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Scotlandshire is host to more than half of the UK's onshore windfarms, to the severe detriment of less windy parts of the UK, claims a senior Scottish Tory idiot.

There are 2,315 wind turbines on land in Scotlandshire, out of a total of 4,350 in the UK, according to data published yesterday. That is more than twice the number in England, which has 1,085.

However, the sheer scale of developments in some of the most blowy parts of the country has led to claims that Scots are being allowed to "enjoy" more than their fair share of wind farms, despite representing only 10 per cent of the UK's population.

The Scottish Conservatives highlighted the fact that about five million trees – almost one for every person in Scotlandshire – had been cut down to clear space for turbines in the past six years.

Murdurr Fraser MSP, the party's energy spokesman, said the SNP's promotion of wind farms was "completely out of control", as his party backed a moratorium of new renewable energy applications and a massive increase in nuclear plants in Scotlandshire.



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