

Dear Rhys,

I would like to offer a response to this Development of National Significance. I am County Councillor for the Hundleton ward in Pembrokeshire. The community it most affects is the Angle community. Having had some conversations with the Community Council and various residents, it seems that there is some serious disagreement with these proposals. I understand this application was first made in 2014. It was turned down on appeal. I believe this is the third try at getting turbines erected at this location.

It seems to me, that little has changed, with regard to loss of amenity by all the nearby residents, given that the proposal is now for 3 turbines, instead of 5, and these 3 turbines are another 20 metres taller. As you move further away into the village of Angle they see this loss of amenity as very significant.

This development is sited extremely close to the National Park boundary. Given the topography of this peninsular, the proposal is likely to have a significant effect on the area. With regard to the tourist offer I am sure this is going to devalue the offer as it presently stands.

The application states that the 3 turbines are going to produce 13MW of renewable electricity. When the proposal was first mooted in 2014 the options available were a lot less than now. There are already 2 applications to provide floating wind power out in the Celtic Sea. The first is for 10 floating turbines producing 100MW. The second is for 30 turbines producing 300MW. Both these applications are looking for the same connection to the grid at the RWE site. These turbines are going to be sited 50Km off shore. They will almost be invisible to the naked eye. There is a significant need for access onto the peninsular. This is seriously confined by the presence of the Castlemartin military range to the south. I would not like to see more subterranean infrastructure over loading the area, for no particular good reason.

It may seem from the above that the residents are anti renewable energy, this is very far from the case. I would like to make sure that future proposals are not compromised, by short term decision making.

From a personal point of view, I live in Castlemartin 2 ridges away, 4Km. My back garden looks straight at the Valero chimneys. The view of the turbines would be as up front as the chimneys, given that they are likely to be the same height. I have lived with the chimneys for nearly 60 years, they have never moved! It is this movement and the consequential flickering of the red lights on the stacks, at night that I believe is going to reduce my amenity value, if they are built. Residents of the next village St. Twynnells will also be affected to a similar degree. This also goes for Hundleton, and also for the traffic approaching the Valero and RWE sites, on A4320.

With regard to employment, I can see many hours in the construction phase. After the construction phase, there seems little need for massive employment input. In comparison, the construction and then continuing maintenance of the floating turbines I believe is going to provide many ongoing employment opportunities. These opportunities would I believe also be highly skilled opportunities.

In conclusion I hope the minister will find against the proposal, just as her predecessor had done.

Regards,
Steve.