

Save our Scenery



Newsletter – June 2008

Rhyl Flats Wind Farm

This wind farm project has now started to be constructed across the Bays of Llandudno and Colwyn Bay. As we have argued all along the naming of the project was *misleading* regarding the true location and the visual impact. This evidence was provided by the original developers, COWL, who within days of gaining consent, sold the project on to Npower, who have continued to justify the need for this wind farm project.

Photo montages gave the impression that the turbines would only be a blip on the horizon, but as we can all see, the reality is that they are going to dominate our shoreline. The current operations by the Svanen Drilling platform shows how close to shore the turbines will be. The final height of the turbines will be some 70% higher than the top of the Svanen.

Npower indicated that there would be little or no noise from the wind farm, but many residents of Rhos on Sea and Penrhyn Bay have found to their discomfort and lack of sleep that this is far from the case. The drumming and rumblings from the pile driving operations, scared residents into believing that they were in an earthquake and the local police were inundated with emergency calls.

The Reality of these operations is now clear for all to see and hear and it is a pity that the Dti, The Welsh Assembly Government, and The European Commission did not heed the warnings that we and many others gave when strong objections were made against these wind farm projects.

Gwynt-y-Mor Wind Farm

The Rhyl Flats project involves only 25 turbines, but the other outstanding project, Gwynt y Mor, will consist of 250 turbines stretching from the Great Orme to Rhyl. Can you imagine the noise, disturbance and visual impact this would make on our coastline and your properties ?

It is not too late to Act !

We have been actively involved in fighting both these wind farm projects and have the support of many similar campaign groups across the whole of Wales, who are facing similar problems and attacks on their countryside.

Many of you may not have been fully aware of these projects, but seeing them developing in Llandudno and Colwyn Bay, should bring it home to you the impact these projects will have upon our towns and resorts.

Manchester University are undertaking an independent research survey in the Llandudno and Colwyn bay areas designed to test the strength of the opposition or support for Gwynt-y-Mor and **Save our Scenery** suggest, if approached, that you take the opportunity to voice your strongest opposition to these wind farm proposals.

The Gwynt y Mor project has Not been consented and objections can still be made.

We urge you to write letters of Objections, even if you have already written, referring to the current operations across the Llandudno and Colwyn Bay

**Write to : Rt. Hon Malcolm Wicks, MP
Minister of State for Energy,
D.B.E.R.R.**

**C/o Offshore–Renewables Consent Unit,
Bay 2117,
1, Victoria Street,
London SW1H 0ET
or**

Email : Robert.Lilly@berr.gsi.gov.uk

Letters of Objections do matter and can exert some influence on the Minister. If people don't write then our political representatives will say that no one is bothered.

Don't Delay, Write Today

If you wish to join our campaign group or need any further information please contact us on our web site

www.saveourscenery.com

or

**Contact our Campaign office
Telephone 0845 3258910**

See below for further information



**Local Residents Speak Out !
Banner Displayed
at
Bodafon Fields, Llandudno**

Useful Facts

1. North Wales Coast wind farm Industrialisation

- a. North Hoyle 30 turbines 335 feet high
- b. Burbo Bank 25 turbines 375 feet high
- c. Rhyl Flats 25 turbines 440 feet high
- d. Gwynt-y-Mor **250** turbines **542** feet high

2. Each Turbine

- a. Weighs - 800 Tonne.
- b. 330 turbines x 800 tonne = 284,000 tonnes of steel
- c. How much Co2 has been generated to produce this amount of steel ?

3. Power Generation

- a. Will Wind Farms replace conventional power stations ?
- b. **NO**, They will still be need backup, when the wind stops blowing ?
- c. Germany has 1000's of Turbines, but not one power station has closed.

4. Tourism and Property Values

- a. Sea facing Hotels and Residential properties, will see their high value, uninterrupted views properties, reduce in value once the problems of Noise and visual impact start to take effect.
- b. Will tourist pay premium rates for sea front rooms overlooking an industrial wind farm ?
- c. Will our appeal to Conference delegates wane ?

5. Cost to the Community

- a. 10% Loss of Tourism income will lead to :
- b. £50m loss to local economy per year
- c. Job reductions
- d. Increase in council taxes
- e. Substantial Subsidies to power companies paid by Taxpayers

6. Stopping Climate Change

- a. Will these wind farms stop Climate change ? - **NO**
- b. Will they reduce Co2 emissions ? – marginally
- c. Will they be cost effective ? **NO**
- d. Without government subsidies these projects are unviable.

7. Local wind farm Jobs – None

- a. All the current work is being undertaken by European marine specialists.
- b. Welsh jobs limited to supply work at Mostyn Docks

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See Photos on next Pages

Photographs of Llandudno Bay - Today



Views of the Rhyl Flats construction from Llandudno Promenade with North Hoyle windfarm in the background – 16 miles away.



Drilling Rig from Penrhyn Bay – with North Hoyle in the background - 16miles away



The North Wales public were misled over the Rhyl Flats Project ?

We must not allow the Gwynt y Mor Wind Farm with **250 more Turbines ?**