

[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 February 2013 14:50
To: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Powys Windfarms inquiry

Dear [REDACTED]

I can confirm that the other parties have been sent a copy of the Alliance's objection, and it has been published on the web-site. The main parties have been invited to respond to the objection by 14th Feb.

The inspector advises me that the issue will be on the agenda of the forthcoming PIM at which a discussion about its implications will be possible. At present, he is of a mind to reserve any judgement as to progress of the inquiry because important legal matters could be raised and there may be a need to have further communications with you about such matters. I don't know whether you intend to be at the PIM, but should you have any legal advice that may assist the inspector before hand and which could be shared with participants at the PIM, I am sure that this would be appreciated.

I haven't seen all the papers but from what I understand, there may be an issue with regards to the windfarms and the 132kv lines and whether those elements comprise one, inter-dependent and inter-related project for the purposes of the Regs. There may be an argument that the 400kv lines could be regarded as a separate project, the justification of which goes to the wider network and would be needed in any case, notwithstanding the 132kv connections to the windfarms. Whether that argument is sufficient is, however, a matter that could give rise to significant challenge.

regards

[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Sent: 06 February 2013 12:28
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Powys Windfarms inquiry
Attachments: 13-02-04 Alliance Mid Wales Application.pdf
Importance: High

[REDACTED]

As you are aware, I am still consider the Alliance of objector's letter with our legal advisor. However, it would be helpful if you could confirm as soon as possible the following:

- (1) whether the submission from the Alliance has been sent to the other parties (i.e. please confirm that PINS aren't waiting for a response from us before doing this, which we don't think they should); and
- (2) in what form PINS expect to respond to the Alliance submission (i.e. whether you anticipate writing to the Alliance, or will the Inspector deal with this at the Pre-Inquiry Meeting commencing on 18 February?).

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 February 2013 11:22
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Powys Windfarms inquiry
Importance: High

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

[Redacted]
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[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From:

Sent:

To:

Cc:

[REDACTED] (Energy Development)
01 February 2013 10:05

Subject:

[REDACTED]
RE: Mid-Wales inquiry costs

[REDACTED]

Further to my e-mail below, I have now discussed with [REDACTED] of the National Infrastructure Consents Team. He is very keen, in view of the upfront venue costs to DECC budgets/the public purse of funding a lengthy public inquiry and on our limited staff resources in managing payment of invoices etc, that it should be pursued with the Developers that one Developer funds all inquiry costs up front (as you are aware, it is normal practice for Developers to pay venue costs direct) and then agreement is reached between Developers as to how they are reimbursed. We should be grateful therefore if this is put to the Developers at the pre-inquiry meeting.

Obviously we are content to pay the other costs associated with the Development in the normal way, but will also need detailed breakdowns from the Inspector and any Assessor used so we can invoice the individual Developers proportionately in due course.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)

Sent: 31 January 2013 11:59

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Mid-Wales inquiry costs

[REDACTED]

might be worth also getting a view from the Inspector on this, but my initial views are as follows:

1. The costs of the venues, Inspector's costs, Programme Officer costs and any assessor's costs (that may subsequently be appointed) will be paid by DECC in the first instance and then recovered from the applicants.
2. The costs of the introductory meeting and pre-inquiry meeting will be split evenly between each applicant (the Pavilion venue is about £900 a day to hire). However, I think it is quite difficult to give an estimate for other costs with any certainty until we know how the inquiry is to be conducted, its likely length etc (e.g. some inquiry days will be relevant to all the applications and so costs will be split evenly, whereas others days are likely to be specific to individual applications or, for example, only for applications with a certain Strategic Search Area and so will need to be split accordingly).
3. We intend invoicing applicants for the cost of the introductory and pre-inquiry meeting venue as soon as we receive an invoice from the Pavilion. I would imagine we will receive invoices periodically during the inquiry if the venue is required for several months. We will

invoice for the applicants for Inspector/Programme Officer/ Assessor costs followi the completion of the inquiry (e.g. once we know the breakdown of the inspector's time spent on applications).

4. As indicated above, I think this will be dependent on how the inquiry is conducted.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 January 2013 09:17
To: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Subject: Fwd: Mid-Wales inquiry costs

[REDACTED]

I have received the above from [REDACTED] Is this something you can answer. I would not normally get involved in this issue. I have acknowledged the email and told him that I was taking guidance from you.

Thanks and Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 29 January 2013 12:43
Subject: Mid-Wales inquiry costs

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I understand that certain costs of running the inquiry are to be met by the Applicants, including my client. Could you please confirm:

1. Which inquiry costs are to be met by the Applicants?
2. How much are these costs likely to be?
3. When do the costs have to be paid?
4. How are the costs to be split between the six Applicants?

I appreciate that not all costs are known at this stage eg venue hire. However, certain costs will be known. Please provide me with whatever you can at this stage.

Thanks

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id Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farm PI
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To:
Cc:

31 January 2013 11:57 (Energy Development)

Subject:
Attachments:

FW: Inquiry Venue
Conference Function Information pack.doc

Thanks for keeping me informed.

I understand that for previous inquiries we have held, the developer has paid the cost of the inquiry venue direct. However, this is obviously more complex given there are six developers involved and I am assuming there might be some sessions where some parties do not need to attend/be involved. I will be replying separately regarding [redacted] recent e-mail on general inquiry costs. However, unless the Inspector has a clear view at the moment on how the Inquiry will be handled, it is probably sensible if DECC are invoiced in the first instance and we can then pay the invoice and split costs as appropriate (although we will obviously need information from you/the Inspector on what developer attended what inquiry sitting etc). That said, I think it would be preferable/easier for subsequent billing by DECC to applicants if parties are also advised to pay their own costs for any food and refreshments direct.

Regards,

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 January 2013 10:44
To: [redacted] (Energy Development)
Subject: Inquiry Venue

[redacted] have asked the Royal Oak Hotel to pencil us in subject to approval from the applicants. I will send out an email later today letting them know the results of our visit and the reasons for our choice. I will copy you in.

