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Planning Case Manager
Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
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Dear **XXXX**,

Re: Llanbrynmair Onshore Wind Farm Redetermination – Request for Further Information following the withdrawal of the Carnedd Wen Onshore Wind Farm application

Thank you for your letter dated 24 September 2020 requesting confirmation of the position with regards to any work that has been undertaken on any potential Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) routes to the Llanbrynmair site.

I can confirm that detailed work has been undertaken to identify suitable access for AIL's to the Llanbrynmair site. This work has concluded that two alternative routes are perfectly feasible. The first route is via the minor road from Llanerfyl to Talerddig, as included in the original application for the Llanbrynmair Wind Farm. The second is the route via the A458, as included in the Carnedd Wen Wind Farm application, as recommended by the Inspector in his report. RES would be content to use either route to allow AIL's to access the Llanbrynmair site.

If the Secretary of State preferred access for AIL's to be taken from the A458, then the Secretary of State could grant S36 consent and deemed planning permission for the Llanbrynmair Wind Farm, subject to a condition that access for AIL's is to be taken from the A458. RES would then prepare and submit a planning application for that route, as previously included in the now withdrawn Carnedd Wen Wind Farm application and which the Inspector found to be acceptable. This application would include an assessment of any environmental effects resulting from the construction and use of that route by AIL's.

Alternatively, as mentioned in my letter of 2 September 2020, RES would also be comfortable if the Llanbrynmair Wind Farm site is consented without a specific route for AIL's being identified and included in the S36 consent and deemed planning permission for the Llanbrynmair Wind Farm, but with a condition preventing AIL access to the site from the minor road from Llanerfyl to Talerddig. RES would then prepare and submit a planning application for a route that allows AIL access to the Llanbrynmair Wind Farm site. As with the previous option described above, this application would include an assessment of the likely environmental effects of the proposed access.

I can confirm that RES has secured options from the majority of owners of land needed to construct the AIL routes proposed in the Llanbrynmair and the Carnedd Wen Wind Farm applications. Negotiations with the remaining owners of land are ongoing, with completion of these agreements being subject to the grant of S36 consent. The Llanbrynmair Wind Farm project is therefore deliverable.

In addition, it is important for the Secretary of State to remember that construction and operation of the Llanbrynmair Wind Farm would make a significant contribution to rural diversification and would give rise to significant economic benefits for the rural economy through local construction jobs and wider community benefits, as mentioned by the Inspector at paragraph 665 of his report. These economic benefits are of course in addition to the significant generation of renewable electricity and the important long term environmental benefits which the Inspector also mentions in paragraph 665.

I trust that this answers your letter satisfactorily and that you are now in a position to complete your report and recommendation to the Secretary of State, but if you require any further details no doubt you will be in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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Senior Development Project Manager