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**Sent:** 04 June 2013 11:54  
**To:**  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gmail.com

**Subject:** (Energy Development)  
Welsh Wind Farms Public Inquiry - Habitats Regulations Assessment Requirements

Dear

This is a follow up to my email of 24<sup>th</sup> May. I have been in discussion with NRW regarding the handling of Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) matters and we note that "the need for Appropriate Assessment (AA)" is scheduled to be discussed tomorrow, under matters for clarification. Regardless of whether or not it is decided that an AA is required, it seems likely that some form of HRA report or reports will be required to be produced on behalf of the Secretary of State for DECC. The purpose of this email is to share our early thinking on this with you on this at the public inquiry.

We (DECC) as competent authority will need to undertake HRAs for the relevant windfarms / overhead line project (subject, of course, to the Inspector's final recommendations following the Public Inquiry). Should a likely significant effect be identified on any European site, then an AA will be required. As statutory nature conservation advisor for Wales, NRW is responsible for advising on the need for an AA and has been in discussion with the applicants for a number of years on this and other nature conservation and landscape issues.

Given the number of projects, the nature of the cumulative impacts and their location with respect to the European sites, our initial view is that we are likely to undertake two "strategic" HRAs i.e. one for SSA B and another for SSA C that consider the projects proposed for those areas and their impacts in combination with each other and other relevant plans and projects. We plan to undertake this once we have received the Inspector's report, based on his recommendations, information submitted as part of the public inquiry and, also advice from NRW. Whilst consideration of this matter is for the Inspector, it would be helpful if he could look to address the application of the Habitats Regulations in a way that enables us to assess the impacts of each project on the relevant European sites both alone and in combination with other relevant plans and projects. I'm aware that this sounds like quite a tall order, but hope that it is helpful to highlight this up front, if it helps your handling of these matters.

Colleagues in NRW indicate that they are happy to produce HRA scoping briefs for the three European sites concerned, covering the information required for an HRA to be carried out. They indicate that they will liaise with you direct on timescales for producing these scoping briefs and how these will be communicated to the applicants.

I hope that this helps inform your discussions. Please feel free to contact me or NRW colleagues if you have any queries.

Kind regards

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**Subject:** Welsh Wind Farms Public Inquiry - Habitats Regulations Requirements

Dear

Thanks for calling me back today. This is to draw your attention to Council Directive 92/43/EC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (the Habitats Directive) and Council Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds (the Birds Directive) which aim to ensure the long-term survival of certain species and habitats by protecting them from adverse effects of plans and projects.

The Habitats Directive provides for the designation of sites for the protection of habitats and species of European importance. These sites are called Special Areas of Conservation (SACs). The Birds Directive provides for the classification of sites for the protection of rare and vulnerable birds and for regularly occurring migratory species. These sites are called Special Protection Areas (SPAs). SACs and SPAs are collectively termed "European sites" and form part of a network of protected sites across Europe. This network is called Natura 2000. In the UK, the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2010) "the Habitats Regulations" transpose the Habitats and Birds Directives into national law. Regulation 61 of the Habitats Regulations provides that:

*"a competent authority, before deciding to... give consent, permission or other authorisation for... a project which is likely to have a significant effect on a European site (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects), and is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of that site, must make an appropriate assessment of the implications for that site in view of that site's conservation objectives."*

Natural Resources Wales / Cyfoeth Natural Cymru has drawn our attention to a number of European sites that may be affected by the wind farms under consideration as part of the conjoined inquiry. These are:

- River Wye SAC (SSA C projects)
- Pen Llyn a'r Sarnau SAC (SSA B projects)
- Berwyn SPA (SSA B projects)

We (DECC) as competent authority will, therefore, need to undertake appropriate assessments (AA) for the relevant windfarms / overhead line projects, should a likely significant effect be identified on any of the above sites. As a statutory nature conservation advisor for Wales, NRW is responsible for advising on the need for an AA and scope. We would be looking to ensure that the information that we need to undertake these assessments, if required, is provided and examined during the public inquiry process and for the inspector to set out his recommendations on these matters.


I attach EC Guidance issued in respect of Natura 2000 sites and also draft guidance produced by Defra last year on the Habitats and Wild Birds Directives for your information. NRW have also asked that I forward an additional report in this respect by David Tyldesley and Associates on assessing projects under the Habitats Directive. I would be grateful if you could draw the inspector's attention to these documents and requirements under the Habitats Regulations.

Feel free to call if you wish to discuss this further.

