

Paper to Note 4

This is a statement written by Gwen Burkhardt about her experience of living near Blaenbowi Wind Farm in 2001.

After three wind turbines were up and running 900 metres from my home I began to suffer ill health.

The symptoms I suffered were as follows, a churning in my head, irregular heart beats, a racing pulse, slight stomach nausea accompanied by a feeling of unease through the day, a lack of concentration and disturbed sleep patterns. These symptoms were with me nearly all the time on a daily basis and it was only when I was away from my home that I began to realise that I was feeling normal again but the ill health and symptoms returned when I arrived home.

Our home was a family farm where we had lived for twenty eight years, where we had worked hard, brought up children, planted a large area of woodland and built a retirement home where we were very happy.

Reluctantly the decision was made that we would have to move away and we put our home on the market. The decision to sell caused me a great deal of personal stress and a sense of guilt since I was the only member of the family to suffer ill health caused by the low frequency noise from the turbines. Added to that was the worry that no one would be willing to buy our "sick" house. When buyers were found I felt that I should and did explain to them why I was moving away.

Since I moved away my health has returned to normal with no sign of the symptoms, thankfully ! I am now worried that the proposed Wind Farm for Llanllwni mountain will again impact on my health and the health of others living nearer to the proposed site. In my opinion after my experience of suffering ill health no wind turbines should be placed near people's home.