

# KINNERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Sirs

**Technical Advice Note (TAN) 8 : Mid Wales Wind farms – Impact/lack of consultation with Shropshire**

Kinnerley Parish is a rural parish on the outskirts of Oswestry, Shropshire. Kinnerley Parish Council recently considered its response to the National Grid Mid Wales Connection project and as part of the discussion TAN 8, the reason for the National Grid consultation was considered.

Kinnerley Parish Council questions the transparency of TAN 8 and is very concerned about the lack of any consultation with Shropshire.

**Issues:**

- TAN 8 aims to reduce carbon emissions in Wales but will increase them in Shropshire.
- Kinnerley Parish Council seeks clarification that a cost benefit analysis of the whole wind farm project has been undertaken because it does not believe that the impact of the pylon connection through Shropshire has been considered.
- The wind farms are effectively huge power stations to supply Birmingham and Wolverhampton and are therefore in the wrong place.
- The wind farms in Mid Wales are being agreed on a piece meal basis instead of as one large project.
- Evidence of an Environment Impact Assessment does not appear to have been done.
- Kinnerley Parish experiences regular severe flooding:  
Has the extent and severity of this flooding been properly assessed taking into account local knowledge? The increased run off likely to be caused by the removal of valuable peat and trees and the resultant impact on the floodplains of the parish must be adequately evaluated. Has the increased run-off likely to be caused by the permanent infrastructure required to build and maintain the wind farms, substations and pylons through Shropshire been taken into consideration?

A major review of the TAN 8 policy must take place to include public consultation in Shropshire. Shropshire should have been consulted about the designation of Mid Wales for wind farm development as it is directly affected by the associated infrastructure.

Yours faithfully



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cc: The Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP; Shropshire Council; Mr Peter Bryant, National Grid  
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