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Subject: Hendy Wind Farm

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Dear Ms Griffiths,

As you must know by now, we who live in the heart of Wales are horrified by what is happening to Welsh democracy. Indeed we're beginning to wonder if there is such a thing. It cannot be right that an application rejected by the Planning Inspectorate, after due process, should be overturned by the National Assembly for Wales in this high-handed fashion, going against local decisions and against the interests of Wales itself. These projects are developed for financial interests that lie elsewhere, in London or even outside the UK all together, but the landscape on which the wind turbines are going to have a massive impact is not in London, it is right here, in the gateway to the very centre of Wales.

Personally, I am not against windfarms, though the failure of the Bryn Blaen Windfarm at Llangurig to generate any electricity since it was built is deeply disturbing. What I do think is wrong is the subsidy system that lies behind them. I would refer you to Radio 4's File on 4 programme of yesterday, 18th November, on the apparent failings of OFGEM over the running of waste-to-energy schemes. These too are manipulated by outsiders purely for profit, riding rough-shod over the people who have to live with the results, while the financiers make their money and then leave. This is a UK wide scandal.

The National Assembly should be extremely wary of being implicated. In addition, it should be explicitly protecting ALL of its citizens, and respecting Welsh interests in the whole of Wales, not just in the urban south. Instead we are over-ruled from Cardiff without even a nod to representation.

I do hope you will reconsider your obligations to us, the people of Wales, and respect the democratic process by reversing your decision.

Yours sincerely,