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**Subject:** Re: Inspector & Programme Officer Mid-Wales Inquiry Costs

The opening is going well albeit a bit hectic given there was a peaceful demo about 350 people in Welshpool prior to the Inquiry start. We have been following social media re the demo and met with the organiser and the local Police. All went well and no real hiccups. A petition of approx. 7,500 signature was handed over to me. The TV people were allowed to film the Inspectors opening comments and then leave. All this should be on ITV and BBC Wales lunchtime news. We had around 150 people in the Public gallery standing and seated. This has dwindled a bit now as the Opening Statements have started.

Kind Regards

On 4 June 2013 07:44, (Energy Development) <[redacted]@decc.gov.uk> wrote:

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Many thanks.

Kind regards,

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

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**From:** (Energy Development)  
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**To:** (Energy Development)  
**Cc:** (Energy Development); (Energy Development); (Energy Development);  
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**Subject:** (Energy Development); Royal Oak  
Fwd: Inspector & Programme Officer Mid-Wales Inquiry Costs

Dear All,  
Please see the attached email from [redacted] at DECC. Can you please respond directly to [redacted] and please copy me on the responses. In addition can I please remind you to do the same for the Royal Oak so that they can apportion costs and send out the relevant Invoices.

Kind Regards

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**From:** Energy Development)  
**Sent:** 28 May 2013 07:18  
**To:** (Energy Development)  
**Cc:** (Energy Development)  
**Subject:** FW: Llandinam Windfarm Repowering & Extension Apr 2013 SEI - Natural Resources Wales response  
**Attachments:** Llandinam R&E SEI Apr 2013 - NRW resp final.pdf

FYI also.

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**From:** (Energy Development)  
**Sent:** 24 May 2013 16:33  
**To:** (Energy Development); (Energy Development)  
**Subject:** FW: Llandinam Windfarm Repowering & Extension Apr 2013 SEI - Natural Resources Wales response

Please see attached response from Natural Resources Wales in respect of the Llandinam SEI. You will see that the response has already been copied to the Applicant and to Powys CC.

Regards,

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**Cc:**  
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Dear

**Llandinam Windfarm Repowering & Extension Apr 2013 SEI - Natural Resources Wales response**

Find attached Natural Resources Wales's formal response to the above Supplementary Environmental Information.  
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further clarification or information.

Yours sincerely

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Our Ref:  
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24<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Dear

**Electricity Act 1989 – Section 36  
Llandinam Windfarm Repowering and Extension – Supplementary Environmental  
Information April 2013**

This letter is Natural Resources Wales's formal response to the Supplementary Environmental Information (SEI) for the Llandinam Windfarm Repowering and Extension submitted by the applicants, CeltPower, in April 2013.

Natural Resources Wales brings together the work of the Countryside Council for Wales, Environment Agency Wales and Forestry Commission Wales, as well as some functions of Welsh Government. Our purpose is to ensure that the natural resources of Wales are sustainably maintained, enhanced and used, now and in the future.

The Countryside Council for Wales (CCW) was originally consulted on the Section 36 (S36) application and Environmental Statement (ES) for this proposal in June 2008. In a letter dated 29 September 2008 CCW objected to the proposal requesting additional information and modifications to the scheme. In response to this, and other consultees responses, CeltPower submitted an SEI in January 2012. In a letter dated 11 September 2012 CCW objected to the proposal requesting additional information and modifications to the scheme. In response to this, and other consultees responses, CeltPower submitted further SEI in April 2013. This letter sets out our advice and position following the receipt of the SEI.

We have taken into account the additional information provided in the April 2013 SEI, and the modifications to the scheme. **Our position is that Natural Resources Wales retains its objection to the proposed Llandinam Windfarm Repowering and Extension** because of:

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- lack of mitigation proposals to avoid impacts on breeding curlew, both within the Llandinam site itself, and cumulatively with other proposed windfarms in mid Wales;
- lack of mitigation proposals to avoid impacts on peat and peatland habitats;
- the additional landscape and visual impacts resulting from the dedicated 132kV grid connection to Welshpool substation, which may be avoided by connecting to the proposed SPEN 132kV line from SSA C, and by a more strategic approach to the planning of gridlines in SSA C.

Additionally, in the context of the forthcoming Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Windfarm Public Inquiry session in relation to cumulative impacts, we have serious concerns about the landscape and visual impacts of the proposals when considered cumulatively with both existing and proposed schemes and their associated infrastructure.

