

## **Objections to Mynydd y Gwynt Wind farm**

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**(i) The project's effect on tourism.** People visit the mid Wales countryside for its sheer sense of space and openness and for the skylines and the horizons. Wind turbines obscure and sometimes obliterate these vistas due to the large acreage of swept sky that is required for the inefficient, intermittent production of electricity. A number of years ago as frequent visitors to mid Wales we at first noticed the Bryn Titli wind farm proudly advertising itself to passers by on the A470. "Come and visit the wind farm" advertised the sign at the large double gates - long since bolted and barred. Unfortunately despite the diverse income that tourism provides for mid Wales, although it is a very significant sum, there is no industry body to represent the interests of the providers or the consumers of this. Consumers vote with their feet. Visitors come for the sense of space and nature and on the whole activities which fit in with the wild rural nature of the area. The Sweet Lamb Rally complex owned by the applicants we always felt added, in an odd way, to this because of its sporadic but contained nature. The wind turbines will be there all the time - turning or not turning.

**(ii) Cumulative effect of wind turbines on natural and historic landscape.** We can't claim to be experts on the detail or estimations and calculations involving this. With their 90m rotor diameter, our calculation is that ~4km<sup>2</sup> or ~1,200 acres of sky will swept by the rotors. We simply don't understand how the natural and historical landscape cannot be detrimentally affected by these mechanical objects sitting in a natural landscape. Between the turbines at Cefn Croes and the proposed turbines at Mynydd y Gwynt the upper Wye really will become a "turbine alley". The photomontages produced by the developers seek to underplay the effect on the landscape.

**(iii) Cumulative effect of wind turbines on cultural heritage.** As for ii)

**(iv) Effect on biodiversity and bird life in the area.** The sheer amount of material going over, into and above the ground can't but have an effect on the ecosystems of this country side. The well documented and well ignored documentation of the destruction wrought by the building of the adjacent Cefn Croes had shown that nature will always take second, and often 3rd & 4th place to the "needs" of mankind.

**(v) Transport disruption and effect on emergency vehicle's journeys.** This can only be imagined at. For those who know the roads involved it will only be a question of when, and not if, serious incidents will occur.

**(vi) Effect of transmission lines on landscape.** Given that there is no grid connection to the National Grid and the scarcity of information on the grid and pylons that would be needed for this project, we can't understand how the discussion of the Mynydd y Gwynt is taking place at all.

### **Miscellaneous comments and observations**

i) Objection to the use of the word "temporary" to describe these large moving structures intended to last for 25 years. 25 years is a generation - not "temporary".

ii) We would wish to know if the "homes" affected are tied dwellings of the farm?

iii) Although this may not be a planning consideration we are concerned that the company based on the Farm has a director "who holds 2 appointments at 2 active companies, has resigned from 13 companies and held 8 appointments at 8 dissolved companies". *Read more at: <http://companycheck.co.uk/director/901454716>*

iv) Again this is not part of this planning process but we have heard rumours locally that the companies propose to front end load the money that they will contribute to the community projects and we understand that this should NOT have been discussed before the application has been approved.

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