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To: <u>Jones, Hefin; Abergelli Power; Abergelli Power</u>

Cc: AL-KHAYAT Tamara

Subject: RE: (7707/1) (7710/1) RE: Abergelli - Letter form Secretary of State dated 26th July 2019

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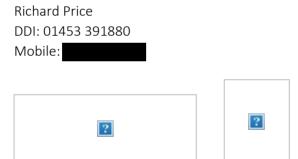


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'Morning all,

Just a quick e-mail to thank you for your deadline 3 submissions. All responses will appear on the project page shortly. Please note that due to limited availability over the Christmas period the documents may not appear until early January. The Examination Library will be updated to include the D3 submissions.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hefin

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- 1.2 APL has applied to the Secretary of State under Planning Act 2008 for powers to construct, operate and maintain a Power Generation Plant.
- 1.3 The Project consists of:
 - 1.3.1 A new Open Cycle Gas Turbine peaking power generating station, fuelled by natural gas and capable of providing a rated electrical output of up to 299 Megawatts ("**MW**"). The Power Generation Plant comprises:
 - (a) Generating Equipment including one Gas Turbine Generator with one exhaust gas flue stack and Balance of Plant (together referred to as the 'Generating Equipment') which are located within the 'Generating Equipment Site';
 - (b) An Access Road to the Project Site from the B4489 which lies to the west, formed by upgrading an existing access road between the B4489 junction and the Swansea North Substation (the 'Substation') and constructing a new section of access road from the Substation to the Generating Equipment Site;
 - (c) A temporary construction compound for the storage of materials, plant and equipment as well as containing site accommodation and welfare facilities, temporary car parking and temporary fencing (the 'Laydown Area'). A small area within the Laydown Area will be retained permanently (the 'Maintenance Compound');
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2. THE APPLICATION

2.1 The Application for the Power Generation Plant was submitted on 25 May 2018 and accepted by the Secretary of State on 21 June 2018 (PINS reference number EN010069) and was accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

3. MATTERS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES

- 3.1 The Parties agree that:
- 3.2 The Landowner's interests in land are comprised in the following plots:

Proposed permanent acquisition of freehold	Plot 12
Proposed permanent acquisition of rights	Plots 13, 14, 15 and 17
Proposed temporary possession	Plots 13A, 13B, 17A and 17B

- 3.3 The Book of Reference accurately identifies the Landowner's interests in the Order Land.
- 3.4 The Landowner did not respond in writing to the Applicant's statutory consultation.
- A licence to access the property of the Landowner was agreed on 22 July 2017 pursuant to which the Applicant was authorised to conduct ecological surveys on the Landowner's land. This licence remained valid for an agreed period to 1 March 2018.
- 3.6 The following table lists the relevant correspondence and meetings between the Parties in relation to the Application and the proposed acquisition of land:

Date	Meeting/Correspondence	Details
27 April 2018	Meeting	Meeting with the Applicant, the Landowner and the Landowner's land agent to commence discussions.
2 May 2018	Telephone discussion	The Applicant's land agent, Steven Drennan of Carter Jonas, discussed the valuation basis and terms of the offer to be made with the

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		landowner's agent, Andrew Thomas, and Carter Jonas advised that a written offer would follow.
18 May 2018	Correspondence	Fully termed written offer made to the Landowner by the Applicant
24 September 2018	Meeting	Meeting between Chris McKerrow and Susannah Crawford (of APL) and Steven Drennan of Carter Jonas (APL's land agent) and Andrew Thomas (the landowner's agent).
10 October 2018	Meeting	Meeting between landowners agents and Susannah Crawford and Chris McKerrow of APL.
2 November 2018	Correspondence	Email providing comparables evidence from the Landowner's Agent to assist discussions.
16 January 2019	Correspondence	Email providing a revised offer submitted to the Landowner's Agent.
20 June 2019	Meeting	Meeting between the Landowner's agent and Neil Riley and Steven Drennan of APL to discuss the survey access agreement proposed on 1 May 2019 and to reach common ground. Discussions are on-going between the Parties with further meetings planned.

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Signed by
For and on behalf of Abergelli Power Limited
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Date:

Signed by)
For and on behalf of **Michael Edwards**)

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Date: 18. 01. 2019

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7 August 2018	Correspondence	The Landowners responded to Carter Jonas (the Applicant's land agent) to confirm that the heads of terms proposed in the offer were not acceptable. A counter offer was submitted by the Landowners.
3 September 2018	Correspondence	Carter Jonas wrote to the Landowner's agent to confirm the rights being sought under the draft DCO. Carter Jonas also requested evidence of comparable transactions to support the counter offer made.
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1 May 2019	Correspondence	The request for survey access, subject to consideration, was made

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In addition, and as requested by the Examiner, I attach a copy of the Senior Counsel's Advice which my clients obtained in relation to the validity of the Project, in particular, whether the Gas Connection and Electrical Connection should have been include within the DCO. The Examiner requested a copy to be submitted to the Examination in accordance with the written questions and requests for information paper (ExQ2) issued on 11th January. I confirm my clients have consented to the attached being forwarded to the Examiner for his consideration.

