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To: Correspondence mail - LG <Correspondence.Lesley.Griffiths@gov.wales>

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Good Afternoon Ms. Griffiths,

we are deeply disappointed by your decision to allow the Hendy windfarm to go ahead. We do not understand how a Minister of Welsh Labour, which claims to believe in democratic process, can choose to ignore the decisions taken by Powys County Council and endorsed by an independent Planning Inspector.

There is no point in having a system which allows the plan to be scrutinised in great detail and at great expense if one person, on a whim, can decide to overrule the whole thing.

The Westminster government has been keen to devolve the Planning process down to local level but the people of Wales are being disadvantaged by having Planning devolved to the Senedd who clearly are too scared to allow the local County Councils to do their job with the safety net of the independent inspectors. We in Wales are worse off because the Ministers of Welsh Labour will not let the democratic process take its course.

I personally am dismayed that Welsh Labour are intent on repeating the devastation of Wales. During the Industrial Revolution it was Conservative capitalists who laid waste the South Wales valleys to gain coal and steel but they did provide jobs. Most of those scars have now been repaired but you, supposedly a Party of the People, are now intent on covering the beautiful rural parts of Mid Wales with concrete and turbines. No jobs will result and our main income from tourism will be damaged.

Your government is behaving like a banana republic or an African dictatorship instead of a forward looking democratic administration and this can only bring Welsh Labour into disrepute.

Yours Sincerely,