

William Powell AM
Chair
Petitions Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
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Your ref: P-04-419

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Dear William

Thank you for your letter of 12 June 2013 seeking the views of Natural Resources Wales on the petition from James Shepherd Foster calling for a moratorium on wind farm and wind turbine developments.

The purpose of Natural Resources Wales is to ensure that the environment and natural resources of Wales are maintained, enhanced and used in a sustainable way, designed to benefit the environment, people and economy of Wales now and in the future.

The deployment of renewable energy in Wales contributes towards climate change mitigation, energy security and the economic and social wellbeing of communities. The role of Natural Resources Wales is to provide advice to Government, decision makers and developers to enable the right development in the right place whilst avoiding or minimising adverse impact on the environment. We encourage developers to work with us at the earliest possible stage of project design to ensure wind farm design and layout does not adversely affect conservation interests of acknowledged importance.

With regard to the issues raised by the Petitioner specific to the remit of Natural Resources Wales the response of the Minister for Housing and Regeneration clearly sets out the framework within which we work with developers and decision makers on a daily basis to avoid or minimise the environmental impact of wind turbines and we have no further observations to add.

Natural Resources Wales have no observations on those recommendations which are not within our remit.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emyr Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R'.

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