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Dear



Thank you for your e-mail of 12 November to the Rt Hon Carwyn Jones AM, First Minister, regarding the issue of noise from Wind Farms particularly with regard to Garreg Lwyd Wind Farm and Hendy Wind Farm. As the Minister for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs, this correspondence has been passed to me to reply as this falls within my Ministerial Portfolio.

I note your comments regarding noise from Garreg Lwyd Wind Farm and your concerns noise generated by other wind farms may affect other residents living with particular regard to the recently approved wind farm at Hendy near Rhos Common and other wind farms proposed across Wales.

I note your concerns, however, the Welsh Ministers are unable to provide any further comment on the decision as, under planning law, the Welsh Ministers' decision on the appeal is final and it is not possible for me, or anyone else within the Welsh Government or the Planning Inspectorate, to comment on the merits of the decision, the reasoning behind it, or to reconsider it.

I attach a copy of the decision letter for Hendy Wind Farm which includes several noise conditions. The enforcement of any conditions on the consent is the responsibility of the Local Planning Authority in this case Powys County Council.

*Yours sincerely  
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