We also consider that the ES/SEI is deficient in the following areas and so does not fully consider all significant impacts of the proposal in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations:

- The potential environmental impacts of works to construct a temporary Bailey bridge across the River Wye Special Area of Conservation (SAC);
- The potential for an increase of sediment loading in run-off to the River Wye SAC during the construction of the windfarm together with a number of other windfarms in the Wye catchment which may be constructed at the same time.

In the absence of information to demonstrate that there will not be a significant effect on the River Wye SAC, alone or in combination with other plans and projects, we advise that DECC/the Secretary of State is required to undertake an appropriate assessment of the proposal under Regulation 61 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) before granting consent for the proposals..

Additional areas where we consider the ES to be deficient are:

- The potential impacts on bats which are European Protected Species;
- The potential environmental impacts of works to upgrade proposed off-site transport routes, namely;
  - Point of turbine delivery to A483 junction - in the absence of detailed Draft Traffic Management Plan, and a transport Assessment, Natural Resources Wales are unable to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the revised southern transport route,
  - A483 junction to site entrance - the applicants have not provided confirmation that they are sharing lay-bys with the Llaithddu and Hirddywel developments that also propose to use this stretch of road.

In the absence of sufficient data set out above, Natural Resources Wales is unable to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposals on those particular interests.

We have recently had productive discussions with the applicants, CeltPower, where it was agreed to exchange additional information. On receipt of this information, Natural Resources Wales will be able to review its position in relation to a number of the issues outlined in this letter. However, notwithstanding those discussions, this letter summarises our advice and position based on the information contained in the SEI.

## 1. Impacts on curlew

- The high conservation importance of curlew is demonstrated by its inclusion as a priority UK Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Species, a species on the Powys Local Biodiversity Action Plan, a species of principle importance for the conservation of biological diversity in Wales under Section 42<sup>1</sup> of the Natural Environment and Natural Communities (NERC) Act 2006, a red listed species on the list of Birds of Conservation Concern in Wales by the RSPB, and a Species of European Conservation Concern.
- Natural Resources Wales considers that the breeding curlew population at Llandinam, when considered with curlew breeding on other proposed windfarms in mid Wales, is significant,
- Natural Resources Wales disagrees with the view expressed in the SEI that curlew are not displaced by wind turbines,
- We do not agree that the methodology described in the Breeding Bird Protection Plan (BBPP) will mean that 'there is no possibility of disturbance' as asserted in the SEI,
- We believe that the mitigation offered by the applicants is inadequate given the impacts anticipated. In particular,
  - No effort appears to have been made to avoid placing turbines and other infrastructure within or in close proximity to curlew territories,
  - The latest SEI does not provide any additional detail on the Habitat Management Plan (HMP), and is currently inadequate in terms of the mitigation it offers – amongst other things that are lacking, there is no information provided on the location, size or suitability of land where it is proposed to implement the HMP.

Natural Resources Wales is currently in ongoing discussions with CeltPower with regard to mitigation in relation to impacts on curlew. However notwithstanding those discussions, in light of the information contained in the SEI, we maintain our objections in relation to the impacts of the proposals on curlew. These issues will be discussed more fully at the forthcoming Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Windfarm Public Inquiry scheduled to start on 4 June 2013.

## 2. Impacts on peat and peatland habitats

- The current infrastructure proposals impact on deep peat (peat greater than 0.5 m) in at least 15 locations. These 15 locations are on both upland fen and blanket bog plant communities, and are set out in the SEI.
- It would appear that most of these impacts could be avoided or minimised by relatively minor movements of infrastructure. Given that this is an issue that we have raised since the start of this application, it is unclear why the applicants do not appear to have made a commitment to the relatively minor modifications required.
- Natural Resources Wales is concerned that the carbon losses associated with peat degradation caused by the development, identified in the 2011 SEI, are not mitigated by means of the conservation improvement of peatlands within the site (ie through an adequate HMP).

<sup>1</sup> Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 places a duty on decision makers to have regard to the conservation of biodiversity in all their activities (Section 40 of the Act). The Section 42 species need to be taken into account in implementing this duty.

