

Wyck Gerson Lohman, 3rd Representation Mynydd Y Gwynt:

Since I was unable to attend the Hearings following the Site Inspection on the 16th March 2015, I should like to put my thoughts following the inspection in writing:

Obviously it was a shame that the day was dull and misty so there was no proper view of Pen Pumlumon or Pumlumon Arwystli. Since the forest to the north of Esgair y Maesnant has now been felled, especially the turbines 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be very overbearing on the Arwystli ridge. Fortunately the mist did lift very slightly as we walked towards Cerrig yr Wyn and stopped to take in the view of the proposed turbines from approximately SN81958610. From the montage it was clear that the proposed project would be very prominent from this spot which is directly in line, not only of the Source of the Wye, but also of Pumlumon Fawr and would therefore be extremely intrusive on these two important tourists spots.

Just after lunch we walked to the Source of the Severn. I was most surprised that a montage revealed that the proposed turbines would be well in view from the path down from the Source. I had never expected this and the project would certainly be a very serious intrusion on this popular walk too. Even on this misty, drizzly day we encountered some walkers.

As, until recently, I lived close by and the Pumlumon area has, for the past 37 years, been my home patch for walking, I know this area well. What rather struck me was the fact that I found the area around Sweet Lamb even more intruded on, with items left to rust or blow in the wind etc. than when I last walked there. What does not bode well either is that the blown down anemometer had not been removed from the site and was already beginning to rust away.

Another point I'd like to draw attention to is the cumulative impact from the excessive number of wind farms and wind farm proposals in the area. First of all there is Cefn Croes with 37 turbines and since the Nant Y Moch area is allocated as TAN8D there is no reason to assume that an application for 62 giant turbines, all in clear view of Pen Pumlumon will not be submitted in the near future. An application for six turbines has been submitted for Blaen y Glyn, Llangurig, only a stone-throw from Mynydd y Gwynt. Very much in view of Blaen y Glyn again is a proposal for an extension to the present 22 turbines at Bryn Titli, just a little further along the A470. The 12 proposed 3MW extra turbines would make this a well over 50MW wind farm, sneaked in without being put before the Inspectorate or the Secretary of State or Environment minister. Together these 5 wind farms would completely industrialise the magnificent tourist area between Rhayader and Aberystwyth. To my mind it would be wrong to recommend approval for Mynydd Y Gwynt without considering the cumulative impact of the 5 wind farms together. I have not even mentioned Ystumtuen Wind and Mynydd Gorddu wind farms.