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Rhys Spencer (Case Officer)

I am writing to object to the proposed Rhoscrowther Wind farm DNS/3261355. I am not against green power i.e. solar panels and off-shore wind turbines and tidal power, which, put in the right location are visually and economically acceptable. Please see my objections below.

- Visual impact.

The photographic view for the application is taken from the road to Angle, it does not show the visual impact from Rhoscrowther or any local residential areas. Also the increased size of the turbines will have a greater impact on the National Park.

Visual distraction from a busy road carrying fuel and gas tankers, and large numbers of traffic back and forth to the major employers in the area, this was noted on the application as a non issue, but for me personally a concern. (the refinery does not move). As hunter gatherers we are naturally attracted to anything that moves.

- National Grid.

We already have a gas fired power station, solar panel farms in my area, existing wind farms and solar panel farms in the Waterston area, and a proposed Green Link import system from Ireland which can import 500MW of electricity. How much power can the grid sustain, or are these turbines going to be built and remain mainly dormant?

- Environmental issues

Environmental statement does not show current wildlife in the area throughout the seasons, and due to migratory birds in winter does not encapsulate that. For example large flocks of starlings are in the area for the winter.

Due to the increased size of the proposed turbines red lights have been indicated on the proposal for the turbines, shearwater migration, when the weather is not favourable attracts them to lights that could have a detrimental effect on their numbers.

Raptors are also susceptible to wind turbines, I have been fortunate to see red kites in the area, for South West Pembrokeshire is a rare site.

Large pipistrelle bat populations in Rhoscrowther and Pwllcrochan, these animals are susceptible to wind turbines. According to the bat conservation trust, "Direct impacts of wind turbine farms can include collision and barotrauma (damage to the tissues from air pressure changes around turbines) indirect impacts can include habitat loss (roosts, commuting routes and foraging areas) and fragmentation."

No noise survey has been carried out at local residential areas to our knowledge, farms have been included in previous applications by the same developer, these farms are industrial sites, with higher noise levels than normal dwellings.

Light disturbance will be an issue, not so much from the sun from my personal location, but the refinery lighting at night will have an impact, this could lead to mental health issues and epilepsy. Local residents directly west of the development will have more of an impact of light disturbance during daylight, sunset hours.

- Conclusion

This wind farm company, as mentioned above, has taken advantage, to try and pass planning permission directly to the Welsh Government, whilst we are all under covid constraints and as per usual over the holiday period, so no public meetings to enforce the local populations feelings. This has been approximately a 7 year battle, through planning inspectors, appeal courts, please can you stop, and put an end to this application for good. Previous inspectors and the court's decisions must be taken into account. It also upsets me that people not in the immediate area are already asking for grants from this developer, even though they will not be geographically or physically affected by this application.

Mark and Sue Taylor.
Residents of Wallaston Green.