- We believe that the mitigation offered by the applicants is inadequate given the impacts anticipated. In particular,
  - Impacts from infrastructure on deep peat remain in at least 15 locations,
  - The text used in the 2013 SEI, Vol II, Part 2 of 2, A8-1 in relation to the micro-siting recommendation for most of the impacts listed above, appears to place peat at the bottom of the consideration hierarchy, and does not provide us with the level of assurance required that any of the above impacts will be avoided or minimised,
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### **3. Cumulative landscape and visual impacts**

It is Natural Resources Wales's view that the Llandinam Windfarm Repowering and Extension proposal, when considered cumulatively with other existing and proposed windfarm developments in mid Wales, will have significant landscape and visual impacts. This will be discussed more fully at the forthcoming Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Windfarm Public Inquiry, cumulative sessions.

### **4. Additional landscape and visual impacts due to the dedicated 132kV grid connection to Welshpool substation.**

Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) intends to construct a new 132kV overhead grid connection between the Llandinam windfarm and an existing substation in Welshpool, where the windfarm output would connect to the existing electricity distribution network in Mid Wales. The new line would be approximately 35km in length and would run along the Severn valley. Natural Resources Wales consider that the proposed line has the potential to give rise to significant landscape and visual effects which may be avoided/minimised by connecting the windfarm to the proposed SPEN 132kV line from SSA C to the Cefn Coch substation, and by a more strategic approach to the planning of required grid lines to SSA C.

We intend to discuss this more fully at the forthcoming Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Windfarm Public Inquiry where it will be dealt with in the session relating to the application for the grid connection proposal.

### **5. Impacts on the Caersws Basin Landscape of Special Historic Interest**

Natural Resources Wales notes and welcomes the deletion of the five closest turbines to the Caersws Basin Landscape of Special Historic Interest by the applicants. Natural Resources Wales withdraws our objection in relation to impacts on this Landscape of Special Historic Interest.

## **6. Lack of information on potential impacts on bats**

Our understanding from the information provided to date is that the applicants undertook a variety of additional bat survey work during 2008, and that this work was carried out by two different ecological consultants, namely Wildwood Ecology Ltd and Churton Ecology. The Wildwood Ecology Ltd surveys were a dawn activity survey, a roost survey and a remote detector survey, and the most recent SEI now includes a report from Wildwood Ecology Ltd providing more details of these surveys. We understand that the Churton Ecology survey included all the onsite transect surveys carried out that year. The Churton Ecology report, which is referred to several times in Appendix A8-5 in Vol II part 2 of the 2013 SEI, has not been included in the SEI. We presume the reference in Vol 1, 8.5.6.1 to an additional evaluation of the bat surveys conducted by Churton Ecology being present in the Technical Appendix A8.5 is a mistake, and instead refers to the text that follows it.

The Bat Conservation Trust's 'Bat Surveys – Good Practice Guidelines 2nd Edition Surveying for onshore wind farms' sets out what information should be provided, and this is summarised in Table 2 on page 17, and Box 2 on page 20 of that guidance. Box 2 includes the need to provide sufficient detail in the results to allow a critical evaluation of the conclusions drawn, including a breakdown of results by date, and transect route maps. This is an issue that CCW raised in our most recent response to DECC in September 2012.

In relation to the bat transects carried out by Churton Ecology, Natural Resources Wales have not seen the report from these consultants, and are therefore unable to evaluate or confirm the conclusions drawn in the SEI. In particular, at the current time we do not know where the transect lines were located, or even where the six 'survey locations' listed in table 8.4 of Vol 1 are located, or where along the transect lines the records presented were recorded. Given the nature of the potential impact, this finer level of information is required. We also don't know the dates that the surveys were carried out, other than sometime between September 2007 and August 2008. In particular, we need to see a map illustrating the transect routes followed by the surveyors, the points where they stopped, and how this relates to the records collected, together with the dates when the surveys took place, and weather etc.

We have requested a copy of the Churton Ecology Report, referred to in Appendix A8-5 in Vol II part 2 of the 2013 SEI, from the applicants, but have not yet received this. Without this information we are unable to verify or evaluate that the surveys carried out were adequate to assess potential impacts on bats.

## **7. Lack of information on potential impacts of the revised southern transport route on the River Wye SAC and European Protected Species.**

Natural Resources Wales notes that the applicants have amended their transport route, now intending to direct Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AILs) through Wales, and that this requires the construction of a temporary (16 months) Bailey bridge across the River Wye, somewhere between Builth Wells and Aberedw. The River Wye in this location is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), an internationally designated site. This proposal has the potential to impact directly (through habitat loss or damage) or indirectly (eg through increased sediment run-off etc) on the River Wye SAC and SSSI. The designated features for the

River Wye SAC include water courses of plain to montane levels with the *Ranuncion fluitans* and *Callitriche-Batrachion* vegetation, white-clawed crayfish, sea lamprey, brook lamprey, river lamprey, Twaite shad, Allis shad, Atlantic salmon, bullhead and otter. These features are dependent to differing extents on good water quality.

