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(To Herefordshire Planning Department)

Dear Sirs,

This proposed venture would totally change the currently beautiful view, along with damaging the area at the bases of its turbines and the roads leading up to them. Hundreds of thousands of tons of concrete would be deposited in the ground and roads would need to be widened, with no provision for restoration of either at a later date.

An attack on the local ecology and the area's natural beauty is also an attack on the local economy. So often, a compromise has to be found between protecting the environment and allowing for commercial progress in the interests of creating jobs and livelihoods. In this instance, those two interests stand together and both are threatened by this venture.

I know that we all have to make sacrifices in order to protect the environment, but I don't see this as one of those opportunities. Indeed, I believe that it would amount to an attack on the environment in itself. The supposed environmental benefits provided would be minimal, as inland wind turbines in areas such as the proposed site are simply not efficient energy producers.

I hope that the attempts of those concerned to hoodwink local communities and authorities with the pretence that this is somehow an eco-friendly initiative, will be seen for what they are by the Herefordshire Planning Department; a cynical attempt to make personal gain (indirectly funded by tax payers) at the expense of the local environment and those who live in it, dressed up as something 'green'.

I bow to your expert knowledge in this area, but it would appear to me that the proposition flies in the face of what I understand to be all the usual guidelines for permitting commercial development in rural areas.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

William Oswald