One question they did ask is who would they bill ?. I did suggest that this might be DECC and then you invoice the applicants in the same way I bill you?.

Attached is a standard brochure from the Hotel. However, I have sent a list of our exact requirements as below

for the the attention of [redacted]

ear [redacted]

Thanks for your time yesterday. I confirm that we would like you to pencil us in for Public Inquiry Starting 3rd June 2013. As we said yesterday we have not confirmed the final programme but we expect a minimum of 20 weeks from this date on the basis of 2-3 weeks of sessions then a week adjournment. This pattern to be repeated over the approximate 20 weeks. We can never fully predict what will occur but we are

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aiming to finish by the end of year but it might drift into 2014. We will have a longer adjournment to coincide with the School holiday period late July/August. I made some notes from yesterday and below is what I believe we discussed as our requirements. If I have missed something please let me know.

- Powis Main Function Suite Monday through Friday. Monday is set up day and sessions should finish early afternoon Friday.
- Up to 5 breakout rooms/areas as discussed to include the Jacobite Suite and the adjacent room and a screened off area on the ground floor. The number of breakout rooms will vary and we would give you as much advanced notice of this as we can.
- A sound system for the Powis Suite to include a hearing loop and up to 8 static microphones on table stands.
- A storage area for papers and equipment during the weekends and adjournment times.
- Jugs of tap water on the tables with glasses, refreshed at lunch time as required.
- Access to Wireless Broadband in the Suites and breakout rooms.
- Photocopying facilities. I am thinking it might be a good thing to hire one in for our exclusive use plus the paper. I think we would need a colour unit that takes A4 and A3.

At this moment in time there is no requirement for refreshments. People will be free to use your facilities as they wish. However, the main applicants may want tea/coffee etc in their breakout rooms and may also wish to take up a lunch buffet option. It depends on what they have in their budget.

All of this does require confirmation from the main applicants but I do not think there will be any issue as some of them had listed yourselves as an alternative venue when we asked the question and you tick all of the boxes in terms of facilities.

We should have an outline programme by the 18th February or soon after. Thank you for your brochure this morning. That will give us some idea of costs but perhaps you could send me a quotation based on the above. Your payment terms would be helpful as the costs are being split across the main applicants. I am not sure how payment will be made but I am thinking you might have to bill The Department of Energy and Climate Change and they will bill the applicants as agreed. I will confirm this.

If you receive any enquiries for facilities before we finally get the go ahead I would appreciate you letting me know and I can expedite the final decision

Thanks and Kind Regards

Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farm PI

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[REDACTED] Energy Development)

From: [REDACTED] Energy Development)
Sent: 21 January 2013 08:11
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Letter re Public Inquiry 4.6.13
Attachments: Wind Farm Enquiry letter DP.DOC; Wind Farm Enquiry letter.doc

[REDACTED]
My two recent e-mail messages refer.

Apologies, the two representations from [REDACTED] are now attached.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] National Infrastructure Consents Team
Department of Energy & Climate Change
[REDACTED]
3 Whitehall Place
London
SW1A 2AW

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 January 2013 07:05
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Letter re Public Inquiry 4.6.13

Dear [REDACTED]

Please see the attached representation. I should be grateful if you would ensure it is included in the Inquiry documents and passed on to the Inspector in due course.

Kind regards,

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

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 18 January 2013 14:38

To: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)

Subject: Letter re Public Inquiry 4.6.13

[REDACTED]
Please find attached a letter to be submitted to the public inquiry fao [REDACTED]

Thank you
[REDACTED]

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SW1A 2AW

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
18th January 2013

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
National Infrastructure Consents
3 Whitehall Place
London, SW1A 2AW

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: DECC Ref 12.04.09.04/149C
Electricity Act 1989 (Secs. 38,37,62(3) and Schedule 8
Town and Country Planning Act 1990(Sec. 90)

Further to the DECC letter of 12th December 2012, I wish to submit the following information and concerns for your consideration at the Public Inquiry scheduled for 4th June 2013.

As only a very small minority of both local residents and the general public are likely to consider a wind 'farm' to be more visually pleasing than the green hills on which it is to be placed; the question of whether the notably beautiful Radnorshire Hills should have the proposed wind 'farms' erected on them becomes one of whether there is a need for such industrialisation. Indeed, in terms of the locations in question, the lack of 'Designation' of the notably beautiful Radnorshire Hills is a puzzling anomaly.

Some years ago, the Countryside Commission warned that much scenic countryside is in danger of becoming a 'wind farm wilderness'. If we are to dispose of this countryside which is a non-renewable but spiritually reviving resource, it must only be for a benefit of very great significance (which is not the case – please see below). In addition, experience shows that the construction of a wind 'farm' has a negative effect upon tourism, and therefore local jobs, and also on local house prices. There are already verifiable examples in this area of houses which are failing to sell or even get viewings once the wind 'farm' proposals are made known to the potential buyers.

A wind turbine of the power proposed is a huge and noisy machine, the height of a 30 storey office block. A 30 storey building by a leading architect might be very beautiful but on planning grounds would be unacceptable on the top of the fells. It is a travesty of the duty we owe to future generations to industrialise wild landscapes in order to temporarily reduce global CO2 emissions to 99.95% of their current levels when there are more effective strategies left neglected.

The noise from wind turbines is one of the major environmental costs of the technology. The existing Llandinam Wind 'Farm' Developers have been unable to solve the noise issues, and health problems have been reported in this regard.

A very significant issue for wind power is that of 'intermitting'. If even the amount of wind energy produced reached 10% of our supply then in a period of no winds, there would be widespread power cuts. To offset this possibility, fossil fuel generating capacity will always have to be kept on standby (spinning reserve) to make up the shortfall. The implication of this is that no conventional power station could ever close! Wind 'farms' constitute an increase in energy supply NOT a replacement.

The Llandinam and Carno wind 'farms' have in excess of 150 turbines and cover thousands of acres. Together they produce, in a year, less than four days output from a single 2000 MW conventional power station! In winter, UK power demand peaks at above 53,000 MW whilst Llandinam and Carno together have an output averaging 20 MW. An unpredictable and intermittent energy source like wind can never supply more than 10% of our electricity without causing major disruption as it cuts in and out!