The SEI does not provide information on the location of the proposed Bailey bridge, other than it falls within a 7.4 km corridor, or survey information on this corridor, other than a limited phase 1 survey, carried out in February (ie an inappropriate season), which appears to have been largely carried out from the public highway and public rights of way. No desk study appears to have been undertaken. No information has been presented or requested on important fish spawning areas that may be located in this stretch of the river. Natural Resources Wales therefore has serious concerns about potential impacts on the SAC through the introduction of these works. To enable the likely impacts of the proposals on the SAC to be assessed, further information is required from the applicant which should include details of the potential impacts on the SAC's designated features, and robust measures to avoid a likely significant effect. Based on the information provided so far, we advise that as it cannot be demonstrated that the proposals will not have a significant effect on the European site (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects), and as it is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of that site, Regulation 61 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) requires you to undertake an appropriate assessment of the proposal.

Natural Resources Wales therefore objects to the proposal due to a lack of information on potential impacts on the River Wye SAC and the measures proposed to avoid a likely significant effect. On receipt of this information, we may be able to review our position.

In addition, in relation to European Protected Species, we note that no desk-top or field studies have been undertaken, and advise that the presence of otters, badgers, bats and dormice are all likely. Otters are a particular concern, and it is also known that two species of Annex II bats, Lesser Horseshoe and Barbastelle, occur towards the southern end of the survey area. Sufficient information should be provided by the applicant to demonstrate that the proposals will result in no detriment to the favourable conservation status of the species in their natural range.

#### **8. Lack of information to inform River Wye SAC Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)**

It remains Natural Resources Wales's view that the information provided by the applicants is insufficient to inform an in combination HRA. The information supplied by the applicants in relation to an alone assessment concludes that the proposal will still have some residual effects on the Wye SAC. As previously advised, it is necessary for the applicants to provide sufficient information to enable you to undertake an 'in combination' assessment. Since our last response Natural Resources Wales have been working with you as the competent authority, to advise on the HRA process and the information that will be required to inform it. As we previously advised you, the following information is likely to be required by DECC from the windfarm applicants to enable a HRA to be undertaken:

- total area and overall percentage of the catchment covered by the potential in combination application sites,
- total turbine numbers estimated within the catchment,

- total length of access track estimated within the catchment,
- identification of key fish spawning areas on the River Wye SAC, and most sensitive times of the year (available from Natural Resources Wales),
- Spatial distribution of wind farm applications relative to key River Wye SAC spawning areas, and hence which wind farms collectively may pose a risk, and which may be confidently excluded in terms of potential 'in combination' effects,
- an assessment of impacts should all or some of the wind farms be constructed concurrently,
- suggested mitigation in the form of conditions including consideration of the need for phasing development or timing of specific works should it be considered that simultaneous construction of all or some wind farms could lead to a likely significant effect on the SAC.

**9. The potential environmental impacts of works to upgrade proposed off-site transport routes, namely;**

- Point of turbine delivery to A483 junction - in the absence of detailed Draft Traffic Management Plan, and a transport Assessment, Natural Resources Wales is unable to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the revised southern transport route,
- A483 junction to site entrance – there is no confirmation from the applicants that they are sharing lay-bys with the Llaithddu and Hirddywel developments that also propose to use this stretch of road, which would help minimise the environmental impacts of the highway works associated with the proposals.

**10. Other**

**Flood Defence Consents**

Any works (including temporary works such as the River Wye Crossing) in, under, over or adjacent to a main river (including any culverting) will require Natural Resources Wales to give formal permission in the form of a Flood Defence Consent before the applicants start any work. We operate a "no-culverting" policy and Consent for culverting will only normally be granted for site access purposes. Our Development and Flood Risk Team will be able to help with this.

Please be aware that on 6 April 2012, when a further phase of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 was implemented, responsibility for regulating activities (issuing consents and undertaking enforcement action) on 'ordinary watercourses' transferred from the Environment Agency to lead local flood authorities, for example, Unitary Authorities, or Internal Drainage Districts (IDDs). Please refer to the relevant organisation for consent applications on ordinary watercourses.

**Decommissioning**

We refer you to the section on decommissioning in our September 2012 response – in particular we remain concerned that the applicants do not intend to remove the current 33kV power lines which run westwards for 5.3km from the windfarm to Llanidloes.

