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Sent: 04 October 2016 16:29
To: National Infrastructure Consents
Subject: Carnedd Wen & LLanbrynmair

Re-determination of the application by RES UK & Ireland Limited ("RES) dated 27 March 2009 for consent to construct and operate a 100MW wind turbine generating station in Powys, Mid Wales ("Llanbrynmair")

Re-determination of the application by RWE Npower Renewables Limited ("RWE) dated 11 December 2008 for consent to construct and operate a 130-250MW wind turbine generating station in Powys, Mid Wales ("Carnedd Wen")

Dear Sir,

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to respond to the representations made to the Statement of Matters issued on the 6th July 2016.

However, I am concerned that I was not able to respond to the Statement of Matters issued on the 6th July 2016, as I was not made aware of this process even though I am an interested party.

Furthermore being sent a letter dated 20th September 2016 (received Saturday, 24th September 2016) giving interested parties an opportunity to comment on representations to the Statement of Matters issued in July only gives me 10 days to respond. I therefore, first of all, respectfully request that you investigate the timescales and correspondence concerns that individuals like myself have been subject to over these Statement of Matters.

Secondly, I would like you to record my objections to the re-determinations of the applications for both wind farm developments detailed above. My objections are summarised below:

- It has been clearly documented in the 'Public Inquiry' that there would be significant impact on the landscape (both visually and environmentally) on both proposed development sites.
- It has been clearly documented in the 'Public Inquiry' that there would be significant cumulative impact (both visually and environmentally) of the proposed wind farm developments including other already granted planning permission.
- These wind farm developments must also be viewed in conjunction with the other wind farm developments already in position together with the proposed National Grid 400kv line from Cefn Coch to England when considering the impact to the landscape. I believe that the landscape and particularly natural vistas that showcase our rural history, are one of our most valuable assets, one that we should preserve and pass along to our children and their children in turn. This country has spent many years trying to reverse the impact of industrialisation in large populated areas (large towns and cities) to make these areas more pleasant for those who live and visit them. Why is our countryside less valuable than a town or city because these wind farm developments will industrialise the landscape? Picture Lowry's works where he wanted to capture the industrial landscape, and now picture large wind farms in rural Montgomeryshire – the similarities between chimneys and turbines would be striking!
- The adequacy of the environmental information produced in support of the applications for the Developments is also questionable – I note this in the objections in the previous round. I live on a farm that lies within the proposed National Grid 400Kv power transmission line for the new developments. Ecological and environmental surveys conducted by surveyors on behalf of National

Grid were at best minimalistic by extreme. No surveys were carried out on the river, so they could not possibly comment on otters, watervole, native crayfish or anything else they listed. No surveys on bats. Nor did they take note of surveys by all established groups. If National Grid surveyors cannot perform their job roles to a minimum standard then we have to question if the two developers detailed above did any better? These types of surveys should be always conducted completely independently and not sponsored by those who may wish for a particular outcome. Any surveys should not be over two years old.

- The Government (Secretary of State for Communities and local government) stated in July 2015 that a local voice should be listened to and **'have the final say'** with regards to such developments. It is clear that the vast majority of local people are against these developments, as there has been a huge public outcry over these proposed further developments.
- On shore wind farms are not the way forward for generating electricity. It is well documented that they are inefficient and degrade over time making them even more inefficient. Why support a carbuncle on the landscape when we all know their limitations which are costing the general public huge amounts every year but feed the pockets of big business.
- We also agree with the objection reasons given by local council/bodies/individuals in their response for the statement to matters dated 6/7/16.

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