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**Sent:** 19 March 2013 10:28  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: FW: Mid Wales Conjoined Public Inquiry PLUS National Grid's Mid Wales Connection

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to my e-mail below, just to flag up the following future actions following the Pre-Inquiry Meeting:

- i) the Secretary of State will need to get Emyr Jones formally appointed as an Assistant Inspector and so should be grateful if you would provide his up-to-date qualifications in due course so they can be included in his Minute of Appointment (although I see from the note that it only refers to him being "likely to be appointed to assist" at the moment); and
- ii) we still need to confirm the venue(s) for the inquiry in accordance with Rule 14(3) of the 2007 Inquiries Procedure Rules once they have been firmed up (and we would appreciate if you could do this on behalf of the Secretary of State in due course).

Kind regards,

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Thanks.

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**Sent:** 18 March 2013 17:29  
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wrote:

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and the

The Electricity Generating Stations and Overhead Lines (Inquiries Procedure)(England and Wales) Rules 2007

Application by Vattenfall, dated 30 November 2007 for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a 59.5MW wind turbine generating station in Powys, Mid Wales ('Llanbadarn Fynydd')

Application by Fferm Wynt Llaithddu Cyf, dated 7 May 2008 for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a 66.7 MW wind turbine generating station in Powys, Mid Wales ('Llaithddu')

Application by CeltPower Limited, dated 9 May 2008 for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a 126MW wind turbine generating station in Powys, Mid Wales ('Llandinam')

Application by RES UK & Ireland Limited, dated 27 March 2009 for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a 100MW wind turbine generating station in Powys, Mid Wales ('LLanbrynmair')

Application by RWE NPower Renewables Limited, dated 11 December 2008 for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a 130-250MW wind turbine generating station in Powys, Mid Wales ('Carnedd Wen')

Application by SP Manweb PLC, dated 2 December 2009 for consent under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to install and keep installed a 132kV overhead electric line connection from the proposed Llandinam Wind Farm to Welshpool Substation

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**Conjoined Public Inquiry**  
**Notes of the Pre Inquiry Meeting (PIM)**  
**Held on Monday 18 February and Monday 25 February 2013**

**1.0 Introductions**

- [REDACTED] introduced himself as the Inspector appointed to hold the Inquiry.
- Emyr Jones was introduced as the Inspector likely to be appointed to assist, particularly with regard to the Llandinam grid connection proposal.
- [REDACTED] was introduced as the Programme Officer. [REDACTED] was introduced as the Planning Inspectorate procedure officer.
- It was announced that the purpose of the meeting was to establish a draft timetable for the Inquiry, to be submitted for approval to the Secretary of State, and to discuss the arrangements for the Inquiry. It was emphasised that it was not the purpose of the meeting to discuss the merits of the applications.

**2.0 Alliance submission: letter dated 4 February 2013, and comments and other matters arising.**

- The Alliance submission, as set out in the letter of 4 February and supplemented by a 'skeleton' argument and speaking notes, was presented by the Alliance's advocate. Comments were also heard from advocates for the applicants and the Local Planning Authority (LPA). It was confirmed that no decision or ruling would be made on the first day of the PIM, but that a report and recommendation on the application would be made to the SoS, along with the recommended timetable.
- It was announced at the opening of the second day of the PIM that the Inspector would be recommending that the Inquiry should proceed, on a timetable to be agreed<sup>1</sup>.

**3.0 Matters arising from the Introductory Meeting and responses**

- All suggestions for the main Inquiry venue had been carefully considered. Although there was not universal agreement, the clear majority of the persons likely to participate in the Inquiry preferred Welshpool as the main venue. The Inspector and Programme Officer had drawn up a short list of potential venues in the Welshpool area and had inspected them. The Royal Oak Hotel had been found to have the necessary rooms and facilities, had good availability, and had been found to be the most suitable venue in all other respects. The Royal Oak Hotel in Welshpool would therefore be the main Inquiry venue.
- Venues for evening sessions, more local to the sites of the applications, would be arranged in due course.

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<sup>1</sup> See speaking notes attached as Annex A to these notes, paragraphs 1-5.



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- On balance, strong preference had been expressed for the Inquiry format to be topic based, on a rolling programme, and arranged to include separate sessions on SSA B, SSA C, the Llandinam grid connection, and cumulative effects.
  - Requests had been made to allow cross examination by representatives for local residents and interest groups objecting to the applications. The Inspector explained that he would not exclude anyone from asking questions, providing that they are relevant and not repetitive. He would prefer that such questions should be asked by a skilled advocate representing as many people as possible. He would therefore allow the Alliance's advocate the first opportunity of putting questions to the applicants' witnesses, following cross examination by the LPA's advocate. However, those questions should be aimed at establishing facts, and should be direct and to the point.
  - The questioning of witnesses by the Alliance's advocate does not preclude others from asking questions, but time may be limited.

#### **4.0 Working Groups to develop timetables for Inquiry sessions**

- Inspector Emyr Jones raised the matter of whether any necessary wayleaves and easements would be applied for in time to be dealt with at the Llandinam grid connection Inquiry session. The timetable for this session should allow for the necessary discussions.
- On 18<sup>th</sup> February working groups were established to develop timetables for sessions 1 – 4 as follows. These were led by representatives of the LPA.