We hope that the above comments are of use, but please do not hesitate to contact our lead case officer, [REDACTED] (contact details at the foot of the first page), should you require any further clarification or information.

Yours sincerely

Rheolwr Gweithrediadau'r Canolbarth /  
Operations Manager Mid Wales

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CeltPower  
Powys County Council

## (Energy Development)

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(Energy Development); (Energy Development); (Energy Development);  
Subject: Welsh Wind Farms Public Inquiry - Habitats Regulations Requirements  
Attachments: habitats-simplify-guide-draft-20121211.pdf; Managing Natura 2000 sites - Article 6. EC Guidance.pdf; ASSESSING PROJECTS UNDER THE HABITATS DIRECTIVE.PDF

Dear

Thanks for calling me back today. This is to draw your attention to Council Directive 92/43/EC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (the Habitats Directive) and Council Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds (the Birds Directive) which aim to ensure the long-term survival of certain species and habitats by protecting them from adverse effects of plans and projects.

The Habitats Directive provides for the designation of sites for the protection of habitats and species of European importance. These sites are called Special Areas of Conservation (SACs). The Birds Directive provides for the classification of sites for the protection of rare and vulnerable birds and for regularly occurring migratory species. These sites are called Special Protection Areas (SPAs). SACs and SPAs are collectively termed "European sites" and form part of a network of protected sites across Europe. This network is called Natura 2000. In the UK, the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2010) "the Habitats Regulations" transpose the Habitats and Birds Directives into national law. Regulation 61 of the Habitats Regulations provides that:

*"a competent authority, before deciding to... give consent, permission or other authorisation for... a project which is likely to have a significant effect on a European site (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects), and is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of that site, must make an appropriate assessment of the implications for that site in view of that site's conservation objectives."*

Natural Resources Wales / Cyfoeth Natural Cymru has drawn our attention to a number of European sites that may be affected by the wind farms under consideration as part of the conjoined inquiry. These are:

- River Wye SAC (SSA C projects)
- Pen Llyn a'r Sarnau SAC (SSA B projects)
- Berwyn SPA (SSA B projects)

We (DECC) as competent authority will, therefore, need to undertake appropriate assessments (AA) for the relevant windfarms / overhead line projects, should a likely significant effect be identified on any of the above sites. As a statutory nature conservation advisor for Wales, NRW is responsible for advising on the need for an AA and scope. We would be looking to ensure that the information that we need to undertake these assessments, if required, is provided and examined during the public inquiry process and for the inspector to set out his recommendations on these matters.

I attach EC Guidance issued in respect of Natura 2000 sites and also draft guidance produced by Defra last year on the Habitats and Wild Birds Directives for your information. NRW have also asked that I forward an additional report in this respect by David Tyldesley and Associates on assessing projects under the Habitats Directive. I would be grateful if you could draw the inspector's attention to these documents and requirements under the Habitats Regulations.




Feel free to call if you wish to discuss this further.

Kind regards

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 Department of Energy & Climate Change

## Energy Development)

From: (Energy Development)  
Sent: 15 May 2013 08:31  
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Subject: MID-WALES INQUIRY -UPDATE TO GOV/DECC WEBSITE

I have just realised that the GOV/DECC Website needs updating. Before I arrange it, do you have any comments on my suggested amendments below?

### **Proposed inquiry - Llanbadarn Fynydd, Llaithddu, Llandinam, Llanbrynmair, and Carnedd Wen onshore wind farms and overhead line connection from Llandinam Wind Farm to Welshpool Substation in Powys, mid-Wales**

The Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change has called a ~~combined~~ conjoined public inquiry to be held into the above applications made under sections 36 and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989. Further details on the applications, including the Statement of Matters, which in the view of the Secretary of State are the matters to be considered at the Inquiry, are in the Notice.

The Inquiry is due to commence at 10.00 a.m on Tuesday 4 June 2013 at the Royal Oak Hotel, The Cross, Welshpool, Powys SY21 7DG ([www.royaloakwelshpool.co.uk](http://www.royaloakwelshpool.co.uk)) and is expected to close in May 2014. The venue(s) for the Inquiry will be confirmed in due course.

