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**Subject:** Hendy Windfarm, Llandegley, Radnorshire

**From:**

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

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Dear Lesley Griffiths,

I am writing to you in order to express my dismay, disbelief and utter disgust that you have decided to overrule the decision of your Planning Inspector regarding the proposed windfarm at Llandegley. You have blatantly and arrogantly ignored the views and wishes of the local community, the council and other interested parties who submitted evidence at the public enquiry and won the day.

You, following some blinkered crusade to 'save the world' by trashing the unique landscape of upland Central Wales (not to mention Denbigh moors and elsewhere), seem to think you know better and singlehandedly have sanctioned the destruction of some of the most stunningly beautiful scenery in Powys.

By allowing this development you will be guilty of despoiling a very special landscape and one of the most awe inspiring views in Wales.

For anyone travelling into Wales along the A44 the breathtaking view to the west as one descends the hairpins between Fforest Inn and Llandegley is one of those 'Wow' moments. A vista that takes one's breath away regardless of how many times one travels the route. A view that changes each time with the light and weather conditions. It is a view that is a showcase for Wales and a view that a Minister of Rural Affairs and a Welsh Government should be proud of and protect not exploit and plunder.

Have you actually been there to witness it? Have you stood on the eastern edge of the Radnor Forest hills to see what a devastating effect a cluster of turbines will have? (And don't say you are not allowed to. That is absurd! ) Sadly, considering other crass decisions you have made regarding windfarm locations it is obvious you have a total disinterest in safeguarding one of Wales' key assets... it's landscape and a mind boggling disdain for such wonderful places.

Your legacy as Minister for Rural Affairs will be the wrecking of Wales' moorlands and uplands and untold damage to our heritage.

You may not appreciate the exquisite high country of Wales and wide ranging views but many of us do. As do thousands of tourists.

That you can make a decision unilaterally that will despoil such a wonderful area is astonishing.

The uplands and mountains of Wales are it's heart and soul.

I have spent over fifty years walking and climbing in Wales, the UK and abroad and consider the Welsh hills unsurpassed.

Wynford Vaughn Thomas, who wrote so eloquently about the history and geography of Wales and walked and rode these hills must be turning in his grave.

It is heart breaking that you choose to desecrate the *Land of my Fathers...*

*Old Land of the mountains, paradise of the poets,  
Every valley, every cliff a beauty guards;  
Through love of my country, enchanting voices will be  
Her streams and rivers to me.*

*(transl, 2<sup>nd</sup> verse)*

Shame on the Welsh Government.

Yours sincerely,

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