

Meeting Note

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Meeting with	RWE Npower Renewables (RWE)
Meeting date	01 September 2011
Attendees (IPC)	Simone Wilding Nicola Mathiason Owain George Rachael Walker Kate Mignano
Attendees (non IPC)	Bethan Thomas (RWE Npower Renewables) Alex Blake (RWE Npower Renewables) Stephen Collings (Eversheds – Brechfa Legal Support)
Location	IPC Offices, Temple Quay House, Bristol, BS1 6PN

Meeting purpose	To discuss the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Brechfa Forest West Wind Farm
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Summary of key points discussed and advice given	<p>RWE were aware of the Infrastructure Planning Commission's (IPC) policy on openness and transparency and that any issues discussed and advice given will be recorded and placed on the IPC's website under Section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008). Any advice given does not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) can rely.</p> <p>Draft DCO & Explanatory Memorandum (ExM) Following the structure of the draft DCO the IPC asked for clarification and/or provided advice on several articles and requirements as set out in the attached letter.</p> <p>The IPC explained that all divergences from the Model Provisions Order should be explained and justified. This also includes model provisions (MP) that have been omitted where the reason for omission is not entirely self-evident (eg model provisions 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 17 etc). RWE may reconsider the need for some of the omitted MPs including MP 8 (street works), 10 (public rights of way), 12 (access to works) and 17 (removal of human remains). RWE will need to ensure the draft DCO includes all the powers necessary to carry out the project and secure the required mitigation in accordance with the Environmental Statement (ES).</p>
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	<p>Project Update</p> <p>RWE stated that the likely application submission date will be in October/November 2011. RWE are currently waiting for responses from several bodies before the application documents can be finalised.</p> <p>RWE explained an agreement has been reached with the Welsh Assembly Government which owns most of the land although it is managed by the Forestry Commission on their behalf. RWE explained that the details of the agreements made between themselves and the land owners are confidential. RWE asked what is needed to verify these agreements. The IPC confirmed that heads of terms may be sufficient as confirmation that the land can be acquired from the land owner by agreement.</p> <p>The IPC offered to look at other draft application documents such as the draft Habitats Regulations Assessment and the draft consultation report. While the IPC is not able to comment on the merits of the proposed development, it can raise technical points.</p>
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Specific decisions/ follow up required?	
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Circulation List	All Attendees