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Subject: Hendy Wind Farm

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Sent: 19 November 2018 13:38

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

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Dear Mrs Lesley Griffiths,

I am writing to you with regard to your decision to summarily dismiss and disregard the decision of the Planning Inspectorate regarding the Hendy windfarm.

Your arrogant abuse of power means that vast amounts of time and public money have been squandered on planning processes which are rendered meaningless and unnecessary by your actions. What was the point of it all? Why have a planning process at all if you can then overturn decisions with total disregard for the conclusions of the Planning Inspectorate?

Why not just save the vast amounts of expenditure involved and hand you a coin to toss instead? Why not just award you a new title of dictatorship and acknowledge that democracy is now dead in Wales?

When politicians display such contempt and arrogant disregard they must surely be held to account for their decisions and I really do feel that it is incumbent upon you to explain how you can justify such scandalous waste of public money.

This particular location is so remarkable and exceptional for all the reasons which the Planning Inspector decided to deny the application that if *this* is deemed by you, Mrs Griffiths, in what can only be uninformed ignorance, to be a suitable location for a windfarm then the floodgates will be opened and there will be no outstanding area left in Wales that is not at risk from your riding roughshod.

I once lived on the west-side of Llandegley rocks and used to walk up there daily. I wasn't born in that area, I was born in the neighbouring county which has many beautiful locations also, but in all my days I have never encountered a landscape such as that of Llandegley rocks and its surroundings. From the curlews on the common land and the fabulous displays of the starlings in winter, to sitting among the crumbled remains of dwellings which were built over a thousand years ago and standing on the top of that mountain with its panoramic views, it is a place I shall never forget as long as I live.

I think it speaks volumes that although I no longer live there, so will not suffer this windfarm on my own doorstep, I am horrified and distressed that such a place as this should be deemed by you to be a suitable location for a windfarm. You are very much in error.

Yours sincerely,