In my opinion we cannot even get near the 2020 date because it is only 8 years away. The technology does not exist to store sufficient of the renewably generated electricity to make wind farms a viable option, and the much more efficient tidal and wave possibilities are barely starting to be installed or developed. We still need 100% non renewable power (to cope when there is no wind) so no chance of meeting CO2 emissions targets.

Lack of belief in the credibility of these targets is harming investment in an uncertain political environment. Therefore at this point I do not think that Scotland has the necessary infrastructure to develop, nor the availability of finance. **We should learn from the banking crisis and not be driven by targets.**

The Planning system is undemocratic and planning objections too expensive for the little man/communities. If local communities consider that a wind farm will damage tourism/wildlife and indeed is probably contrary to the Local Plan, consent can still be given with absolutely no realistic ability for adversely affected people to do anything about it. Money gets planning consents.

**In conclusion I would say that we should not rush to achieve improbable targets, but should invest in storage of power generated product, grid improvements and not rush to significantly damage our natural landscape, whilst making a few people very rich at the expense of many.**

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