

Tuesday 3rd December, 2013

AGENDA

**Hearing Session – Ecology and Wildlife
Matters relating to proposed access road improvements**

Application by RES UK & Ireland Limited, dated 27 March 2009 for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a 100MW wind turbine generating station in Powys, Mid Wales ('LLanbrynmair')

This agenda has been prepared to guide discussions on matters relating to wildlife and ecology, arising from proposed works to facilitate the use of sections of minor roads between Llanerfyl and Talerddig by AILs, and the suggested alternative means of access put forward by PCC.

- 1.0 Inspector's introduction: procedural matters, review of other matters relating to the above works dealt with previously at the inquiry.
- 2.0 Legislative / policy framework
 - 2.1 European Protected Species
 - requirement to mitigate impacts
 - use of conditions to require mitigation
 - materiality of other legislative / regulatory regimes (eg licences)
 - 2.2 Other species and habitats
 - birds,
 - grassland/verges (including bog/mire habitats)
 - trees/hedgerows
- 3.0 Works at Gosen Bridge: matters for discussion – (it is proposed to focus initially on Gosen Bridge as an example of a location where effects on several habitats/species are possible).
 - 3.1 Bats
 - known presence in the locality (bridge)
 - likelihood of presence elsewhere nearby (trees, hedgerows, buildings)
 - mitigation proposed / necessary
 - 3.2 Dormice
 - adequacy of surveys
 - likelihood of presence in the vicinity
 - mitigation proposed / necessary
 - 3.3 Otters
 - known presence in the locality
 - mitigation proposed / necessary
 - 3.4 Trees, hedgerows and verges
 - likely effects
 - mitigation proposed / necessary
- 4.0 Works along off-site access road elsewhere:

- 4.1 Other bridge structures
 - 4.2 Hedgerows, trees and verges generally
 - 5.0 Works on windfarm:
 - 5.1 Bats:
 - known presence on site
 - monitoring and mitigation proposed/necessary
 - 6.0 Neintherion bypass / site accesses 1 & 2 / other works
 - 6.1 - overall effects on peat, compared to PCC suggested links
 - 7.0 Any other matters
- NB Each issue will normally be discussed in turn. PCC, NRW and/or others will have the opportunity to explain and amplify their reasons for concern and objections. The applicant will then have the opportunity to respond. Questions may be asked by the inspector, or by other parties through him, as discussions progress.
- 8.0 Suggested conditions (may be deferred until later conditions session)