



# Anglesey **Against** Wind Turbines

## BRAINT WIND FARM PROTEST

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OVER 70 LOCAL RESIDENTS braved the traffic on the busy A5025 and turned out on Saturday morning (14 September) to demonstrate their opposition to the proposed Braint Wind Farm. A steady stream of motorists, many of them local businesses, gave protesters the thumbs up and enthusiastically hooted their support, as they passed by the demonstration.

Developer West Coast Energy wants to build 3 industrial-size wind turbines, 800m south of the village of Rhoscefnhir and 2km north east of Penmynydd on land belonging to Cae Isaf Farm. Each would tower a staggering 81 metres (266 ft.) high, 3 times the size of the Marquess of Anglesey column.

West Coast Energy in its planning application for the wind farm talks about providing community benefits, and yet disregards the wishes of local Anglesey communities, who don't want monster wind turbines scattered across the island, whatever's on offer.

Last October almost 8000 people, in response to Anglesey County Council's consultation on its Supplementary Planning Guidance on Onshore Wind Energy (SPG), called for a minimum 1.5 km distance between commercial industrial-size wind turbines and homes. Other countries impose a 2 km separation distance.

Following the consultation, the Council adopted, as part of the new SPG a stipulation that "separation distances from residential or tourism properties [of wind turbines] will be the greater of 500m or 20 times tip height (in metres)." However the Welsh Government will not allow Anglesey Council to use separation distances to determine planning applications. 155 homes lie within 2 km of the proposed Braint Wind Farm, and each will be affected significantly, if this development goes ahead.

Not only would these unwanted monster turbines be visible from Anglesey's major tourist route, the A5025, and across the island from Menai Bridge to Llanddonna, to Brynsiencyn and beyond, but from the mainland too, from Snowdonia and the Llyn Peninsula.

"You don't need planning rules or guidance," said AAWT spokesperson Paul Madden, "to tell you that the 3 Braint monster turbines would have significant, detrimental landscape and visual impacts on this part of Anglesey. You just need common sense and a pair of eyes. The planners and the Council's Planning Committee should refuse this application."

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