~~A pre-inquiry meeting is to be held at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 18 February 2013 and 10.00 a.m. on Monday 25 February 2013 at The Pavilion, Spa Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 5EX.~~

Anyone who wishes to participate in the combined Inquiry should complete the registration form:

#### **Registration form mid-Wales inquiry**

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Return the form to:

Any queries on arrangements for the Inquiry should be addressed to the Programme Officer for the Inquiry.  
Contact details are below:

Programme Officer  
Banks Solutions

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:@gmail.com

Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

~~You should send an electronic copy of the form (either via email attachment or data CD) plus two copies of your outline statement (a written statement of the principal submissions you wish to make) by no later than Monday 21 January 2013.~~

~~The programme officer will make~~

Evidence and core documents are also available to download using the hyperlink below:

~~evidence and core documents from the Inquiry is available to download.~~

Kind regards,

Department of Energy & Climate Change  
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**Energy Development)**

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We have given a weeks extension to the MOD today.

Kind Regards

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**Subject:** RE: Service Level Agreement - Powys Conjoined Inquiry

Dear

I now attach the signed Service Level Agreement for the Powys Conjoined Inquiry. As previously indicated, we would appreciate if invoices from the Inspector could be broken down in order that we can reclaim costs from the relevant developers as appropriate.

Kind regards,

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

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I attach the Service Level Agreement for the above.

Please note Section 5 - due to the estimated duration of the inquiry, and likely reporting time for the Inspectors, we propose to send monthly invoices rather than one invoice to cover the whole cost. We hope this is acceptable to you.

Kind regards

**Lead Procedure and Business Support Officer**  
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Your Ref / Eich Cyf:

Our Ref / Ein Cyf:

Date / Dyddiad:

24 April 2013

Dear

**Sections 36 and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989**

**Conjoined Powys Wind Farm and Overhead Line Inquiry**

Thank you for requesting the appointment of an Inspector and Assistant Inspector to hold an inquiry into the above.

The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) currently has no formal service agreement with the Department for Energy and Climate Change covering the conditions under which such appointments are made. This letter is intended to constitute such an agreement for the particular appointment that you have requested, and the appointment will therefore be subject to the conditions set out below. I should be grateful if you would confirm your agreement to these conditions by returning this letter duly signed and dated where shown below by a senior officer. I suggest that you keep a copy of the signed and dated letter for your own records.

Please note that this agreement records the understanding reached between the parties. It is not intended to be binding in law. The agreement will take effect from the date of signature by both parties. Unless otherwise agreed, proposals for significant changes will be notified to the other party immediately, and the period of notice for the termination of this agreement shall be one month from the date of signature by the parties.

The following conditions apply to this appointment:

**1. PINS Performance Standards**

- 1.1 PINS will take all practical and reasonable steps to assist Inspectors to ensure that the inquiry is completed as expeditiously as possible consistent with the need to afford all parties at the inquiry adequate opportunity to present their case.
- 1.2 The Inspectors have held a Preliminary and Pre-Inquiry Meeting (PIM).
- 1.3 The Inspectors will open the inquiry on 2 June 2013.

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- 1.4 When the inquiry is over, we shall contact you to indicate the expected date by which you will receive the Inspector's report.
- 1.5 If, exceptionally, more inquiry days and a longer reporting period appear justified, the target for the production of the report will be subject to agreement between PINS and yourselves.
- 1.6 The report prepared by the Inspector will be read by PINS to ensure that it is clearly presented, without ambiguities or errors of logic. PINS will forward the report expeditiously.
- 1.7 PINS will notify you of any delays to the reporting period not covered by the above as we are made aware.

## **2. The Administrative Roles of DECC and The Planning Inspectorate**

- 2.1 We have received the statement of matters which the Secretary of State which appear relevant to his consideration of the proposed development.
- 2.2 You will take full responsibility for the organisation of the inquiry (other than allocating an Inspector), including notifying the parties, publishing any other public notices, arranging a suitable venue (with reference to the Inspectorate's guidance on venues and facilities for inquiries and hearings), and supplying administrative support for the Inspector at the inquiry.
- 2.3 You will respond to any telephone enquiries or correspondence on the substance of the application under consideration or interpretation of the relevant legislation and guidance.
- 2.4 We will respond to any telephone enquiries or correspondence from the local authorities on the conduct of the inquiry, our role in the process and preparation of the report for the Secretary of State. We cannot undertake to deal with queries with regard to the administrative handling of the inquiry or queries from the parties to the inquiry themselves.
- 2.5 You will also manage the procedures for dealing with the submission of evidence, supplying the Inspector with a fully indexed and paginated inquiry bundle not less than six weeks prior to the first sitting day of the inquiry. You will also be expected to supply the same bundle to the principal participants.
- 2.6 All correspondence from you to us should be directed to [REDACTED], Tel [REDACTED]; Email [Wales@pins.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Wales@pins.gsi.gov.uk)).

