

# Rhyd -y- Groes Repowering proposal

I object to planning application No: 20C102L/EIA/RE Grid Ref: 239616.02 392537.2.

Applicant : Mr Gary Kruger

Full application for the de-commissioning of the existing wind farm, and the erection of 13 wind turbines comprising of 9 900kW wind turbines with a maximum hub height of up to 55m, rotor diameter of up to 48m, and a maximum upright vertical tip height of up to 79m, and 4 900kW wind turbines with a maximum hub height of up to 45m, rotor diameter of up to 50m, and a maximum upright vertical tip height of up to 70m, together with the creation of crane pads, foundations, underground electricity cables, improvements to parts of the existing track, works to the highway, the creation of new access tracks, an extension to the existing 33kV substation, the erection of a new 11kV substation, the erection of an anemometer and a temporary construction and storage compound and batching plant at : Rhyd y Groes Wind Farm, Rhosgoch.

## for the following reasons:-

1. In January 2013 Anglesey County Council held an Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council to determine Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) for Onshore Wind Energy. The Councillors voted for a sliding scale of separation distances between turbines and homes and to prevent wind farms being developed within 2km of the A.O.N.B. This application ignores that democratic decision.
2. There was an unprecedented response to the County's public consultation for the SPG which evidenced the strong public rejection of new wind farm developments on Anglesey. The majority of the approximately 9000 residents or households who responded wanted to restrict the height of new wind turbines to a maximum of 15 metres. This application is for turbines nearly twice the size of the existing turbines at this site, some 79 metres in height, contrary to local public opinion.
3. In England the law is being changed to give local communities the final say about proposals for onshore wind farms. The Welsh Government refuses to give this right to communities in Wales, nevertheless local and democratic decision making should prevail.
4. This application is an affront to local democracy as the developers must be aware of local sentiment and the SPG consultation.
5. The site is within approximately 1km of the AONB and this development would further harm the setting of the AONB and would be visible from the beach at Cemaes and the coastal path. It would also increase the visual impact on the area outside the AONB.
6. It would adversely affect the residential and tourism amenity of a large part of northern Anglesey, contrary to the Local Plan.
7. Both the UK Government and RenewableUK\* recognise the potential for problems and disturbance from Excessive Amplitude Modulated noise emitted from wind turbines of this size, and there have been ongoing complaints about audible and low frequency noise emissions from turbines in this area.
8. Research published by the London School of Economics in 2014\*\*, based on 12 years of Land Registry House sales data, shows that property within sight of wind farms is devalued by up to 12%.
9. There is potential for nuisance from blade flicker to affect local residences and the area generally.
10. It is known that bats and birds are killed in large numbers by wind turbines.
11. The setting of some 30 local historic monuments and buildings would be adversely affected.

\* Wind Turbine Amplitude Modulation: Research to Improve Understanding as to its Cause and Effect, 2013. Current Government Study.

\*\*Gone With the Wind Valuing Visual Impacts of Wind Turbines Through House Prices, 2014

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