Session 1: SSA C

Session 2: SSA B

Session 3: Llandinam Grid Connection

Session 4: Matters in common / area-wide cumulative effects

- The LPA's representatives then reported on the outcome of the discussions. In most cases, the length of time proposed by the groups exceeded that anticipated by the Inspector. For Session 4 (matters in common etc) the length of time far exceeded expectations. The Inspector therefore requested the group leaders to prepare notes on the discussions. These were carefully reviewed by the Inspector before the PIM resumed on the 25 February.
- On resumption of the PIM the Inspector led a group of representatives of all the interested parties in a discussion about the timetable. He reiterated the purpose of the Inquiry, and further explained the procedure. He emphasised that it is not the purpose of the Inquiry to consider evidence relating to the principle of windfarm and associated development in Powys in general, or to consider objections to energy policies set out in National Energy Policy Statements, PPW and TAN 8. No application has yet been made in relation to future grid connections, other than the



Llandinam grid connection. He emphasised that it would not assist the Inquiry to examine future grid connections in detail, other than the Llandinam connection<sup>2</sup>.

- The Inspector then tabled a draft timetable for discussion. It was proposed to open the Inquiry on June 4 as anticipated, but to then adjourn until September, as the timetable for preparation of information for the Llandinam grid connection would not allow the relevant Inquiry session to proceed until the New Year. The adjournment would allow time for discussions aimed at narrowing down areas of disagreement, thus shortening Inquiry time. Case management would take place during the adjournment period to monitor discussions.

#### **5.0 Timetable for the Inquiry Sessions**

- The draft timetable was developed during the discussions. The final draft is attached at Annex B.

#### **6.0 Timetable for submission of Supplementary Environment Information (where relevant), Statements of Common Ground, Statements of Case / Summaries, and Proofs of Evidence.**

- Dates will be on a rolling programme timetabled to accord with the timing of each Inquiry session. In general, the final date for submission of details about the application, including SEI, would be 12 weeks before the relevant Inquiry session. Full statements of case and statements of common ground would be required 8 weeks before the relevant session, and proofs of evidence would be required 4 weeks in advance. These requirements have been incorporated into the final draft of the timetable.

#### **7.0 Site Inspections**

- The Inspector requested all interested persons to prepare a list of selected viewpoints, to assist with the preparation of a schedule of accompanied and unaccompanied site inspections. Lists should be provided to the Programme Officer. He also requested that early consideration be given to the necessary arrangements for access and transport, particularly for any viewpoints that would not be accessible by ordinary road vehicles.

#### **8.0 Inquiry Documents**

- All documents should be submitted to the programme officer, who will number, publish and circulate them
- It is strongly preferred that all documents should be prepared and made available in an electronic format. The Programme Officer particularly requests links to application documents, so that these can be made accessible through the Inquiry website. However, it is not practicable to work entirely in electronic format. Four hard copies of documents are therefore requested, in addition to a copy in an

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<sup>2</sup> See paragraphs 6 – 20 of the speaking notes attached at Annex A.

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electronic format, to be made available for the Inspector's use, for public inspection, for use in the Inquiry library, and at the Inquiry.

**9.0 Any Other Business etc**

- There being no other business the PIM was closed on 25 February. The Programme Officer will circulate and publish these notes

## **Annex A – Inspector’s Speaking Notes**

The following notes were read out at the PIM on 25 February. Paragraphs 1 – 5 were read out at the resumption of the PIM. Paragraphs 6 - 20 were read out before the discussion on the draft timetable.

### **Matters arising from the Alliance submission of 4 Feb, subsequent skeleton/speaking notes, and comments thereon**

- 1.0** The purpose of the PIM is to discuss the timetable for the Inquiry. The task of recommending a timetable is linked with the merits of the submission. In order to progress this meeting I need to inform it of what my recommendations on the application will be.
- 2.0** Similar representations to those made by the Alliance were made by the local planning authority at the conjoined Steadings, Ray Estate and Green Rigg Inquiry ('Green Rigg')<sup>3</sup>. In his ruling, the Inspector took account of the various legal authorities brought to his attention, and reached the conclusion that although each of the proposed wind farms and future grid connections would have an inextricable link, the grid connections would be a secondary and subsidiary consequence of approval or consent for any of the wind farm developments. In that regard, even though the wind farms and the grid connections would not proceed independently, they could be distinguished from each other and said to be separate projects<sup>4</sup>. The Secretaries of State (SoSs) shared the Inspector's view. On that basis, it was concluded by the SoSs that each could be the subject of a separate application and an appropriate EIA.
- 3.0** I have taken into account the legal authorities brought to my attention by the Alliance and the other parties, and the particular circumstances of the applications that are the subject of this Inquiry. However, I find nothing that would lead me to a different conclusion to that reached by the Inspector in the 'Green Rigg' Inquiry. I shall therefore not recommend that the Inquiry procedure should be halted.
- 4.0** Any necessary Supplementary Environmental Information (SEI) can be provided in accordance with a 'rolling programme' included in the timetable. Providing that the SEI is provided in accordance with the timetable, all the parties would have sufficient time to assess the implications before preparing full statements of case and proofs of evidence. The procedure would not then be 'incurably unfair'.
- 5.0** I conclude that I must recommend that the Inquiry should proceed, on a timetable to be agreed.

<sup>3</sup> Appeal Ref 2039188. Inspector's Report dated 27 November 2009.

