

Planning, Selection Process and the loss of Welsh Countryside

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Dear Llyr,

I am writing to you as an individual on the climate change committee (not constituent) to raise some concerns about the proposed Wind farm project at Mynydd-Maen Mountain, the 2016 DNS planning process and to hear your own individual views?

First of all I would like to say that the location choice is totally unsuitable for a huge heavy industrialized site of this size.

I would like to ask how this area has even been considered when there are so many other locations away from peoples homes and areas of natural beauty that could have been chosen?

The process for granting planning approval to the developer is currently biased towards the developer as hardly anyone knows about this project in the surrounding areas of the mountain and I only found out myself from a leaflet raid through my door in December 2023 from some people opposing the project.

This meant I missed the public exhibitions along with huge amounts of other local residents. Totally unfair. Do you think this is expectable?

I have tried to alert as many people as I can. I have been all around the mountain and out of well over 300 people I spoke to, only one woman said she had heard about this project but was unsure of the exact details?

I started a petition a few weeks ago which has already got several hundred people objecting to this project in this small space of time. Change.org search:- Stop Mynydd-Maen wind farm

I have spoken to PEDW and they have said that DNS application is not their area and is the Welsh ministers decisions.

The pre-selection process seems to be specifically targeting densely populated areas in Wales? Basic Common sense tells anyone to avoid such areas as this. The mountain itself provides a place of recreation for the people to get away from it all as there are housing estates and towns built all around it. To destroy it means there's nothing left.

The whole 2016 planning process seems to of been created for a means of creating wealth for individuals in these energy companies, most of which don't even live here.

What is it that is holding the Welsh Government back from choosing suitable locations and consulting local people about these projects? Areas such as the mountain should not have even been considered to begin with!.

If you are sure that you have to hit "net zero" to save the planet, can you please tell me why the current process the Welsh Government is taking part in is the most destructive the country has ever seen since the bombings in the second world war?

sincerely  
Matt Davies

