

Iles, Nicholas (ESNR-Planning)

Subject: Hendy Wind Farm

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From:

To: Elis-Thomas, Dafydd (Aelod Cynulliad | Assembly Member) <Dafydd.Elis-Thomas@assembly.wales>

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Dear Mr Elis- Thomas,

You must be aware that your colleague Lesley Griffiths, against local Democracy and the expert opinion of the Inspector, has given permission for Hendy Wind Farm.

I hope you brought to her attention, as Minister for Tourism, that although there may be a small gain in renewable energy, there will be a big loss of Tourism and income from it, as a result of these Turbines.

Apparently she is unaware, not having visited the area, and not being from this part of Wales, just how lovely and unspoilt this part of Wales is. She put store in the fact that it is not designated. But it is as lovely as areas that are. It should be protected. That was not known by Ms Griffiths. Even if it had been perhaps she would have sacrificed it to meet an energy quota as she has the absolute power to ignore what she does not want to know, read or inform herself about.

But your job is to think of what she has ignored. Did you make representations to her on behalf of this lovely place? Did you speak to her about the value of the land as a destination for holiday makers, wild life lovers, horse riders and walkers? Did you tell her that Tourism here was a vital resource and that it would increase if your Government were to encourage it? Did you look after the interests of the people here who rely on tourism for their income and the many people who will, so sadly now not want to come ? Who will seek their recreation somewhere else?

I hope you can even now, when the damage has been done to this beautiful place, address this matter and bring it to the attention of The Senedd. If you do not Ms Griffiths and her successor will continue to say yes to developments that will continue to despoil one of the most lovely small countries in the World. The green energy will be paid for by the destruction of the welsh landscape.

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPad