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My Comments on the cumulative effects of Awel-y-Mor and Mona Wind farms on the population of Cefn Meriadog are as follows

- 1. The visual impact of A-y-M and other projects is always discussed in terms of the daylight effect. However, each wind farm has a significant effect on the night time view looking out to sea as each turbine carries a bright red light that is visible for miles. The effect is to destroy any natural empathy with nature and the vastness of space that a seaside viewer might experience the effect is more like viewing a vast industrial complex. Furthermore, as the turbines are all in the northerly direction from the coast (and the nearby countryside) they inhibit the viewing of the Northern Lights phenomena which is visible sometimes at these latitudes.
- 2. Cumulative impact of construction works in Cefn Meriadog. The lanes of Cefn Meriadog are used by both local walking groups (eg St Asaph) and cycling groups (eg Ruthin) for their outings (often weekly). They usually follow a circular route that means they will suffer extreme dislocation as a result of the cable path and the substation construction. The paths also often lead to the national "Pilgrims Way. In addition, many locals enjoy daily a healthy walk around the "Bryn" from the school, past the chapel, past Pente Mawr, Teddyn Meredydd, Tan-y-Craig, and the Kennels before completing the loop. Myself included! In fact this route will be impacted in more than one place.
- 3. The A548 from Abergele to Llanwrst is signed near Llanfair TH as a scenic route and used to get to Snowdonia it is also a short cut to/from Llanwrst from the A55 Chester side, especially in times of A55 overload. However, due to traffic issues at Abergele most people join it via the St Asaph business park and travel along Glascoed Road in Cefn Meriadog until they meet the A548 near Moelfre. The cumulative effects of construction works on both sides of Glascoed Road in Cefn Meriadog (National Grid one side, Awel-y-Mor on the other) will impact severely on this pleasant route.