In summary, covering our uplands in wind turbines might reduce UK CO2 emissions by 2 to 3% and global emissions by 0.05%. However, even this tiny gain would be squandered in a very few years of unrestrained growth in electricity consumption. It would be folly and a criminal neglect of our future generations to industrialise our last wild places in order to temporarily reduce global CO2 emissions to 99.95% of their current levels when there are more effective strategies being neglected.

Please do not allow the destruction of the beauty of the Radnorshire Hills for no good reason!

Yours sincerely



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

18th January 2013

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

National Infrastructure Consents

3 Whitehall Place
London, SW1A 2AW

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: DECC Ref 12.04.09.04/149C
Electricity Act 1989 (Secs. 38,37,62(3) and Schedule 8
Town and Country Planning Act 1990(Sec. 90)

Further to the DECC letter of 12th December 2012, I wish to submit the following information and concerns for your consideration at the Public Inquiry scheduled for 4th June 2013.

I would submit that the start of this inquiry has to be with the TAN 8 designated area for wind farm development. I have read the TAN 8 document and have grave concerns regarding the proliferation of Wind Farms which are currently under planning consideration/being proposed for planning consideration which include the six Wind Farms being considered at the inquiry. Given that these Wind Farms amount to 735.2 MW, these plus any other subsequent planning applications being granted, (I understand that a total of 19 are 'in the pipeline'), will result in the TAN 8 area being covered in Wind Farms.

The effect of this amount of development will fundamentally 'industrialise' this beautiful area of Mid-Wales, which is known for its peaceful countryside, home to a wide variety of wildlife and with a tourist industry of walkers, cyclists and horse riders coming to visit because of its unspoilt nature. The ability to walk these hills (which my husband and I do) e.g. the Kerry Ridgeway, will be very curtailed with such an immense and 'full-on' change to the landscape with very large turbines being spread across the landscape. In the terms of your inquiry brief, there will be a major combined landscape and visual impact caused by these developments.

Specific issues for Llanbadarn Fynydd are the real economic impact on our Community Shop and Public House. Both of which provide not only a hub for the village, but also serve the users of the A483. The Community Shop and Petrol station is managed and run by Community Volunteers, of which I am one. It is an important facility on the A483 (half-way between Newtown and Llandrindod Wells), providing drivers and holiday traffic with goods, fuel and a place to stop on often long journeys and obtain refreshments. The disruption of traffic on the A483 during the long construction phase will inevitably reduce shop trade. This fact is apparent when the road is closed/disrupted for

short periods by road traffic accidents, which occur on this steep and very bendy road. People do not stop if their journey has already been disrupted.

The local Pub also does not depend solely on local clientele and needs the A483 traffic to partake of its hospitality. The B&B facilities in the area also depend on people stopping or staying for periods in the area.


A further consideration regarding any disruption on the A483, is the requirements of the local farming community (of which we are part) having to travel regularly (weekly in autumn through to spring) to livestock markets in Welshpool, Knighton, Builth Wells and Rhayder. Any major increase in large vehicles (e.g. transports of large turbines and cement lorries) will lead to problems in farmers getting their livestock to market. The A483 is designated as a trunk road but its suitability for taking the large loads generated by the Wind Farm construction has already been brought into question by the Highways Department Powys County Council and the Police. The A483 rises steeply with many major bends and narrow areas which cannot be overcome without major civil engineering works. It took many years for the 'Llithddu Turn' road works to be resolved because of the difficulties of the terrain through which the road runs.

The final issue which I wish to address is the disruption caused by construction noise. Because of the terrain, noise carries vast distances so it is not just the people living next to the construction sites who will be affected by the noise. This will not be a short term issue, since the Wind Farm Companies have all said that they will not be doing work in conjunction with each other and so it is envisaged that transport and construction will continue over a long time period.

In conclusion, this is a close knit community who will be having their lifestyles and livelihoods disrupted and then adversely changed if the proposed Wind Farms are built. The wind farms would convert a rural landscape currently serving the local community into an industrialised area damaging lifestyles and livelihoods.

I would therefore ask you to refuse these applications.

Yours sincerely



[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

[REDACTED]
09 January 2013 15:57
[REDACTED]

Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined PI

Dear All,

Firstly a Happy New Year to you all. I am fully back in the driving seat after my holidays and now should be your first point of contact. However, if you have an urgent matter and I am not answering my landline or mobile please feel to contact [REDACTED] as she will be working with me on Inquiry matters.

You are being sent this email as you are on the key contact list and have also responded to the Inspectors request for suggestions with regard to suitable venues at the Introductory meeting. I will always use the Blind Copy (BCC) method for your email addresses so that they remain hidden to others.

This is a note to let you know that the Independent Inquiry website has been live since early December 2012 albeit that there has been just basic content until now. The link to the site is as follows;

<http://bankssolutions.co.uk/powys/>

This site is managed by us and all relevant Inquiry documents and information will be posted to this site for your viewing and download. We suggest you look at this site on a regular basis to see what is new. However, any major posting of documents such as Statements of Case and Proofs of Evidence we will be informing you by email. That is in addition to the statutory sharing of evidence with the relevant parties under inquiry rules.

We have posted this week the responses to the Inspectors call for suggestions regarding suitable venues. These can be found on the Introductory meeting tab , link as follows;

<http://bankssolutions.co.uk/powys/exploratoryintroductory-meeting/>

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me as below. For those of you where it is difficult to call during the day I [REDACTED] will accept calls up to a reasonable time in the evening on my landline or mobile. This is dependent on where I am at the time.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farm PI
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 January 2013 22:45
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Jones, Hefin
Subject: Suitable Venues in Welshpool and Newtown

[REDACTED]
Just to keep you in the loop. Further to the Inspectors request at the Introductory Meeting for inputs on suitable venues we are meeting with the Inspector in Welshpool on the 18th Jan 2013 to look at possible venues for the PI in Welshpool and Newtown. We will be compiling a list of the possibles in the next few days which I will send to you when complete. We will be traveling up on the 17th and staying the night so as to get quality time in on the 18th.

