

WAG E&S Committee Inquiry Feedback Guidance

Following our protest in Cardiff the Welsh Government has set up the Environment and Sustainability Committee to lead an inquiry to consider;

- How the current devolution arrangements for energy policy and planning affect the delivery of the Welsh Government's desired future 'energy mix' in Wales
- The consideration of the two petitions regarding the Welsh Government planning guidance as it relates to onshore wind energy and the impact on local communities and infrastructure

We need as many individuals to state their views via the written letter or email:

Environment and Sustainability Committee
Cardiff Bay
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Submissions should be made in writing with audio and video evidence accepted in either English or Welsh.

Submissions must arrive no later than the 23rd September.

Please remember that the wind power companies and their employee's will also be replying.

The Committee will be considering 2 petitions;

- a. No to TAN8 wind farms & high voltage lines spoiling our communities
- b. Transport of wind turbines in mid Wales

Below are some ideas and points that may be able to help you with your reply. It does not have to be complicated even a simple response that TAN8 is out of date with a few lines of explanation supporting your view will be sufficient.

TAN 8

1. Total disregard for visual amenity - 606ft Turbines - Mid Wales is beautiful the views are stunning. Within the SSA's presumption you will have to accept a change in landscape character.
2. Huge swages of forest to be cut down to accommodate the turbines - around 1000 rugby pitches
3. Noise will be low? TAN8 suggests aerodynamic noise will be low and unobtrusive similar to noise of the wind in trees. Last study was ETSU R1997 14 years old and concerned smaller turbines. (Low frequency noise / Amplitude modulation / House of Lords distance from turbines)
4. Depreciation of house / land value within the area up to 70%
5. No environmental study has been done on the implications of TAN8

6. No assessment of the cumulative effects; flooding, displacement of regional populations of birds, impact of all the transport movements

Pylons

7. Visually obtrusive
8. Depreciation of house / land value up to 70%
9. Health risk s- Draper report 2005; increased childhood leukaemia by 69% within 200m of power lines
10. Schools closing; people moving away will devastate our communities and schools

Transport of wind turbines in mid Wales

11. No mention in TAN8 of the transport issues
12. Massive loads 200t +
13. Structural damage to roads and adjacent buildings
14. Over 3000 abnormal loads 5years+
15. 22,000+ loads construction traffic
16. The effect on the Emergency services
17. Extra loads to maintain the 800+ turbines in mid Wales

Tourism

18. Value of £650m yearly
19. 6500 people employed in mid Wales
20. How many jobs will we lose?