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Dear Sir

## **Powys conjoined public inquiry arrangements**

CCW has considered the various options for holding the conjoined inquiries as requested at the Introductory Meeting on 29 November 2012.

It considers that a reasonable balance between individual and common matters should be achieved by sessions on the 6 individual applications followed by topic specific sessions on a limited number of topics where cumulative impact is a key issue. Such cumulative issues include landscape, ecology (including peatlands), surface water hydrology, grid connections and highway impacts.

A further refinement could be introduced by dealing with those sites all falling within one of the SSAs first followed by sessions on cumulative impacts after those site specific sessions and then repeating the process for the other SSA.

A purely topic based approach would be difficult for third parties effectively to participate in by virtue of being unduly complex, concentrating the need for preparation of specialist evidence into shorter timescales and being likely to require those not interested in all of the schemes to attend sessions that are largely irrelevant to them.

In short, therefore, the likely timetable arrangements as described in the first sentence of paragraph 7.02 of the notes of the Introductory Meeting, i.e. sessions for individual sites, separate SSAs and, finally, matters common to all sites, would be supported by CCW.

Yours faithfully

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