Trust this is all OK

Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Sent: 09 January 2013 08:06
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]
Attachments: RE: Combined wind farms inquiry
image2013-01-09-074843.pdf

Hello [REDACTED] and Happy New Year to you too.

I attach one of the original newspaper notices for the application, which you will see specifies "UP TO 250MW". Although I haven't reviewed the ESS in any detail, the Carnedd Wen Non-Technical Summary states that "65 turbines are proposed" and the "size of turbine would currently have an electrical generating capacity between 2 and 3MW- although it is possible that a machine with a higher electrical output could be available in the future."

I hope this is helpful.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 January 2013 22:41
To: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Subject: Fwd: Combined wind farms inquiry

[REDACTED]
Happy New Year to you. I am fully back in harness now. Could you look at below. Can you steer me in the right direction for me to respond

Thanks
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@powysramblers.org.uk>
Date: 7 January 2013 17:14
Subject: Re: Combined wind farms inquiry
To: [REDACTED]

ear [REDACTED]
I am away from my PC at the moment. The query relates to the list of applications sent by DECC. Carnedd Wen is said to have an output of 130 to 250MW. I do not recognise the 250 figure. Could you please confirm with DECC.

My thanks
[REDACTED]

It from my iPad

7 Jan 2013, at 12:53, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Can you please send your email again as somehow in responding to you the original text has

been lost. I will look at your question and get back to you

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]
On 6 January 2013 10:3 [REDACTED] <owysramblers.org.uk> wrote:

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I hope this is acceptable.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

**The Planning Inspectorate/Yr Arolygiaeth Gynilunio
Crown Buildings/Adeiladau'r Goron
Cathays Park/Parc Cathays
Cardiff/Caerdydd
CF10 3NQ**

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

****APPEAL ONLINE****

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/online/makeanappeal>

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 17 December 2012 12:01

To: [Redacted] (Energy Development)

Cc: [Redacted] (DECC EDU)

Subject: Re: Mid-Wales Public Inquiry

[Redacted]

I'm not 100% sure, perhaps [Redacted] can clarify? I would say we both need a set, albeit we don't need paper copies.

Many thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

On 17 Dec 2012, at 12:55, [REDACTED] (Energy Development) [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED]

Thanks for clarifying. We will get the documentation boxed up and sent off asap in the New Year. However, please confirm to whom we should send the boxes to in the first instance (via Hefin at PINS?).

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 December 2012 12:46
To: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Subject: Re: Mid-Wales Public Inquiry

Please see below from Inspector:
I would not be able to look at the docs this side of Christmas, so no need for [REDACTED] to switch priorities. Early in the new year would be fine. I would be grateful if I could have the docs about 1 week before the statements of case are due in.
Many thanks

[REDACTED]

On 17 Dec 2012, at 12:14, [REDACTED] (Energy Development) [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED]
My last day in the office is 20th December until 2nd January and I am trying to clear my other non-enquiry work. I should be grateful therefore if you would check with the Inspector when is the latest date he needs the Mid-Wales application documents by. If he needs everything before Christmas, I will obviously have to switch priorities.

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[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From:
Sent:
To:
Cc:
Subject:

17 December 2012 13:32

RE: Mid-Wales Public Inquiry

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to our conversation a few minutes ago, the Inspector is of the opinion that the documents should come to you in the first instance. He will then start preparing during the week commencing 4th February 2013. Therefore it would be really helpful if he could have them by say Friday 1st February.

I hope this is acceptable.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
The Planning Inspectorate/Yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio
Crown Buildings/Adeiladau'r Goron
Cathays Park/Parc Cathays
Cardiff/Caerdydd
CF10 3NQ
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

****APPEAL ONLINE****

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/online/makeanappeal>

Sent: 17 December 2012 13:01
To: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Subject: Re: Mid-Wales Public Inquiry
[REDACTED]

not 100% sure, perhaps [REDACTED] can clarify? I would say we both need a set, albeit we don't need paper
ies.

y thanks

[REDACTED]

On 17 Dec 2012, at 12:55, [REDACTED] (Energy Development) [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED]

Thanks for clarifying. We will get the documentation boxed up and sent off asap in the New Year. However, please confirm to whom we should send the boxes to in the first instance (via [REDACTED] at PINS?).

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 December 2012 12:46
To: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Subject: Re: Mid-Wales Public Inquiry

Please see below from Inspector:

I would not be able to look at the docs this side of Christmas, so no need for [REDACTED] to switch priorities. Early in the new year would be fine. I would be grateful if I could have the docs about 1 week before the statements of case are due in.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

On 17 Dec 2012, at 12:14, [REDACTED] (Energy Development) [REDACTED] wrote:

My last day in the office is 20th December until 2nd January and I am trying to clear my other non-Inquiry work. I should be grateful therefore if you would check with the Inspector when is the latest date he needs the Mid-Wales application documents by. If he needs everything before Christmas, I will obviously have to switch priorities.

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[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Sent: 17 December 2012 13:10
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Mid-Wales Public Inquiry

[REDACTED]

You will appreciate that there is a lot of paperwork for the 6 applications and I'm not sure we will be able to provide two copies of all of it (e.g. the Environmental Statements and Supplementary Environmental Information). However, we will obviously also let you have copies of what we are able to provide.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 December 2012 13:01
To: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Mid-Wales Public Inquiry

[REDACTED]

I'm not 100% sure, perhaps [REDACTED] can clarify? I would say we both need a set, albeit we don't need paper copies.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 17 Dec 2012, at 12:55, [REDACTED] (Energy Development) [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED]

Thanks for clarifying. We will get the documentation boxed up and sent off asap in the New Year. However, please confirm to whom we should send the boxes to in the first instance (via [redacted] at PINS?).

