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To: Powys CC, Natural Resources Wales, The Alliance, Snowdonia National Park Authority, Powys Ramblers, Mr Robert Harvey & Welsh Government (cc The Applicants)

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Date / Dyddiad: 9 May 2012

Dear Sir/Madam

Sections 36 and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 Conjoined Powys Wind Farm and Overhead Line Inquiry

The Inspector has noted the Statement of Common Ground on Planning and Energy Policy agreed between the Applicants (Doc Ref: SOCG/Policy/001 and SOCG/Policy/001/APP1 - Appendix) (SoCG).

He considers it to be a useful and helpful statement of the context for the relevant energy and planning policies, and that it draws out much of the relevant content of those policies. However, he also notes correspondence from several objectors and consultees to the effect that they have not been able to fully participate in its preparation, and do not necessarily agree with its content. There may also be other relevant legislation and policies which others may wish to draw to his attention.

The Inspector therefore proposes to offer the opportunity to those concerned, including Powys County Council, the Snowdonia National Park Authority, Natural Resources Wales and the Alliance to state if and where they differ from the SoCG, and why. Responses should be sent in writing to the programme officer. First preference would be for responses to be covered in the Statements of Case (SoC) being prepared for the hearing session on policy, which are due by 14th May. As a last resort they could be made as a supplement or addendum to the SoC's, circulated not later than 21st May. The Agenda for the hearing session on the application and interpretation of energy and planning policy (scheduled for 6th and 7th of June) will to allow some time for the discussion of the SoCG, to reflect the content of responses received by 21st May.

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The Inspector also notes the content of the table contained within the Appendix to the SoCG. It would be helpful for this to be expanded to include other proposals being considered in the planning system. To this end the Inspector has asked me to draw your attention to the Welsh Government's *Technical Advice Note (TAN) 8 - Review of Wind Farm Developer Interest 2012*. This can be found at:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/planning/planningstats/windfarminterest/?lang=en>.

Yours faithfully

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