

Please find attached my views for the new county plan.

Wind farms and turbines are not appropriate in most parts of the county. The Landscape Character Assessment of the last plan highlighted a number of areas which are not suitable for these developments. Turbines have a huge impact on the landscape of our county. How can you try to boost our county for tourism and then destroy the natural beauty of the county by allowing turbines to be built.

The construction of these windfarms involves huge amounts of concrete and cement to be used which has a massive impact on the groundwater of the county. I believe we get most of our water from groundwater so again we need to protect this vital source and not destroy it by allowing these turbines to be built.

The noise associated with wind turbines has effected so many people around the country. People have had to move from their homes as a result of these things that have been built on their backyard. Its not fair that people have to live with this noise when these turbines can be built in places that are more suitable.

The distance from a house to a turbine should be at least 1.5km if not more in certain landscapes. This is the only way to protect rural people from these impacts. It is not fair or just to impose the green agenda on people in rural areas. **Rural people should have a voice as well.**

Yours

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