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 17 December 2012 12:46
To: [redacted] (Energy Development)
Subject: Re: Mid-Wales Public Inquiry

Hi [redacted]
Please see below from Inspector:

I would not be able to look at the docs this side of Christmas, so no need for [redacted] to switch priorities. Early in the new year would be fine. I would be grateful if I could have the docs about 1 week before the statements of case are due in.

Many thanks

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

On 17 Dec 2012, at 12:14, [redacted] (Energy Development) [redacted] wrote:

[redacted]
My last day in the office is 20th December until 2nd January and I am trying to clear my other non-enquiry work. I should be grateful therefore if you would check with the Inspector when is the earliest date he needs the Mid-Wales application documents by. If he needs everything before Christmas, I will obviously have to switch priorities.

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[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Sent: 17 December 2012 09:48
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Notice of Mid-Wales Public Inquiry on DECC website
Attachments: Website text Proposed mid-Wales Combined Public Inquiry.doc; ATT00001.htm
Importance: High

[REDACTED]

Please can you also include the link to the actual Notice (see para.3), as we aren't including all the details of the individual applications on the DECC website (e.g. date of applications etc).

Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] National Infrastructure Consents Team
Department of Energy & Climate Change
[REDACTED]
3 Whitehall Place
London
SW1A 2AW

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 December 2012 11:42
To: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Notice of Mid-Wales Public Inquiry on DECC website
Importance: High

[REDACTED]

Attached an updated version. The link has been inserted.

I've amended the paragraph re: copies of overview statements, to add in electronic copies, I hope that's OK. I can just see us receiving lots of paper and no electronic then spending too much time either requesting an electronic copy or scanning documents which would be extra cost to you.

I'm uploading documents to the website and tweaking the structure currently plus will use elements of your text on our site too.

Many thanks
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Sent: 13 December 2012 07:28
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Notice of Mid-Wales Public Inquiry

[REDACTED]

Please see the e-mail message below with queries relating to the Inquiry.

I assume you will reply to such queries and in this case along the lines of:

Yes, he should still complete the Registration Form and you will see that question 4 of the 'Participation at the Inquiry' section of the Registration Form sent to him asks whether you/your organisation wish to only to submit representations in writing;

The Registration Form needs to be completed and returned to the Programme Officer by 21 January 2013 with an outline statement of his principal submission he wishes to put forward at the inquiry [presumably there is still a requirement to do this if someone only want to submit a written representation or is it expected that their written representation will also be submitted by then?];

The Guidance for Participants is available to download from the DECC website and a link is included under the 'Further Information' section of the Registration Form; and

Any future requests relating to procedural matters for the Inquiry should go to you/the Programme Officer.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 December 2012 15:15
To: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Subject: Re: Notice of Mid-Wales Public Inquiry

[REDACTED]

Thank you for these documents. I have the following queries:

1. If participation of Powys Ramblers in the inquiry were to be limited to written representations, would it be necessary to submit the registration form?
2. What is the procedure and deadline for submission of written representations?
3. The registration form refers to Guidance for Participants. I have not been sent this document, so I'd be grateful for a copy.

It's not clear to me whether these requests should go to you or the Programme Officer, so please forward to the latter if necessary.

Regards

[REDACTED] Powys Ramblers

Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Notice of Mid-Wales Public Inquiry

Please see the attached documents.

Kind regards,

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

[REDACTED]
3 Whitehall Place
London
SW1A 2AW

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Sent: 13 December 2012 08:23
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Notice of Mid-Wales Public Inquiry
Importance: High

[REDACTED]

Your voicemail message regarding the Grid Connection/hub refers (I will also phone, but I have my Christmas lunch from about 12.30 today and I also out on annual leave tomorrow and am sending this in case I can't get hold of you).

You will appreciate that no application has been submitted in respect of the Grid Connection and it therefore, as it isn't in planning, it can't be considered as part of the Inquiry. That said, you will note that Matter 14 of the Statement of Matters for the wind farms does require consideration of 'the potential for the proposed developments to be connected to the electricity grid network' and there is also a reference there to our Section 36 Guidance with a footnote link. Similar queries should therefore be directed to this. Link also attached for ease of reference.

<https://www.oq.decc.gov.uk/EIP/pages/files/file42017.pdf>

Basically we won't expect detailed consideration as we would if an application had been lodged. However, the Secretary of State will need to be satisfied that the power from the wind farms can be delivered to the electricity supply network and we need developers to provide information on how the windfarms are to be connected and whether there are any particular environmental issues likely with that connection (paras.3.58 and 4.2 of our guidance refer).

I hope this clarification is helpful.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 December 2012 15:13
To: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Notice of Mid-Wales Public Inquiry

Dear all

passed on [REDACTED] comments regarding this matter to the Inspector, I'm hoping to have catch up today/ tomorrow on a variety of things including this.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 12 Dec 2012, at 13:16, [REDACTED] (Energy Development) [REDACTED]
wrote:

[REDACTED]

DECC isn't seeking comments on the Statement of Matters now that they have been formally issued. However, as indicated at the Introductory Meeting, they do allow for consideration of "any of matter to Inspector considers relevant". As I recall, the Inspector mentioned at the Introductory Meeting that it would be appropriate to raise any additional matters etc at the Pre-Inquiry Meeting in February 2013.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 December 2012 13:00
To: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Subject: RE: Notice of Mid-Wales Public Inquiry

[REDACTED]

Thank you for these documents. We are unsure as to whether the Inspector and DECC are seeking any comments on the Statement of Matters and, if so, the deadline for these. Do you know what the situation is?

Many thanks

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cyngor Cefn Gwlad Cymru/Countryside Council for Wales
Ty Ladywell/Ladywell House,
Park Street
Dre Newydd/Newtown
Powys SY16 1RD

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

Sent: 12 December 2012 08:02

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Notice of Mid-Wales Public Inquiry

Please see the attached documents.

Kind regards,

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

[REDACTED]
3 Whitehall Place
London
SW1A 2AW
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Sent: 13 December 2012 10:33
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Notice of Mid-Wales Public Inquiry on DECC website
Attachments: Website text Proposed mid-Wales Combined Public Inquiry.doc
Importance: High

[REDACTED]

I attach the text I propose putting on the DECC website (probably early next week) Please can you confirm that you are content and also include links to the Registration Form and Notice word documents from you website (see text in square brackets).

