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Appendix to the Petition (TAN8) – PET (4) -01-11 Agenda 21-06-2011

Introduction

Welshpool Town Council has been aware of the overall effects of TAN8 for many years and has taken the opportunity to take part in all the consultations at each stage regarding any matters affecting TAN8. A petition has been presented in recent times to the Welsh Assembly on the transport effects of these proposals affecting TAN8.

Although the announcement by the First Minister was welcome (limiting the TAN8 proposals to being the maximum development limit) this is not enough to stop the unacceptable effects on Mid Wales of the developments concerned.

Current renewable energy proposals

The current renewable energy proposals are totally unacceptable (to any community) and the Association supports the objections to TAN8. The effect of the pylon line (50m high), electricity hub (the size of 20 football pitches) and the wind farms are beyond that which any community should be asked to take even in an urban area let alone a rural area. Indeed the transport, for all these parts of equipment (the subject of this petition) have not been considered fully and in a letter from Lord Hunt of Kings Heath (Dept of Energy and Climate Change dated 25th August 2009) it is clear that an 'overall transport strategy' is to be prepared. To date this has not appeared to be the case.

The level of transportation proposed on poor substandard rural roads is attached.

Public consultation

On 17th June 2011 the Town Council completed a door to door survey of all its residents and a copy of the survey results are attached.

Request

Welshpool Town Council are seeking for the Welsh Assembly to review TAN8 through a public inquiry. Until such an inquiry is held taking into consideration all aspects of TAN8 (including transportation effects) the Council wishes to request that no further progress is made with regard to this policy.

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MID WALES – TRANSPORT SCHEDULE – TAN 8

INTRODUCTION

The transport can be estimated and the following figures have been prepared on the following basis:

- 9 abnormal loads for each wind turbine and for each pylon**
- 1 abnormal load for each transformer required for the hub**
- 990 other vehicle movements per turbine and pylon**
- There has been no allowance for extra traffic to service the hub**

ITEM				
WIND FARMS	400	400	400	400
PYLONS	100	100	100	100
TRANSFORMERS	7	7	7	7
TIME PERIOD	3 YEARS	4 YEARS	5 YEARS	7 YEARS
ABNORMAL LOADS ESTIMATE	4507	4507	4507	4507
ABNORMAL LOAD CONVOYS	1507	1507	1507	1507
GENERAL TRAFFIC	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
ABNORMAL LOAD CONVOYS PER WEEK				
BYPASS	10	7	6	4
WELSHPOOL	3	2	2	1
NEWTOWN	7	5	4	3

The general traffic of vehicles would be felt all over Montgomeryshire.

From the trials done through Welshpool it would take just about 30 minutes to get one convoy through the Town from the Station to Raven Square. The one single lorry which was trialled took 12 minutes.