

## **Statement on Renewables**

### **Matter 12 Issue 1 (absence of policies on climate change see also Chatsworth submissions)**

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My CV includes work within the PDNPA on renewables, representation at the Core Strategy on the then renewables policies, and founder chairman of Sustainable Youlgrave. (SY)

SY delivered a £100,000 study (inter alia) that recommended 4 Anaerobic Digesters (AD) in its area and another that recommended farm, home and factory wind turbines.

PDNPA contributed to and signed off the AD study.

60% of the community agreed to small or medium wind turbines, even where visible from their homes.

Subsequently in practice far more weight has been given by PDNPA and the Inspectorate to alleged visual harm, despite nationwide acceptance of turbines as sculptures: and the minor impact of on-farm AD, and a £3m community AD on brownfield land..

During the PLI into turbines for a farm at Parwich, there was lengthy legal argument around the wording of the renewables policies.

I recall a "final" letter from John Scott which softened the apparent block on the multi- farm AD at Friden. We also have two dismissals of farm wind turbines that will have harmed the economy of those two farms and a cheese factory, and prevented carbon saving.

So, I note with puzzlement that the document includes policies for all forms of development except carbon reduction proposals.

I note that the Chatsworth Estate has raised the topic at this hearing.

I intend to join with the Estate (if it is willing) and add to the case for policies that give greater weight to the reduction of the Park's carbon footprint.