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**Subject:** Windfarm decision - Hendy Wind Farm

**From:**

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

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Dear Ms Griffiths,

I am appalled by your recent decision to permit the construction of wind turbines at the above site on a number of grounds.

First, several levels of administration below you (all local to the proposed 'development') have rejected the proposal on what appear to quite legitimate grounds. My particular concern is the impact of such construction on local bird populations (about which you have been remarkably silent). However, the impact on the amenity value of the area (and which supports the local tourist industry) is of equal concern.

In addition, the overriding of local decision-making processes represents an arrogant and insensitive derogation of the decisions and desires of local residents. It also totally ignores those of us who visit areas of Wales just over the border frequently for recreational purposes (and spend money in the area!). You are a Labour representative - I find your decision entirely at odds with the Party's supposed commitment to democracy and local governance. In addition, your decision is at odds with several principles outlined in the Labour Party's 'THE GREEN TRANSFORMATION:LABOUR'S ENVIRONMENT POLICY'. I have been unable to locate any explanation from you or your office which explains why you have chosen to make a decision so markedly at odds with both your party's policy and the decisions reached by local residents.

I hope to hear from you with a clear and unambiguous reason why you have chosen to bypass local democratic processes and despoil a local area of beauty and natural biodiversity (as well as a source of funds via tourism that will surely dry up when the turbines appear). Please do not have one of your party hacks send out some sort of boilerplate statement that does not address specific issues - I am sick to death of receiving such vacuous missives from my Westminster representative. Be prepared to defend your decision with reasoned, transparent argument or reverse your decision.

Regards...