

Penybont & District Community Council

Community Clerk: Mr Geraint Evans CILCA (Wales)

13th November 2018

Dear Ms. Griffiths,

Hendy Wind Farm

Your recent decision to overturn the decisions of both our County Council Planning Department and the Planning Inspector was discussed at the meeting of the Community Council held last night. Your decision also ignored the view of the Community Council and numerous local residents - many of whom attended the planning enquiry to make their views known.

Members would like to know why you have effectively ignored local democracy and overruled both the County Council Planning Department and your own planning inspector's decisions. Both ruled that the development should not be permitted. What is the point of having these procedures if the decisions can be over-ruled by one person?

Turbines in this specific locality are completely inappropriate. Llandegley rocks provide an iconic view when driving into mid-Wales on the A44 and deserve full protection. I cannot believe that you have actually been to the location before overruling both Powys Council and the Planning Inspector's considered decision, if you had you would not consider the impact of turbines to be modest. The inspectors report was thorough and considered and should have been listened to!

Community Councillors understand the need for sustainable energy generation, but this should not be at any cost to the landscape, the environment and the people. Why is there a TAN 8 area if development is to be permitted anywhere?

Yours sincerely

Clerk to the Council