<sup>4</sup> Para 15.14 of the above report

- 6.0** For the proposed windfarms, the statement of matters to be considered at the Inquiry includes the individual and combined landscape and visual impacts of the proposed developments, taking into account cumulative impact with other wind farms in the Powys area which have already been granted planning permission or where planning permission has been applied for. Similarly, it requires cumulative impacts to be taken into account with regard to construction traffic and noise. The potential for the proposed developments to be connected to the electricity grid network is also a matter to be considered. For the proposed overhead electric line development (Llandinam) the matters to be considered include the landscape and visual impact of the proposed development, both individually and cumulatively with existing infrastructure and any energy infrastructure which has already has planning permission or where planning permission has been applied for. In accordance with the relevant Directive and EIA regulations, the description of the likely significant effect of the development on the environment should cover (inter alia) any indirect, secondary and cumulative effects.
- 7.0** In accordance with Circular 2/99, the development should be judged on what is proposed by the developer. The developer can be asked to provide an Environmental Statement only in respect of the development he has proposed, though the statement will need to address not only direct, but also indirect effects of the development. My attention has been brought to legal authority for the proposition that the development which is considered by any EIA is limited to the actual development for which permission/consent is sought<sup>5</sup>. The developer is only expected and required to provide information which is reasonably required and which can be reasonably required to compile, having regard to current knowledge and methods of assessment. In this instance, any wider implications would be for the SoS to consider, but it is open to developers to assist by supplying any additional information relevant to his consideration.
- 8.0** Four of the five wind farms would be dependant for their operation on electricity connections for which consent has yet to be applied for. As these windfarms and their future grid connections would be inextricably linked it would be reasonable to require the developers concerned to provide some information about the future grid connections, to assist the SoS with his consideration of the wider implications, even if no application has yet been made. However, the level of information expected is limited to that which can be reasonably required, having regard to current knowledge. In practice, that is likely to be the latest published information available at the time. It would be possible to provide this information in accordance with the rolling programme and the timetable without causing prejudice.
- 9.0** Importantly, it would not be necessary or appropriate to carry out a full EIA of the future grid connections as part of this Inquiry process. That would be a matter for the processes associated with the future applications.

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<sup>5</sup> R(Candlish) v Hastings BC, [2005] EWHC 1539 (Admin) [2006]



- 10.0** With regard to procedure at the Inquiry, consideration of the evidence relating to individual topics within each Inquiry session would follow the normal order for planning Inquiries: i.e., evidence for the local planning authority (or others opposing the application if the LPA does not object on this topic) would be presented first. The full written proof would normally be taken as read. Presentation of evidence in chief would normally be brief. Cross examination would follow. In the context of the conjoined Inquiry it would assist the Inquiry if, where possible, one advocate could take the lead on cross examination for all applicants, though short supplementary questions would be permitted from others. It would not be normal for those opposed to the proposals to ask questions of the LPA's witnesses. Inspector's questions and re-examination (again brief) would follow.
- 11.0** Any other persons entitled to appear, and opposing the proposed developments, would then present their evidence. Witnesses who have submitted statements of case and proofs of evidence would appear first. Their evidence would be presented and would be subject to cross examination and questions in the same way as the Council's witnesses. Persons wishing to make an oral statement would then be heard.
- 12.0** The evidence for each topic would then be completed by the hearing of the evidence for the applicants. Only the Council would be entitled to cross examine, but requests to ask questions of the applicants' witnesses would not be unreasonably refused. Priority will be given to questions asked by an advocate on behalf of local residents and/or interest groups. Questions should be succinct and to the point. Irrelevant or repetitious questions will not be allowed. Cross examination or questions will be required to be ceased if it appears that permitting it to continue would have the effect that the approved timetable could not be met.
- 13.0** As repetitious evidence or questions will not be allowed the applicants, and the Council and other objectors are strongly advised to cooperate in advance, to avoid duplication and waste of effort.
- 14.0** All parties should note that evidence relating to the principle of windfarm and associated development in Powys, and objections to energy policy set out in National Energy Policy Statements, PPW and TAN 8 will be considered to be irrelevant. Oral evidence relating to such objections will not be allowed, but persons wishing to give such evidence may do so in writing before the close of the Inquiry.
- 15.0** In the light of the above, it appears to me that the estimated duration length of time estimated by most of the working groups on 18 Feb would be unnecessarily long.
- 16.0** Please note, that with regard to technical matters such as landscape and visual impact assessments, noise and health, and Indivisible Abnormal Loads (transport matters), it may not be necessary or helpful to the Inquiry to hear from more than one expert witness speaking against the applications, and one speaking for them. That does not mean that statements cannot be made about

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those matters cannot be made by others, but those statements and questions about them should be brief.

- 17.0** I have considered the Council's response to the Alliance's application, but as it is not the purpose of this Inquiry to consider the development of windfarms in Powys as a whole, I will not be recommending that any other application is called in for a decision by the SoS's or Welsh Ministers. However, the suggestion of making time for the parties to narrow the issues through further discussions has merits.
- 18.0** As I said earlier, I think the Inquiry time estimates prepared by some of the working groups are too long. The estimate for session 4 was particularly disproportionate, but that may have been because participants were under the misconception that the future grid connections should be looked at in detail.
- 19.0** I have therefore taken away the notes prepared by those working groups, and have developed a timetable which I now propose to the meeting. As you will see, I propose opening the Inquiry in June, as anticipated. This will get things under way. The details of the timetable can then be adjusted to be adjusted if necessary, provided that the end date is not put back. However, as session 3 could not take place until the New Year, there could be a lengthy adjournment after the opening session, during which the parties would be expected to narrow down some issues through discussion. Progress on the discussions could be monitored by a case manager. Even if issues are not narrowed down, I think 6 weeks of Inquiry time would be appropriate for sessions 1 and 2. The Inquiry could therefore resume after the August break.
- 20.0** I therefore table the draft timetable for discussion.



