

## **Letter to "foreigners" living in "Le Morvan" (Burgundy).**

*To: Dutch, British, German and other people living in "Le Morvan".*

From the very ancient ages, "Le Morvan" has welcomed foreigners and strangers, whether they came from another French province or from further away. In difficult times, Le Morvan has hosted people who didn't really know where to go.

"Morvandiaux", i.e. people from "Le Morvan", are extremely tolerant. This in part reflects the fact that they are confident in their capability to preserve their environment and specific life style, and the belief that all people who really want to live in the region will do the same. But, indeed, this has never been an easy task.

Morvan people, with their strength of mind and independent will, have managed to preserve their environment, in a way that most now envy. Today, new comers who have left regions where the environment is in a disastrous state want to benefit from this preserved environment in "Le Morvan". However, many of them do not really care to act and help this environment being preserved. They do not really feel responsible. They just want the benefit, not the trouble.

Furthermore, some call themselves "environmentalists", "greens", "alternatists", etc. and support bureaucratic and lobbyists concepts of what is to be done concerning the environment. One of the most fashionable of these superimposed conceptions is that of "sustainable development", aspect of it being "renewable energies", part of it being "windmill energy". Everyone who takes pains to study facts and realities knows that most of such a discourse is plain hypocrisy and that – only to speak of it – windmill energy is pure window-dressing. Whatever is done to develop it, will not even cover the increase in energy consumption in the coming years. In counterpart, great damage, irreversible damage could be done to the environment in developing such energy sources, especially in a region such as "Le Morvan".

The implantation of windmills in "Le Morvan" would indeed greatly affect the quality of life in this region, especially concerning the average noise levels and the landscape. This would greatly reduce the attractiveness of the area which main assets are peacefulness, wilderness, calm and beauty.

To protect our region, and specifically the region of Montcimet-Anost-Cussy, where a windmill project has been initiated that could be considered as a "test", we have created AMAC, a not-for-profit organisation. A few foreigners have already joined us. But, as we now have a strong foreign community in the region mainly composed of Dutch, British and German persons, we want more of them in support, many more of them. They will help us and we will inform them and help them.

Hence, join AMAC. Write us, in English, Dutch, German, or French (of course) and we will answer you.

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