Please would you kindly acknowledge safe receipt and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Best regards,

Richard

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Just a quick e-mail to thank you for your deadline 3 submissions. All responses will appear on the project page shortly. Please note that due to limited availability over the Christmas period the documents may not appear until early January. The Examination Library will be updated to include the D3 submissions.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Statement of Common Ground
Statement of Common Ground between Abergelli Power Limited and Michael Edwards

INTRODUCTION

Purpose of this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground ("SOCG") has been prepared by Abergelli Power Limited ("APL") and Michael Edwards (the "Landowner"). For the purpose of this SOCG, APL and the Landowner will jointly be referred to as 'the Parties'.
- 1.2 APL has applied to the Secretary of State under Planning Act 2008 for powers to construct, operate and maintain a Power Generation Plant.
- 1.3 The Project consists of:
 - 1.3.1 A new Open Cycle Gas Turbine peaking power generating station, fuelled by natural gas and capable of providing a rated electrical output of up to 299 Megawatts ("MW"). The Power Generation Plant comprises:
 - (a) Generating Equipment including one Gas Turbine Generator with one exhaust gas flue stack and Balance of Plant (together referred to as the 'Generating Equipment') which are located within the 'Generating Equipment Site';
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 - (c) A temporary construction compound for the storage of materials, plant and equipment as well as containing site accommodation and welfare facilities, temporary car parking and temporary fencing (the 'Laydown Area'). A small area within the Laydown Area will be retained permanently (the 'Maintenance Compound');
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2. THE APPLICATION

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3. MATTERS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES

- 3.1 The Parties agree that:
- 3.2 The Landowner's interests in land are comprised in the following plots:

Proposed freehold	permanent	acquisition	of	Plot 12	
Proposed p	ermanent acc	quisition of rig	hts	Plots 13, 14, 15 and 17	
Proposed temporary possession		Plots 13A, 13B, 17A and 17B			

- 3.3 The Book of Reference accurately identifies the Landowner's interests in the Order Land.
- 3.4 The Landowner did not respond in writing to the Applicant's statutory consultation.
- 3.5 A licence to access the property of the Landowner was agreed on 22 July 2017 pursuant to which the Applicant was authorised to conduct ecological surveys on the Landowner's land. This licence remained valid for an agreed period to 1 March 2018.
- 3.6 The following table lists the relevant correspondence and meetings between the Parties in relation to the Application and the proposed acquisition of land:

Date	Meeting/Correspondence	Details
27 April 2018	Meeting	Meeting with the Applicant, the Landowner and the Landowner's land agent to commence discussions.
2 May 2018	Telephone discussion	The Applicant's land agent, Steven Drennan of Carter Jonas, discussed the valuation basis and terms of the offer to be made with the

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·		landowner's agent, Andrew Thomas, and Carter Jonas advised that a written offer would follow.
18 May 2018	Correspondence	Fully termed written offer made to the Landowner by the Applicant
24 September 2018	Meeting	Meeting between Chris McKerrow and Susannah Crawford (of APL) and Steven Drennan of Carter Jonas (APL's land agent) and Andrew Thomas (the landowner's agent).
10 October 2018	Meeting	Meeting between landowners agents and Susannah Crawford and Chris McKerrow of APL.
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16 January 2019	Correspondence	Email providing a revised offer submitted to the Landowner's Agent.
20 June 2019	Meeting	Meeting between the Landowner's agent and Neil Riley and Steven Drennan of APL to discuss the survey access agreement proposed on 1 May 2019 and to reach common ground. Discussions are on-going between the Parties with further meetings planned.

4. MATTERS NOT AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES

- 4.1 It is not agreed by the Landowner that the compulsory acquisition powers sought by the Applicant are necessary to secure the objectives of the Project;
- 4.2 It is not agreed by the Landowner that the Project can be implemented within the areas shown on the Works Plan and Land Plans;
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- It is not agreed by the Landowner that the consideration of alternatives which is set out in the Statement of Reasons and in the Environmental Statement is adequate:
- The alternative proposed by the Landowner (Access Option 1, as consulted upon by the Applicant in 2014) is not agreed by the Applicant.
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This SOCG is prepared jointly and agreed by the Parties:

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- 3.4 Mr Wynne Watkins attended the consultation event hosted by the Applicant on 7 February 2018 accompanied by his agent, Ms Perkins. The differences between Options A and B were discussed, and the Landowner expressed the view that the woodland identified as ancient woodland was not ancient because it had been dug out and replanted previously by the Landowner's family. The Applicant requested that the Landowners followed up the attendance at the consultation event with a written consultation response.
- 3.5 The Landowners did not respond in writing to the Applicant's statutory consultation.
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7 August 2018	Correspondence	The Landowners responded to Carter Jonas (the Applicant's land agent) to confirm that the heads of terms proposed in the offer were not acceptable. A counter offer was submitted by the Landowners.
3 September 2018	Correspondence	Carter Jonas wrote to the Landowner's agent to confirm the rights being sought under the draft DCO. Carter Jonas also requested evidence of comparable transactions to support the counter offer made.
24 September	Meeting	Meeting between Chris McKerrow and Susannah Crawford of the Applicant, Steve Drennan (the Applicant's land agent) and the Landowners' agent Katherine Perkins.
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1 May 2019	Correspondence	The request for survey access, subject to consideration, was made

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