## **Annex B – Final Draft Inquiry Timetable**

**(NB minor amendments have been made to the timetable following SPM's comments on the first draft, letter dated 12 March 2013)**

### **Opening Session**

Topics: opening submissions, planning and energy policy (interpretation and application)

**Tuesday 4 June – Friday 7 June 2013**

### **Session 1: SSA C**

Topics: landscape, cultural heritage, noise and health, local transport, peat/hydrology, wildlife

**Tuesday 3 September – Friday 6 September 2013**

**Tuesday 10 September – Friday 13 September 2013**

**Tuesday 17 September – Friday 20 September 2013**

**\*\*\*\*\*Break\*\*\*\*\***

**Tuesday 1 October – Friday 4 October 2013**

**Tuesday 8 October – Friday 11 October 2013**

**Tuesday 15 October – Friday 18 October 2013**

### **Deadlines for submissions: SSA C**

<b>Supplementary Environmental Information &amp; other information</b>	<b>12 June 2013</b>
<b>Full statements of case and statements of common ground</b>	<b>9 July 2013</b>
<b>Proofs of evidence</b>	<b>6 August 2013</b>

### **Session 2: SSA B**

Topics: landscape, cultural heritage, noise and health, local transport, construction/peat/hydrology/ forestry, wildlife

<b>Tuesday 5 November – Friday 8 November 2013</b>
<b>Tuesday 12 November – Friday 15 November</b>
<b>Tuesday 19 November – Friday 22 November</b>
<b>*****BREAK*****</b>
<b>Tuesday 3 December – Friday 6 December</b>
<b>Tuesday 10 December – Friday 13 December</b>
<b>Tuesday 17 December – Friday 20 December</b>

**Deadlines for submissions: SSA B**

<b>Supplementary Environmental Information &amp; other information</b>	<b>13 August 2013</b>
<b>Full statements of case and statements of common ground</b>	<b>10 September 2013</b>
<b>Proofs of evidence</b>	<b>8 October 2013</b>

**Session 3: Llandinam Grid Connection**

Topics: design, need, landscape, cultural heritage, wildlife and ecology, way-leaves & easements.

<b>Tuesday 21 January – Friday 24 January 2014</b>
<b>Tuesday 28 January – Friday 31 January 2014</b>
<b>Tuesday 4 February – Friday 7 February 2014</b>
<b>*****Break*****</b>
<b>Tuesday 18 February – Friday 21 February 2014</b>
<b>Tuesday 25 February – Friday 28 February 2014</b>

**Deadlines for submissions: Llandinam Grid Connection**

<b>Anticipated date by which SEI will be available (SPM estimate)</b>	<b>30 September 2013</b>
<b>Latest date for SEI &amp; other information</b>	<b>29 October 2013</b>
<b>Full statements of case and statements of common ground</b>	<b>26 November 2013</b>
<b>Proofs of evidence</b>	<b>24 December 2013</b>

#### **Session 4: Matters in Common/Cumulative Effects**

Topics: landscape, transport (strategic), socio-economic effects including tourism, wildlife and ecology.

<b>Tuesday 18 March – Friday 21 March 2014</b>
<b>Tuesday 25 March – Friday 28 March 2014</b>
<b>Tuesday 1 April – Friday 4 April 2014</b>
<b>*****Break*****</b>
<b>Tuesday 15 – Wednesday 16 April 2014</b>
<b>(Easter bank holiday)</b>
<b>Wednesday 24 – Thursday 25 April 2014</b>

#### **Deadlines for submissions: Matters in Common/Cumulative Effects**

<b>Supplementary Environmental Information &amp; other information</b>	<b>24 December 2013</b>
<b>Full statements of case</b>	<b>21 January 2014</b>
<b>Proofs of evidence and statement of common ground</b>	<b>18 February 2014</b>

#### **Closing Session**

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Topics: planning balance, general conditions/legal undertakings, closing statements, other applications.

**Tuesday 20 May – Friday 23 May 2014**

**Wed 28 May – Friday 30 May 2014 (Monday 29 May = bank holiday)**

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**Energy Development)**

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**From:** (Energy Development)  
**Sent:** 17 April 2013 10:44  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** (Energy Development)  
FW: Re:- The Mid Wales ( Powys ) Conjoined Wind Farms Public Enquiry. Managed by Bank Solutions.

FYI.

Also (and for your and the Inspector's information only), a submission regarding the draft timetable clearance and Alliance's request for a postponement of the inquiry went to the Minister today and hopefully will get his decision by the start of next week.

The Chairman of Montgomeryshire Against Pylons (MAP) has also written to Michael Fallon (our new Minister) regarding consideration of the grid connection at the Inquiry and I will reply on his behalf as soon as we receive the Minister's decision on the Alliance's request. I will copy the correspondence to you in due course.

Kind regards,

Department of Energy & Climate Change  
Consents Manager, National Infrastructure Consents

Tel. 0300 068 [REDACTED]  
[\[REDACTED\]@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@decc.gsi.gov.uk)

Area A, 3rd Floor  
3 Whitehall Place  
London SW1A 2AW

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**From:** [mailto:[REDACTED]@talk21.com]  
**Sent:** 11 April 2013 10:40  
**To:** (Energy Development)  
**Subject:** Re:- The Mid Wales ( Powys ) Conjoined Wind Farms Public Enquiry. Managed by Bank Solutions.

Good Morning.

