

Stakeholder Meeting Note

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Meeting with	Renewable Energy Holdings, ADAS and Powys Council
Meeting date	5 August 2010
Attendees (IPC)	Andrew Phillipson, Tom Carpen
Attendees (non IPC)	William Little (ADAS), Clive Callister (REH), Steve Packer (Powys Council)
Location	Powys Council offices, Llandrindod Wells

Meeting purpose	To understand pre-application and application timescale in more detail.
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Summary of outcomes and record of advice	<p>Resources</p> <p>SP explained that given the scale of wind farm applications and the limited resources available within the Council, there may need to be a discussion with the applicant on the potential for a Planning Performance Agreement. The IPC explained that these could beneficially be used to agree timescales and share draft documents.</p> <p>The IPC asked the applicant to set out what may form part of any Nationally Significant Infrastructure Proposal, for consideration by the IPC, and what may form associated development, for consideration by the Council, noting that it would be for the applicant to seek legal advice on its definitions of development.</p> <p>The applicant indicated that 23 turbines (3 MegaWatt each, 125 metres to tip height), on site roads, borrow pits, on-site substation, underground cabling and anemometers would form part of the NSIP; that possible highways improvements and improvements to Aberlary boatyard could be associated development (depending on the outcome of transport studies), and that off-site grid connections and a sub-station would be the subject of applications by a third party. ADAS asked if compound works and ancillary matters would be Permitted</p>
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Development. IPC agreed to clarify but indicated these would need to be in any draft DCO and that the applicant would need to seek legal advice.

REH advised that it is attempting to work with Scottish and Southern Energy on a joint grid connection to serve the Nant-y-Moch and Mynydd-y-Gwynt wind farms but no agreement had been reached to date.

REH advised that it was working with Renewables UK in an attempt to co-ordinate the transportation of turbines with other potential wind farm developers. Powys advised that it was awaiting the outcome of Renewables UK's work but had requested further transport details.

Environmental Impact Assessment

The IPC asked whether REH intended to request a scoping opinion. After discussion, REH indicated that it would probably not as it had undertaken a series of surveys following consultation with statutory consultees, but if it did this would not be before the end of August as the definition of development still needed to be established in respect of transport and grid connections. In any case it intended to have a draft ES for October to be used in public consultation as preliminary environmental information.

SP advised that from experience of other wind farms, it and DECC often had to request a lot more information, particularly as part of an Appropriate Assessment under European Habitats Regulations. The IPC advised that the applicant could work with the Council to establish the level of information required in its ES.

Statement of Community Consultation

Following a recent meeting, REH/ADAS submitted a formal draft to the Council on 4 August 2010. The Council has 28 days to provide a view.

Website

REH advised it was finalising the welsh language content of its website. It would be live by the end of August.

Application Submission

REH/ADAS advised that an application could be expected no earlier than April 2010. They also advised that although REH is the main contact and has an option on the land this is subject to the current landholders, Mynydd-

	<p>y-Gwynt Limited, will be seeking to obtain development consent. ADAS and the consultant working on the consultation are appointed by Mynydd-y-Gwynt Limited. The IPC advised that it will update its website to show both REH and Mynydd-y-Gwynt Ltd as the applicants.</p> <p>Outreach</p> <p>IPC outlined plans to hold an event to explain the application process to stakeholders. Given the proximity of the Nant-y-Moch and Mynydd-y-Gwynt proposals a joint event was suggested for October.</p> <p>REH agreed to help contact stakeholders interested in such an event.</p>
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Specific decisions/follow up required?	<p>Powys and REH to take forward discussion on Planning Performance Agreement.</p> <p>IPC to clarify how the applicant should consider its compound proposal in a DCO.</p> <p>IPC to update its website.</p> <p>REH to keep IPC informed of any changes to timescales and give 2 weeks notice of any intention to submit a scoping request.</p> <p>REH to ensure website is live by end of August.</p> <p>REH to support IPC in reaching stakeholders interested in an IPC outreach event.</p>
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