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 December 2012 09:09
To: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Subject: Re: Notice of Mid-Wales Public Inquiry
Importance: High

[REDACTED]

Our web address is:

[REDACTED]

As discussed, I'll send all my replies and post all docs so far on the website tomorrow.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Proposed Combined Public 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

Anyone who wishes to participate in the combined Inquiry should complete the Registration Form attached and return it to the [REDACTED]

along with two copies of their outline statement (a written statement of the principal submissions they wish to make) by no later than Monday 21 January 2013.

The Registration Form [Programme Officer to provide link straight to word document on internet]

The Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change has called a combined 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 are in the attached Notice [Programme Officer to provide link to word document on internet]

The Inquiry is due to commence at 10.00a.m on Tuesday 4 June 2013. The venue(s) for the Inquiry will be confirmed in due course to be confirmed).

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 5EY.

The Statement of Matters

Rule 4(1)(c) of the Inquiry Rules requires the Secretary of State, in giving notice that an inquiry is to be held, to provide a statement of the matters which, in his view, are the matters to be considered at the inquiry.

In the view of the Secretary of State, on the information so far available to him, the following matters, which appear to him likely to be relevant to his consideration of the proposed wind farm developments, are the matters to be considered at the inquiry:

1. *the extent to which the proposed developments are consistent with the objectives of the Government Policy on the energy mix and maintaining a secure and reliable supply of electricity as the UK makes the transition to a low carbon economy, and achieving climate change goals*;*
2. *the extent to which the proposed developments are consistent with the policies relating to generation of renewable energy contained within the relevant National Policy Statements for Energy Infrastructure: Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) July 2011 and National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Infrastructure (EN-3) July 2011;*
3. *the extent to which the proposed developments are consistent with Welsh Government and local policies: including Planning Policy Wales, Edition 4 (2011); Technical Advice Note 8: Planning for Renewable Energy (2005); and Energy Wales: A Low Carbon Transition (2012); and Powys Unitary Development Plan (adopted March 2010);*

4. *the individual and combined landscape and visual impact of the proposed developments taking into account the proximity to Snowdonia National Park (Strategic Search Area B); and 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;*
5. *the individual and combined impact of construction traffic on the surrounding locality, including transportation access routes and traffic management, taking into account the 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;*
6. *the individual and combined impact of noise generated during construction and from the operation of the proposed developments taking into account the 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;*
7. *the individual and cumulative impact of the proposed developments on biodiversity, including the ecological functioning of European Protected Sites (e.g. the River Wye Special Area for Conservation (SAC), Berwyn Special Protection Area (SPA) and South Clwyd Mountains SAC); impacts on European Protected Species under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) “(the Habitats Regulations)”; and the likely effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures;*
8. *the individual and combined social and economic impact of the proposed developments, including on tourism;*
9. *the potential impact of the proposed developments on human health;*
10. *the impact of the proposed developments on cultural heritage;*
11. *the individual and combined impact of the proposed developments on aviation;*
12. *the impact of the proposed developments on hydrology and hydrogeology, to include impacts on sensitive water features (streams, ponds, wetlands); impacts on private water supplies; fisheries and watercourses; and impacts on groundwater; and the likely effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures;*
13. *the impact of the proposed developments on peat;*
14. *the potential for the proposed developments to be connected to the electricity grid network (DECC document ‘The consenting process for onshore generating stations above 50MW in England and Wales: a guidance note on Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 refers’)¹; and*
15. *any other matter the Inspector considers relevant.*

¹ http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting_energy/consents_planning/guidance/guidance.aspx

In the view of the Secretary of State, on the information so far available to him, the following matters, which appear to him likely to be relevant to his consideration of the proposed overhead electric line development, are the matters to be considered at the inquiry:

1. *the extent to which SP Manweb's proposal including any alternatives considered are consistent with Welsh Government and local policies: including Planning Policy Wales, Edition 4 (2011); Technical Advice Note 8: Planning for Renewable Energy (2005); and Energy Wales: A Low Carbon Transition (2012); and Powys Unitary Development Plan (adopted March 2010);*
2. *the extent to which the proposed development is consistent with the objectives of the Government's policy on the energy mix and maintaining a secure and reliable supply of electricity as the UK makes the transition to a low carbon economy, and achieving climate change goals;²*
3. *the extent to which the proposed development is consistent with the policies relating to electricity networks infrastructure and also the generation of renewable energy contained within the relevant National Policy Statements for Energy Infrastructure, Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) July 2011, National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks Infrastructure (EN-5) July 2011 and National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Infrastructure (EN-3) July 2011;*
4. *the relative merits of the proposed development and any alternatives considered, including consideration of undergrounding, in addressing the requirement to maintain security of supply (the Need);*
5. *the potential impact of the proposed development on human health;*
6. *the social and economic impact of the proposed development, including on tourism;*
7. *the relative merits of the proposed development, any alternatives considered and likely effectiveness of mitigation measures to address:*
 - a) *the landscape and visual impact of the proposed development, both individually and cumulatively with existing energy infrastructure and any energy infrastructure which has already been granted planning permission or where planning permission has been applied for, including impact on the Vale of Montgomery Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest in Wales, Areas of Special Landscape Character and Kerry Ridgeway Regional Path, Severn Way Regional Path and the National Cycle Route near Welshpool Substation;*
 - b) *the impact of the proposed development during construction and operation on biodiversity, including trees and hedgerows and the ecological functioning of protected sites (e.g. River Wye Special Area of Conservation and Leighton Bats Site of Special Scientific Interest); impacts on European Protected Species under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) (the Habitats Regulations);*

² *For a description of these objectives and their significance in connection with the development of new energy infrastructure, reference should be made during the inquiry to the most recent Annual Energy Statement issued by the Department of Energy and Climate Change and to any relevant National Policy Statement ("NPS") on energy infrastructure designated under the Planning Act 2008.