Re:- The Mid Wales ( Powys ) Conjoined Wind Farms Public Enquiry. Managed by Bank Solutions.

My Name is [REDACTED] I run a Holiday Complex outside Welshpool called Graig Farm Cottages. It is about a 10 minute drive from the centre of Welshpool.

Our Web Site is [www.graigfarmcottages.co.uk](http://www.graigfarmcottages.co.uk)

Some attendees of the public enquiry have already booked to stay with us during the First Stage of the Enquiry in

September and October.

We would be very happy to see more use being made of our facility during the enquiry.

Could you please circulate our details to anybody who might be looking for a cost effective accommodation in the Welshpool area during the Public Enquiry.

Thank you in Advance.

Contact details.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] (Day)

Phone: [REDACTED] (Night)

Mobile: [REDACTED]

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ alk21.com

Skype:

Web: www-[REDACTED].co.uk



**(Energy Development)**

**From:** Energy Development)  
**Sent:** 11 April 2013 12:02  
**To:** Energy Development)  
**Cc:** RE: Mid Wales Conjoined Wind Farms PI  
**Subject:**

Thanks for this. As the Inspector has issued a report on the request for adjournment, we'll probably need to clear this with Ministers. So it'll be a few days before we get back to you with a final response.

Regards

Department of Energy and Climate Change  
3 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2AW  
0300 068

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**From:** [mailto:[@gmail.com](mailto:)]  
**Sent:** 11 April 2013 03:26  
**To:** Energy Development)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Mid Wales Conjoined Wind Farms PI

I note is out until Monday. Can you deal with this.

Thanks

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**From:** <[@gmail.com](mailto:)>  
**Date:** 10 April 2013 21:23  
**Subject:** Mid Wales Conjoined Wind Farms PI  
**To:** <[@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:)>

Hello

Please find attached the Inspectors formal recommendations on the Alliance request for adjournment and Draft Timetable. He has asked me to send to you for approval before circulating and uploading to the web.

Thanks and Kind Regards

Programme Officer  
Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farm PI  
C/O Banks Solutions

Tel: [REDACTED] ( Direct)  
Mob: [REDACTED]  
Skype: [REDACTED]  
email: [REDACTED] gmail.com

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Programme Officer  
Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farm PI  
C/O Banks Solutions

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[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From:  
Sent:  
To:  
Cc:

[REDACTED] (Energy Development)  
14 March 2013 11:03

Subject:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
REPRESENTATION FROM PINSENT MASON ON BEHALF OF SP MANWEB

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to the representation on the draft timetable for the Mid-Wales PI from Pinsent Masons on behalf of SP Manweb in respect of the s.37 overhead line application.

It is noted their representation includes the following text:

*Wayleaves and Easements are included in the topic list but, as was made clear at the PIM, it is not a certainty that the negotiation of the requisite interests and any necessary compulsory purchase of the same will progress to a timescale that dovetails with this Inquiry. SPM made clear at the PIM that, in order to assist the Inquiry, if the timing was convenient then it would seek to bring any wayleaves and easements hearings within the ambit of this Inquiry.*

Given that DECC's practice is not to grant s.37 consent without all wayleaves being in place, this appears to us to raise questions as to whether Ministers would be able to take a decision to grant consent for the s.37 application if any necessary wayleave/compulsory purchase have not been applied for and hearings held at the same time.

Furthermore, although it is noted the Inspector is proposing a separate inquiry session to consider the overhead line, we are assuming he doesn't intend producing separate reports for each of the applications. This would therefore have implications for determination of the five windfarm applications if we were not able to release the Inspector's report until after the position on wayleaves/compulsory purchase is clear (i.e. because the Inspector's consideration of the s.37 application would also be covered in the report and we wouldn't want to release that in advance of the decision on it).

In the circumstances, we should be grateful if you would bring to the Inspector's attention the above as a potential issue. In our view it might be sensible for the Inspector to produce a separate report if possible if wayleaves/compulsory purchase orders are outstanding at the time the overhead line is considered at the PI. Although there is also a link between the overhead line application and Llandinam wind farm application, we think the Secretary of State could still determine the Llandinam wind farm application before determining the associated overhead line. Presumably there would be other routes the line could follow (i.e. so if the SoS is minded to grant s.36 consent, it would not necessarily mean the s.37 consent applied for would also be granted). However, ideally everything will, be considered at the same proceedings and it might therefore also be a good idea if the Inspector encourages SP Manweb to make applications for necessary wayleaves and CPOs in accordance with statutory timescales to ensure they can be included within the PI timetable.

If you or the Inspector have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] National Infrastructure Consents Team  
Department of Energy & Climate Change

[REDACTED]  
3 Whitehall Place  
London  
SW1A 2AW

Tel. [REDACTED]  
E-mail: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From:  
Sent:  
To:  
Cc:

11 March 2013 15:11

[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

Subject:  
Attachments:

Re: URGENT ACTION REQUIRED - MID-WALES INQUIRY  
Powys Wind Farms PIM - Speaking Note for Feb 25.pdf

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached the Speaking Note that was read out at the 2nd PIM on the 25th February 2013

The Inspector read out paragraphs 1-5 at the start of day 2 of the PIM (25 Feb) and a copy of this section of his notes was provided on the day.

He read from paragraphs 6 - 20 when opening the 'working group' session to develop the timetable.

