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As local business owners, both myself and my wife are very concerned that even the considerably scaled down renewable proposals are not being made in accordance with 3. b) c) and d). For Example: It seems very unlikely that any of the large area on Aberedw Hill shown as suitable for Solar Array would be remotely suitable if these procedural criteria were applied. This smacks more of the slapdash approach of the original 'FFC' submission and so fails 4 b).

The safeguarding hearings that we attended showed very clearly both the fair-mindedness of the inspector and the woeful lack of preparation on the part of the proponents of the LDP for 4 c): A clear framework is vital in order to assess ad hoc wind turbine or solar applications in the future and I would submit that all these proposals are shelved until this is forthcoming.

The lengths to which the plan's proponents went to ensure that landscape was NOT regarded as a valid objection at that safeguarding meeting (a point which was finally, very reluctantly, conceded) is evidence that the Plan has a long way to go before 5 can be assumed.

Renewable Energy Sources should ideally be developed where there is existing infrastructure (road access and grid connectivity) and where landscape has already been compromised by industrial development. The Landscape of Powys is a unique resource of huge long term importance, both environmentally and economically, and we owe it to future generations to protect it.