c) *the impact of the proposed development on the use and enjoyment of land in the vicinity, including farming activities and on users of Rights of Way, including the Kerry Ridgeway Regional Path, Severn Way Regional Path and the National Cycle Path near Welshpool; and*

d) *the impact of the proposed development on cultural heritage; and*

8. *any other matters that the Inspector considers relevant.*

Programme Officer's web page for the Inquiry

A webpage for the Inquiry has been set up and will be managed by the [REDACTED] where all the evidence and core documents will be available for parties to download [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Energy Development)

From:
Sent:
To:
Cc:
Subject:

12 December 2012 11:52

[REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Re: Mid-Wales Wind Farm Joint Public Inquiry

Thanks for this. I'll be speaking to the Inspector today and we'll upload the notice and statement of matters.
Many thanks

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On 12 Dec 2012, at 11:42, [REDACTED] (DECC EDU)" [REDACTED] wrote:

Please see the attached documents, the first of them is a letter that was delayed in being forwarded to us by the Correspondence Unit, the next document is a copy of our objectors/supporters lists that has been used when sending out to correspondence, the final three documents are the covering letter concerning the Public Inquiry and two associated documents.
If you have any problem with these documents please let me know.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Sent: 12 December 2012 11:06
Subject: MID-WALES INQUIRY

As discussed, the attached letter only arrived here yesterday via the general DECC Correspondence Unit, but was sent on 29 October. We have included them on the circulation list for the notice/registration sent out today. However, as they want to play a main part in the Inquiry, please bring to the attention of the Programme Officer so she is aware when you send the objector/supporter list.

Thanks.



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DECC Ref: 12.04.09.04/149C
Your Ref:



12 December 2012

Dear Sir or Madam,

**ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (SECTIONS 36, 37, 62(3) AND SCHEDULE 8)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (SECTION 90)**

Application by Vattenfall dated 30 November 2007 for consent to construct and operate a 59.5MW Wind Turbine Generating Station in Powys, Mid-Wales ("Llanbadarn Fynydd")

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As you have previously made a representation on the application(s), I enclose a copy of the following:

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www.decc.gov.uk

Direct Line +44 (0)300 068 5682 | Fax (0)300 068 5003
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- (i) a notice containing details of the combined public inquiry, pre-inquiry meeting(s) and the Secretary of State's statement of matters under Rule 4(1)(c); and
- (ii) a registration form, to be completed if you wish to participate in the public inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From:

Sent:

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23 November 2012 10:27

[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

Re: WELSH SPEAKERS

Hello [REDACTED]

Talking with the Inspector yesterday he confirmed that he will raise this issue at next weeks meeting.

On 22 November 2012 09:37, [REDACTED] (Energy Development) wrote:
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Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farms Public Inquiry - Agenda for the
Introductory/Exploratory Meeting
Attachments: ID-1 Powys Wind Farms Agenda _2_ - final.pdf

Dear All,

Firstly let me introduce myself. I am [REDACTED] and I am the Programme Officer for the above mentioned Public Inquiry. I would also like to introduce [REDACTED] who will be working with me on the Inquiry. We will be acting as independent officers for the Inquiry, under the Inspector's direction and will be responsible for organising the programme of Inquiry sessions, maintaining the Inquiry library, recording and circulating all material received and assisting the Inspector with procedural and administrative matters. We will advise on behalf of the Inspector any programming and procedural queries. Any matters which participants wish to raise with the Inspector should be addressed to the Programme Officer.

I am on holiday from today for 3 weeks so [REDACTED] will be attending the Exploratory/Introductory meeting on the 28th November 2012 on my behalf and will be available to answer any questions that you may have whilst I am away. [REDACTED] will make herself known as you enter the venue room. We are here to help all parties engage fully with the process so feel free to contact us with any questions that you may have. We would like to use email as the prime method of communication as this is quick and efficient from a cost viewpoint. If you prefer paper then please let us know.

I have attached for your information the Inspectors Agenda for the meeting. Copies of the Secretary of State's Statement of Matters will be available at the meeting and at least a couple of copies of the Inquiry Rules will be available to browse.

Once the official notice of Inquiry has been published by DECC we will have available an Independent Inquiry website managed by us where all of the relevant documents and latest news will be available for download.

Please find our contact details as below.

I trust you find this helpful.

Thanks and Kind Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farm PI
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Conjoined Public Inquiry
Exploratory / Introductory Meeting, 10.00 am Wednesday 28 November 2012
AGENDA

1.0 Introductions

Names, roles, contact addresses and contact protocols for:

- Inspector
- Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC)
- Programme Officer
- Planning Inspectorate
- Local Planning Authority
- Applicants
- CCW
- Interest Groups
- Other interested persons

2.0 Purpose of the Meeting

3.0 Reasons for Conjoined Inquiry

4.0 Preliminary Statement of Matters which appear to the Secretary of State to be likely to be relevant to his consideration of the applications

5.0 Provisional timetable – from issue of Relevant Notice, to Pre Inquiry Meeting (PIM)

Likely dates and periods for:

- Registration, and submission of outline statements (Rule 6)

6.0 Provisional view on arrangements for the PIM

- Date, or dates
- Necessary facilities
- Venue

7.0 Provisional timetable – from PIM to opening of the Inquiry

Likely dates and periods for:

- Submission of full Statements of Case
- Submission of proofs of evidence
- Opening of the Inquiry

8.0 Preliminary view on arrangements for the Inquiry

- Necessary facilities
- Venue - main sessions
- Venues – local / evening sessions
- Running order

9.0 Any Other Business

10.0 Arrangements for circulating notes of the exploratory / introductory meeting

11.0 Closing

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Please see below the Inspector's comments.

Kind regards

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Thanks [REDACTED]

Firstly, apologies - I did of course mean Newtown.