Here is some supporting text from the Inspector

The Minister will see from my notes that it has been my position that the Inquiry will be based on and will address the 'Statement of Matters' provided by the Minister. There may be a need for applicants to provide some information on future grid connections, but as far as I am aware at yet no application has been made for these. As any applications would fall under different legislation it would not be possible or practicable for this Inquiry to deal with them in tandem with the 5 wind farm applications and the Llandinam grid connection.

Let me know if this answers the request.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]  
On 11 March 2013 11:24, [REDACTED] (Energy Development) <[REDACTED]>  
wrote:  
[REDACTED]

Please see the attached.

Please see the attached. I need to get a submission to our Minister by noon tomorrow. Although I appreciate the Inspector hasn't drafted his P-I-M note yet, it would be very helpful to know what he said on consideration of the grid connection issue. Are you/the Inspector able to advise?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] (Energy Development)

**Sent:** 11 March 2013 09:59

**To:** [REDACTED] (Energy Development); [REDACTED] (Energy Development); [REDACTED] (Energy Development); [REDACTED] (Energy Development); [REDACTED] (Energy Development)

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (Energy Development); [REDACTED] (DECC Legal)

**Subject:** FW: Business Questions Commitments - DECC

**Importance:** High

[REDACTED]

PSA re follow up to the Westminster Hall debate on which an answer is needed by Wednesday. The nub of the follow up is that [REDACTED] who took part in the debate thinks the Minister said applications for grid connections should be considered at the same time as wind farm applications and that the inspector at the mid-Wales Inquiry had taken a different view. Not sure what the mid-Wales inspector has said or done, but the Minister categorically said in debate (as briefed):

“.....clearly it would be best for the applications to be made in tandem. However, that is not always possible, and it may not always be the most practicable way of dealing with such issues. In some cases, therefore, applicants may decide to submit an application that seeks consent for one element but contains some information on the second strand of the project, including an assessment of impacts. Where that is the case, the decision maker will need to be satisfied that there are no obvious reasons why the necessary approvals for the other element—the grid infrastructure—are likely to be refused.”

I assume that's our response on the grid connection. However, anything I can say re the Inspector's position on mid-Wales?

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] (Office for Renewable Energy Deployment)

**Sent:** 11 March 2013 08:38

**To:** [REDACTED] (Energy Development)

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (Office for Renewable Energy Deployment)



**Subject:** FW: Business Questions Commitments - DECC  
**Importance:** High

[REDACTED]

I think this one is for you – are you happy to take on?

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] (DECC Private Office Group) **On Behalf Of** Party Unit - DECC  
**Sent:** 11 March 2013 07:45  
**To:** [REDACTED] (Energy Development); [REDACTED] (Office for Renewable Energy Deployment)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (DECC); [REDACTED] - DECC  
**Subject:** FW: Business Questions Commitments - DECC  
**Importance:** High

[REDACTED]

Please see the attached letter from the Leader's Office. Can you please draft a letter for the Minister to send to [REDACTED]. Can you please provide this draft by noon tomorrow so that the Minister can reply to the Member by COP on Wednesday the Leader's deadline.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 March 2013 15:56  
**To:** [REDACTED] Secretary of State - DECC; [REDACTED] (DECC Private Office Group); Party Unit - DECC  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Business Questions Commitments - DECC

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached the Business Questions Commitments for **Thursday 8 March**.

It would be appreciated if all commitments could be actioned and completed by **Wednesday 13 March**.

Have a fantastic weekend,

[Redacted]



**Office of the Leader  
of the House of Commons**

[Redacted]  
House of Commons, SW1A 0AA

GC/1, 1 Horse Guards Rd  
London, SW1A 2HQ

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[Redacted] (Energy Development)

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 08 March 2013 15:08  
**To:** [Redacted]  
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**Cc:** [Redacted] (Energy Development)  
**Subject:** Mid Wales - Powys Draft Inquiry Timetable  
**Attachments:** Mid Wales - Powys - Inquiry sitting times Draft at 8th March 2013.pdf

Dear All,  
The Inspector has now asked me to release the Draft Inquiry Timetable with the **caveat that it is the draft version that will be submitted for approval.**

He sends his apologies for the delay but he has been laid up with a Dental Infection that required emergency treatment and antibiotics. This has also delayed the finishing of the PIM notes which he is now working to complete.

The programme is on the web site in the News Tab and the Programme Tab.

Re the Inquiry web site. In a effort to assist the 'Non-Professionals' I have also added some web links to S36/37 Application Documents in the Application Documents Tab. These are Mostly SEI's, Non Technical Summaries and Environmental Statements which at this moment is all I could find . Vattenfall are working on further web links for me but I would appreciate other applicants doing the same. I do realise that I have documents on CD Rom,s in electronic format but many are very large and to make for efficient viewing/download these need to be split up into 'Byte' size chunks. The Authors must take the responsibility to action this task not me.

