

## WIND FARMS AND THE BIALA EIS

Wind farms are visible and produce noise when operational.

It is obvious that wind turbines, 110m above the ground to the hub and 185m to the top of the rotating blades , are going to be visible for a long distance.

Also the turbines are generally placed near the top of hills to pick up the wind and this makes them stand out even more.

Operating wind turbines also produce noise, both from the hub area and from the blades as they pass the tower.

There are also other effects of operational wind turbines such as shadow flicker, and electromagnetic interference.

All of the above are undisputed features of wind farms.

And there is really no sensible way of eliminating these effects , especially visibility and noise.

Hence, the only way to negate these effects is to build wind farms well away from where people already live.

Some provision for access roads and car parks could surely be built, by the developer, to provide for people who would like to view the farms in operation.

However, the current position is that wind farms are being proposed and built where some people already live.

What consideration is given to those, already living in the area, who can't stand the sight of wind turbines or who are genuinely disturbed by the noise generated or other side effects of the farms. Would it not be reasonable to allow them the option of a buy out of their property based on values prior to knowledge of the wind farm proposal.

The EIS comes to the conclusion that there is no correlation between declining property values in proximity to wind farms. Hence, if the developer believes his EIS then this would be a cost neutral proposal.

### **Hence, if wind farms are to be built**

- **Build them where no people live and where people can not be affected by visibility, noise etc.**
- **If this is not possible or feasible then the developer should**
- **Allow any existing land owner in the vicinity who wants to get away from the area to be paid the market value of their property based on values prior to knowledge of the wind farm proposal.**
- **This is a fair deal and should be a cost neutral proposal to the developer based on his EIS.**