

This message comes from the above group based in and around New Radnor, Powys, Wales. We have been fighting the application to erect three wind turbines on a prominent hill near us since 2002. The application has been turned down twice and at the moment is in abeyance. They may try again next year as the Coalition Government in the U.K. is in favour of an attempt to make renewables provide 50% of our energy.

If windpower could achieve reliable carbon-free energy then one might not be against it (and that assumes that mankind's production of CO₂ is responsible for "global warming", which warming is neither very obvious at present, nor is there universal agreement that mankind is responsible.)

Our argument against wind turbines is that of all communities threatened with these monsters. They produce energy both intermittently and unreliably with, consequently, the need for backup which is usually fossil-fuelled - at a stroke failing in their promised usefulness in both energy production and the saving of CO₂ emissions. Also comes ill-health of those living within five kilometres, a fall in property prices, the harm to the tourist trade and so on.

To date politicians and press have been seemingly oblivious of all this. It is time to call a halt. If you want to have carbon free electricity the answer is nuclear, hydro and tidal.

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