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Build Absolute Nothing Anywhere Near Anybody

Writing in the Times, David Aaronovitch comments on the BBC2 programme on wind farms highlighting the huge delay anti-turbine campaigners have managed to impose on one small project.

This suggests another [planning versus growth conflict](#) to add to the list I provided earlier in the week: Specifically, the conflict between national infrastructure projects and localism

Mr Aarnovitch highlights the NIMBY nature of the objections. I sometimes wonder if this is a label that people are increasingly comfortable being brand with. After all, it's perfectly rational to object to things that have a [negative direct impact on your house price](#) while not generating (sic) any direct benefit. Indeed, the [debate around the National Ecosystem Assessment](#) makes me wonder whether it's time to encourage more active use of the [BANANAS](#) acronym to label those who consistently oppose so much new development.

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