Do they know the how much each caravan holiday home pitch contributes in to the economy annually?

A. *Each owned and rented caravan holiday home contributes around £8,000 and £15,000 respectively and a touring caravan pitch contributes around £15,000 annually.*

27 million pounds lost just in this corridor!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Fact and figures are from Mid Wales Tourism if they ask.