

to whom it may concern,

thank you for the opportunity of making an observation on your policy.

i would like to make the following points, in relation to any intended export policy and or agreement between the UK and IRELAND.

any such policy should have firstly allowed for the peoples of both countries to be consulted in relation to any and all agreements that could and indeed would affect the populations of both countries.

the people of the U K would have to subsidise the wind energy sector in IRELAND, which would see them paying large increases in their energy bills.

while the people of IRELAND would have to pay a cost of 3.2 billion to build the necessary transmission lines that will be required to facilitate the export of the energy.

IRELAND also would have to live with the total destruction of their landscapes, the health affects of having to live in close proximity to these large monstrosities, the devaluation of their property, the increased noise levels, shadow flicker and a host of other affects that goes with being forced to live work and sleep in communities that have been proliferated with wind farms or wind turbines.

rural IRELAND at this moment in time is locked in a battle of a significant scale in an attempt to protect their counties and indeed their communities from would be large scale wind developers vying to erect thousands of wind turbines for the export market. this battle could be stopped in the morning if the U K government would stop the subsidies that at the moment is driving the wind energy sector.

we all already know that without these subsidies the wind energy sector could not and indeed would not survive, and we also already know that the wind speeds in the midlands of IRELAND are far to slow for any wind farm or wind turbine to create any real energy, in fact with wind speeds at 6.5 meters per second at the top of the scale a modern wind turbine could not pay for its self in three of its life spans.

the U K GOVERNMENT should now consider this export policy at great length, and realise the wind energy sector for what it is, a ponzie scheme to extort monies from consumers with the express consent of governments.

stop the subsidies and see how many would be developers are still interested in developing wind farms, my guess is that there will be none.

thank you for your consideration. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], co, offaly