We will be seeking the parties' views about suitable venues at the Introductory meeting. Llandrindod has good hotels and conference venues, but Newtown and Welshpool are more centrally located in relation to the communities. Newtown also has the advantage of better rail links. I see no problem with Llandrindod for the PIM, but Welshpool may be better for the Inquiry itself. I have spoken to Chris Newtown or Welshpool, and he came up with the idea of agreeing a shortlist with Rob Dham after the preliminary meeting. He and I could then check out the venues for suitability before booking.

We would like to go for 4 June as the date for opening the Inquiry. We will only be in a position to recommend a timetable after the PIM. At this stage I would anticipate starting with 5 individual sessions looking at issues particular to each wind farm

application. Each would probably be a minimum of two weeks, separated by at least two weeks. The session for the grid connection could be longer. The length of the session or sessions on matters in common to some or all of the proposals is very difficult to estimate at this stage, but would probably be at least 3 weeks. With site visits, closing statements and necessary breaks this gives total of at least 30 - 35 weeks from opening to closing the Inquiry sessions. Of course, the parties may have very different ideas about this. We may get some indication at the preliminary meeting.

One of the reasons for looking for the formal notice to be issued as soon as possible is that this would prompt the parties to begin preparing their outline statements of case - hopefully in cooperation with others - at the earliest opportunity. From experience, until the clock starts running, little actually happens. Of course this will be left to DECC and I will make no announcement about this at the preliminary meeting, other than to advise everyone that the likely date for the PIM will be 18 Feb, and to hold 25 Feb in reserve as well. The formal notice of the date/venue of the PIM can go out later.

I will discuss the requirement to publish notice of the PIM locally with the applicants as suggested, and will also mention the powers to recover costs. Perhaps, once the timetable is set, the applicants could be expected to meet the cost of their individual sessions, and share other costs, including the cost of 'sessions in common' in a 6-way even split.

Please pass these observations on to [REDACTED]. I am copying them to [REDACTED], in part to establish direct email communications.

I will dot the 'i's and cross a few 't's on the meeting agenda and get it over to [REDACTED] who will circulate it tomorrow.

Regards

From: [REDACTED] (Energy Development) [REDACTED]
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Hefin,

Thank you for your e-mail below and attachments.

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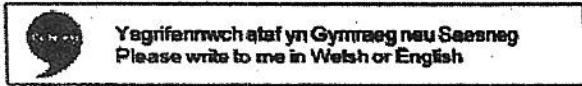
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Conjoined Public Inquiry
Exploratory / Introductory Meeting, Wednesday 29 November 2012
AGENDA

1.0 Introductions

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- Inspector
- Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC)
- Programme Officer
- Planning Inspectorate
- Local Planning Authority
- Applicants
- CCW
- Interest Groups
- Other interested persons

To establish and share name of contact persons, their roles and addresses at the earliest possible stage. To obtain authority to publish and share these (website?). Necessary to establish cooperation between the parties.

2.0 Purpose of the Meeting

To reiterate purpose of the meeting, i.e. to discuss what is before the Inspector, how the applications and inquiry should proceed, and to help finalise arrangements for the pre-inquiry meeting – not to hear evidence, or discuss the applications.

3.0 Reasons for Conjoined Inquiry

To reiterate that the purpose of holding a conjoined inquiry is to be better able to consider cumulative effects, such as wider landscape effects and effect on the wider highway network. To emphasise that full consideration will be given local issues in sessions relating to individual applications, and that recommendations and decisions will be individual.

4.0 Preliminary Statement of Matters which appear to the Secretary of State to be likely to be relevant to his consideration of the applications

To issue the statement of matters agreed by the Minister, with the proviso that

Although the Secretary of State is not yet in a position to issue formal notice of the pre-inquiry meeting and inquiry, including the Statement of Matters, the initial indication I have received from DECC is that the following are likely to be relevant to his consideration of the proposed wind farms and overhead line developments



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

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5.0 Provisional timetable – from issue of Relevant Notice, to Pre Inquiry Meeting (PIM)

Likely dates and periods for:

- Issue of Relevant Notice and 'statement of matters' (Rule 4(1))
- Registration, and submission of outline statements (Rule 6)

I will be aiming to hold the PIM on Monday 18 February, with Monday 25 February to be held in reserve by all parties in the (likely) event that it will not be possible for all participants to be able to confirm and agree all dates on the first day.

It should be noted that the relevant Notice would need to be issued on 3 December, to give full 12 weeks before PIM

I will stress the importance of communication, and where possible cooperation and agreement where common ground exists, at an early stage and certainly prior to submission of outline statements of case, in order to be able to properly establish a recommended timetable at the PIM.

6.0 Provisional view on arrangements for the PIM

- Date, or dates
- Necessary facilities
- Venue

Whether translation facilities necessary to be established

7.0 Provisional timetable – from PIM to opening of the Inquiry

Likely dates and periods for:

- Submission of full Statements of Case
- Submission of proofs of evidence
- Opening of the Inquiry

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It is my preliminary view that due to the complexity of the Inquiry it would not be practicable to open the Inquiry within the norm period of 10 weeks set in the rules. A minimum of 12 weeks would be reasonably necessary, to give 4 weeks for submission of statements of case, a further 4 weeks for submission of proofs of evidence, and 4 weeks preparation time once proofs are received. This would accord with an early June inquiry opening.

I will reiterate the importance of communication, cooperation, and statements of common ground as once the inquiry timetable is agreed by the minister it will be fixed. The inquiry rules with regard to cross examination will be strictly applied, to keep the inquiry to the set timetable.

8.0 Preliminary view on arrangements for the Inquiry

- Necessary facilities
- Venue - main sessions
- Venues - local / evening sessions
- Running order

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X My preliminary view is that a main venue within a relatively central major town (Newport?)^{town, West} would be necessary to ensure that sufficient facilities such as hotels and restaurants would be available. At least one evening session should be held in the locality of each application, to better enable local resident to put their point of view. It may be better to hold sessions relating to individual applications in advance of conjoined sessions, as issues may thus be narrowed down.

9.0 Any Other Business

10.0 Arrangements for circulating notes of the exploratory / introductory meeting

I would aim for the note to be circulated / posted on the web site by the programme officer by 3 December

11.0 Closing