Thanks and Kind Regards

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**Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farms Public Inquiry**

**Draft Inquiry Timetable (Subject to the approval of the SoS)**

**Opening Session**

**Topics: opening submissions, planning and energy policy (interpretation and application)**

**Tuesday 4 June – Friday 7 June 2013**

**Session 1: SSA C**

**Topics: landscape, cultural heritage, noise and health, local transport, peat/hydrology, wildlife**

**Tuesday 3 September – Friday 6 September 2013**

**Tuesday 10 September – Friday 13 September 2013**

**Tuesday 17 September – Friday 20 September 2013**

**\*\*\*\*\*Break\*\*\*\*\***

**Tuesday 1 October – Friday 4 October 2013**

**Tuesday 8 October – Friday 11 October 2013**

**Tuesday 15 October – Friday 18 October 2013**

**Deadlines for submissions: SSA C**

<b>Supplementary Environmental Information &amp; other information</b>	<b>12 June 2013</b>
<b>Full statements of case and statements of common ground</b>	<b>9 July 2013</b>
<b>Proofs of evidence</b>	<b>6 August 2013</b>

**Session 2: SSA B**

**Topics: landscape, cultural heritage, noise and health, local transport, construction/peat/hydrology/ forestry, wildlife**

**Tuesday 5 November – Friday 8 November 2013**

**Tuesday 12 November – Friday 15 November**

**Tuesday 19 November – Friday 22 November**

**\*\*\*\*\*BREAK\*\*\*\*\***

**Tuesday 3 December – Friday 6 December**

**Tuesday 10 December – Friday 13 December**

**Tuesday 17 December – Friday 20 December**

**Deadlines for submissions: SSA B**

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### Session 3: Llandinam Grid Connection

Topics: design, need, landscape, cultural heritage, wildlife and ecology, way-leaves & easements.

Tuesday 21 January – Friday 24 January 2014
Tuesday 28 January – Friday 31 January 2014
Tuesday 4 February – Friday 7 February 2014
*****Break*****
Tuesday 18 February – Friday 21 February 2014
Tuesday 25 February – Friday 28 February 2014

### Deadlines for submissions: Llandinam Grid Connection

Supplementary Environmental Information & other information	30 September 2013
Full statements of case and statements of common ground	26 November 2013
Proofs of evidence	24 December 2013

### Session 4: Matters in Common/Cumulative Effects

Topics: landscape, transport (strategic), socio-economic effects including tourism, wildlife and ecology.

Tuesday 18 March – Friday 21 March 2014
Tuesday 25 March – Friday 28 March 2014
Tuesday 1 April – Friday 4 April 2014
*****Break*****
Tuesday 15 – Wednesday 16 April 2014 (Easter bank holiday)
Wednesday 24 – Thursday 25 April 2014

### Deadlines for submissions: Matters in Common/Cumulative Effects

Supplementary Environmental Information & other information	24 December 2013
Full statements of case	21 January 2014
Proofs of evidence and statement of common ground	18 February 2014

### Closing Session

Topics: planning balance, general conditions/legal undertakings, closing statements, other applications.

Tuesday 20 May – Friday 23 May 2014
Wed 28 May – Friday 30 May 2014 (Monday 26 May = bank holiday)

## **Deadlines for submissions: Closing Session**

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[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From:  
Sent:  
To:  
Subject:

28 February 2013 11:13  
[REDACTED] (Energy Development)  
Re: Expert Topic List/Inquiry Venue Costs

[REDACTED]  
The developers are working on a solution to pay directly. I think one party will take the hit and apportion as appropriate. By the end of this week we will have an agreed skeleton programme so everyone will have a better idea of costs so therefor make decision how it will be handled.

Kind Regards  
[REDACTED]

On 28 February 2013 11:06, [REDACTED] (Energy Development) <[REDACTED]>  
wrote:  
[REDACTED]

No problem.

As previously advised, please can you confirm whether the Developers came to an agreement at the PIM on paying the costs of the venue for the public inquiry? For budgetary reasons, we would obviously be concerned if DECC had to pay the venue costs initially of a venue for such a lengthy inquiry.

Regards,  
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 28 February 2013 10:52  
To: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)  
Subject: Re: Expert Topic List

[REDACTED]  
mouse has been playing up and this should have gone to [REDACTED] next on the list  
[REDACTED]  
ry  
[REDACTED]

On 28 February 2013 10:42, [REDACTED] (Energy Development) [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED]

We don't know anything about this.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 February 2013 16:35  
**To:** [REDACTED] (Energy Development)  
**Subject:** Expert Topic List

[REDACTED]  
I was handed a draft Expert topic List re Celt Power at the 2nd PIM on the 25th with the promise of an electronic copy for the web. Is this available yet

Thanks and Kind Regards  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farm PI

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Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farm PI

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[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From:  
Sent:  
To:  
Subject:

[REDACTED]  
20 February 2013 10:55  
[REDACTED] (Energy Development)  
Re: Meeting 18th February

[REDACTED]  
We are having the 2nd PIM on the 25th primarily to sort out the timetabling. In addition I have received the Paper copies of the Vattenfall SEI dated Feb 2013 for the Inspector.

[REDACTED]  
On 19 February 2013 07:04, [REDACTED] (Energy Development) wrote:  
[REDACTED]

Thanks for the update.

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 18 February 2013 13:36  
To: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)  
Subject: Re: Meeting 18th February

[REDACTED] came back with a couple more emails but in effect climbing down. I have dealt with these.

We have received one input from an objector in this mornings session about flow of information but he did not labour it. I am going to talk to him in this lunch period if I can tie him down. Apart from that all is going OK but item 2 took most of the morning.

[REDACTED]  
On 18 February 2013 07:11, [REDACTED] (Energy Development) wrote:  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Many thanks for dealing with this so promptly. We obviously can't be held responsible if post is delivered. However, if you/the Inspector get any other parties arguing at the P-I-M today that haven't been notified, I suggest also referring to the local newspaper notices.

