

To the Sen Fielding Inquiry,

As a local resident I warmly welcome the thought of having wind turbines generating power for our local community rather than undermining our local hills for coal and pumping thousands of litres of water and chemicals down wells to extract gas.

It seems the wind farms create far less health hazards, traffic increases, escaped fume potential, Co2 emissions, waste/ produced/ polluted water, air pollution, fire hazards and noise than the current power stations and mining technologies we have.

Helensburgh is about to install a gas fired power station and drill around the town ship for gas which is a hazardous process. Coal is archaic, and should be phased out as soon as possible.

Why are we not embracing the new technology, and working with it, becoming a progressive community, state and country!

So far; research conducted on modern wind turbines has shown that the levels of low frequency noise and infrasound are within accepted thresholds and current research and scientific investigations have found that there are no adverse health effects for people living in close proximity to wind farms. Research even goes as far as saying people living in close proximity to wind farms will not suffer in reduced property values. These points alone cannot be said for any coal or gas fired power station, or the mines where they and extract the raw materials from. Raping the earth only to replace it as pollution in one form or another☹

So I implore to you and those on the panel. Don't hold up these types of development. Let's invest in our future, anyway we can.

Yours sincerely,

Thanks and kind regards,

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