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I initially raised a question as to how the awel y mor wind farm proposals could be considered without knowing the extent of the extension and modifications to the national grid substation at Bodelwyddan (this is an integral part of the programme, without which Awel y mor can not operate).

My question was put by yourselves to Awel y Mor to answer but my question was actually more directed at yourselves in the planning inspectorate.

With the Awel y Mor development, without the building of a new or extended substation at Bodelwyddan then the wind farm can not operate so surely is an vital part of this development. It would seem to me to be inconceivable that any subsequent proposals from National Grid (practically giving them free licence) would be rejected as this would scupper Awel y Mor and future plans of the Mona wind farm and Mares interconnect, both of which are also planned for this same area.

Additionally, if I were to put in a planning application for an extension or new building to my property, full detail of the design, including materials, dimensions etc would be mandatory and without which would be rejected, However in this case only outline information is available. For example you don't know the actual size of the onshore substation, whether it will use Gas insulated switchgear or Air insulated switchgear, both of which have an impact on size and height of the onshore substation.

My concern is how you can assess this development correctly, given that you don't have full detailed plans from Awel Y mor, nor do you know what National Grid need to do to connect the wind farm to the electricity network and therefore how you properly assess the environmental impacts on the local area.

I welcome any comments Kind Regards Martyn