Regards,

PERSONAL DATA  
REDACTED

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farm PI

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[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

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**From:** [REDACTED] (Energy Development)  
**Sent:** 19 February 2013 07:06  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting 18th February

[REDACTED]  
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Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 17 February 2013 16:54  
**To:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From:  
Sent:  
To:  
Cc:

[REDACTED] (Energy Development)  
13 February 2013 07:22

Subject:

[REDACTED]  
RE: Powys Windfarms inquiry -Grid Connection Query

Importance:

High

Dear [REDACTED]

Apologies for the delay in replying, but it has been necessary to seek further advice on this matter.

In the Statement of Matters the Secretary of State requires the Inspector to consider the potential for the proposed developments to be connected to the electricity grid network. The DECC S36 public guidance on this point makes reference to the ES including indirect, secondary and cumulative effects of the development including effects associated with the grid connection (para 3.58). In practice, we require developers to demonstrate that connection to the grid is feasible and that any significant environmental impacts have been identified for the proposed routes / connections. The developer should also demonstrate that there are no obvious reasons why the necessary approvals for the grid connection are likely to be refused. In our view, a full EIA is not required for these connections at this stage (other than for the Llandinam / Welshpool S37 overhead line application which is included within the scope of the inquiry) because they will be separately determined under the relevant planning process.

You will appreciate that there is precedent for taking the above approach (e.g. the Northumberland wind farm inquiry (which I understand the Inspector is already aware of) and elsewhere). However, if the Inspector requires further advice having heard the various parties' submissions on this point our legal advisor [REDACTED] is happy to speak to him direct on tel.

Kind regards,

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**Importance:** High

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Today I have received the attached statement from the Alliance of objectors to the proposed windfarms in Powys which will be presented at the forthcoming pre-inquiry meeting on 18 February 2013. You will note that the statement and concluding application raises fundamental issues regarding the legality of any inquiry proceeding in the absence of adequate information regarding the grid connections and the Environmental Assessment Regulations. The statement is about to be transmitted to other parties to the inquiry, but you may wish to seek legal advice as a matter of urgency.

I would welcome your thoughts in this regard as soon as possible.

Regards

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For your information I have attached the Inspectors agenda for the PIM. This is on the web and has been circulated to the Main Parties

Kind Regards

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Electricity Act 1989 (Sections 36, 37, 62(3) & Schedule 8)

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The Electricity Generating Stations and Overhead Lines (Inquiries Procedure)(England and Wales) Rules 2007

Application by Vattenfall, dated 30 November 2007 for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a 59.5MW wind turbine generating station in Powys, Mid Wales ('Llanbadarn Fynydd')

Application by Fferm Wynt Llaithddu Cyf, dated 7 May 2008 for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a 66.7 MW wind turbine generating station in Powys, Mid Wales ('Llaithddu')

Application by CeltPower Limited, dated 9 May 2008 for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a 126MW wind turbine generating station in Powys, Mid Wales ('Llandinam')

Application by RES UK & Ireland Limited, dated 27 March 2009 for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a 100MW wind turbine generating station in Powys, Mid Wales ('LLanbrynmair')

Application by RWE NPower Renewables Limited, dated 11 December 2008 for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a 130-250MW wind turbine generating station in Powys, Mid Wales ('Carnedd Wen')

Application by SP Manweb PLC, dated 2 December 2009 for consent under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to install and keep installed a 132kV overhead electric line connection from the proposed Llandinam Wind Farm to Welshpool Substation

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**Conjoined Public Inquiry**  
**Pre Inquiry Meeting (PIM)**  
**Monday 18 February / Monday 25 February 2012**  
**AGENDA**

**1.0 Introduction**

- Purpose of PIM

**2.0 Alliance submission: letter dated 4 February 2013, and comments and other matters arising.**

**3.0 Matters arising from the Introductory Meeting and responses**

- Main Inquiry venue and facilities
- Evening / local Inquiry venues (if required)
- Inquiry Format
- Requests to allow cross examination

**4.0 Working Groups to develop timetables for Inquiry sessions**

- Opening: Formal opening, opening statements.
- Session 1: SSA C
- Session 2: SSA B
- Session 3: Llandinam Grid Connection
- Session 4: Matters in common / area-wide cumulative effects
- Closing: Closing statements.

Please note that it is intended to break up the meeting into working groups to develop a timetable for each of sessions 1-4 in parallel. Participants with an interest in more than one session (LPA, CCW, Alliance etc.) are therefore asked to make several individuals available if possible. Each working group will be asked to develop a detailed timetable aimed at making efficient use of Inquiry time. It would therefore be of assistance for participants to prepare in advance, to have as clear an idea of the time required for presentation of evidence and cross examination / questions as possible, and to consider how efficiencies can be brought about through statements of common ground and /or shared evidence.

It is envisaged that sessions 1-4 will be arranged largely on a topic basis. An outline framework of topics for each session will be prepared and will be circulated before or at the PIM.

**5.0 Timetable for the Inquiry Sessions**

- To be agreed, including the timing and duration of each session, including breaks between sessions to allow for preparation and / or holiday periods.

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**6.0 Timetable for submission of Supplementary Environment Information (where relevant), Statements of Common Ground, Statements of Case / Summaries, and Proofs of Evidence.**

- Dates to be agreed. It is envisaged that dates will be on a rolling programme timetabled to accord with the timing and duration of each Inquiry session.

**7.0 Site Inspections**

- Timetabling
- Selection of viewing points
- Arrangements for access / transport arrangements

**8.0 Inquiry Documents**

- Arrangements for submission, numbering, publication and circulation of documents
- Preferred formats / electronic working
- Inquiry library

**9.0 Any Other Business**

**10.0 Arrangements for circulating notes of the PIM**

**11.0 Closing**