## **3. The Role of the Inspector**

- 3.1 The Inspector will hold an inquiry into the application, consider all the evidence provided and produce a report for the consideration of the Secretary of State.
- 3.2 The Inspector's report may contain recommendations, but it is for the Secretary of State to determine the application.



#### **4. Financial Arrangements**

- 4.1 The daily rate is **£742** for each day the Inspector spends on a case including preparation, any pre- inquiry meeting, site inspection, inquiry sitting days and writing the report, plus the Inspector's travel and subsistence costs in line with the Local Inquiries, Qualifying Inquiries and Qualifying Procedures (Standard Daily Amount) (Wales) Regulations 2011. This applies equally to Assistant Inspectors. PINS will check all claims. At no time should the Inspector be contacted directly; any correspondence regarding this or any other matter should be directed through PINS or the Programme Officer.
- 4.2 The Inspector's travel costs and any reasonable costs for overnight stays, food and refreshments will be met by DECC. These will be charged at the Inspectorate's normal rates which will be made available to DECC on request.
- 4.3 This agreement is valid for the above inquiry only.
- 4.4 A purchase order number is required from you and will be quoted on all invoices raised by the Planning Inspectorate.

#### **5. Payments**

- 5.1 PINS will send you an invoice on a monthly basis to cover the cost of work during that month. The cost of the work will be based on the current Standard Daily Amount plus the travel and subsistence costs incurred by the Inspector. The Standard Daily Amount covers the Inspector's preparation, sitting and reporting time. The cost of any work by additional Inspectors appointed will be invoiced to you in the same way, using the same Standard Daily Amount. The cost of any specialist adviser appointed to assist the Inspector, which may exceed the Standard Daily Amount set out in the SI, will be passed on direct to you. In the event of the withdrawal of any application, at any stage, you will bear the full liability for the costs incurred up to the point of withdrawal.

## 6. Agreement co-ordinators

6.1 Any correspondence relating to this agreement must be routed through the agreement co-ordinators, who are:

### **Department of Energy and Climate Change**

Name:

Address: AREA A, 3<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR, 3 WHITEHALL PLACE, LONDON SW1A 2AW

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

### **PINS**

Name:

Address: Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ.

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email: Wales@pins.gsi.gov.uk

Any questions specific to this inquiry should be addressed to

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Email: Wales@pins.gsi.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Head of Service - Operations & Policy (Wales) / Bennaeth Gwasanaeth - Gweithrediadau a Pholisi (Cymru)

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### **Acceptance of conditions by Department of Energy and Climate Change**

I confirm that I accept the conditions contained in this letter dated 24 April 2013 for the Conjoined Powys Wind Farm and Overhead Line Inquiry.

The purchase order number is: 1102846

Signed:

Name (capitals):

Position: HEAD OF NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONSENTS TEAM

Organisation: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Date: 10 May 2013

**(Energy Development)**

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09 May 2013 12:41

[redacted@gmail.com]

(Energy Development)  
(Energy Development)

Re: FW: Request for extension to Natural Resources Wales response to the Llandinam  
Windfarm Repowering and Extension SEI

There is no impact on the programme so suggest you allow the extension

On 9 May 2013 10:20,

(Energy Development)

[redacted@decc.gsi.gov.uk] wrote:

Before we reply to Natural Resources Wales, please can you confirm that agreeing the extension  
sought will not cause problems for the inquiry timetable.

Kind regards,

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

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**Subject:** Request for extension to Natural Resources Wales response to the Llandinam Windfarm Repowering and Extension SEI

**Request for extension to Natural Resources Wales response to the Llandinam Windfarm Repowering and Extension SEI**

Following on from our telephone conversation, can I confirm that we would be grateful if you could extend the deadline for Natural Resources Wales's (NRW) response to the Llandinam Windfarm Repowering and Extension SEI from 16th May, by one week to the 23rd May.

As I mentioned to you on the phone, in part, this request is because we are meeting with the applicants, CeltPower, on 14th May, and the outcome of these discussions may influence our response. It would therefore be useful to have these extra days to finalise this.

Thank you for your help

Ymgynghorydd Gwiath Achos Fferm Gwynt / Windfarm Casework Adviser

Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales

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