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Subject: premature operational work at the consented Hendy wind Farm

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Dear Minister

You gave consent for Hendy Wind Farm in Powys against your Planning Inspector's advice (he conducted the Hearing into the matter) and in the Senedd stood by your decision to refuse his advice.

Can I draw your attention to the fact that the developers have already begun work on the site, inside the 6 week Appeal time allowed for third parties to decide whether to appeal your decision;, and as we understand, in breach of numerous planning conditions including 2 and 9, are working prior to discharging conditions, without commons consent to work on the common, or the grid connection established .

It appears to concerned local residents that this development is already out of control.

We would be grateful if you would exercise your power to bring the matter under control.

This is to reassure the local people and others who objected to this scheme that you haven't actually given the developers free rein to do exactly as they wish, and to explain to the developers that they have to operate like everyone else within the rules of the planning system.

This is another concern why your plan to encourage more wind turbines across Wales is so worrying. Even we who support wind turbines have found that the planning system you are in charge of fails to properly control turbine developers leaving local residents, their environments, habitats, landscapes and the planning process vulnerable to abuse, with some actually experiencing harm.

I am a former resident of Powys, and as you are the pivotal person in the delivery of planning in Wales, I ask that you require Powys County Council to control this development in line within normal and good planning practice.

Yours sincerely