

## **NOTE FOLLOWING THE EVIDENCE OF MR RORY BROOKE**

Mr Brooke promised to respond to a number of questions by note; namely:

**1) *Whether the assessment of Sustrans National Cycle Route 81 takes account of local routes and the extent to which local routes were assessed***

The assessment of local walks and routes is set out in the Local Community Assets analysis rather than the tourist attractions (where Route 81 is assessed). See for example, Table 5.2 of my Proof.

**2) *Whether the following locations have been assessed:***

**a) *Captain's Pitch caravan park***

This resource was not assessed as it does not appear on any of the formal advertising channels we reviewed or local channels such as Explore Mid-Wales or the 'Welshpool' sites (see Q3 below).

**b) *Fron Fraith B&B and fishing lake***

This resource was not assessed as it did not show up on any of our searches as set out in Q3 below.

**c) *Goetre caravan park***

This was excluded following the topographic analysis and perceptibility as it was judged that there would be no/limited view of the overhead line.

**3) *The resources that were used to collate the list of attractions, accommodation etc that was used in the ES***

Resources were collected from a wide range of sources including a desk based review, consultations, site visits to key towns and settlements, a visit to the tourist information office in Welshpool, and a cross-reference with other disciplines.

In relation to the accommodation, the main website sources were as follows:

- Explore Mid Wales and the Brecon Beacons - <http://tourism.powys.gov.uk/>
- Welcome to Welshpool - [www.welshpool.com](http://www.welshpool.com)
- Welcome to Welshpool - <http://www.welshpool.org>
- UK Campsite - [www.ukcampsite.co.uk](http://www.ukcampsite.co.uk)
- UK Holiday Parks - [www.ukparks.com](http://www.ukparks.com)
- Laterooms - [www.laterooms.com](http://www.laterooms.com)
- Smoothhound – [www.smoothhound.co.uk](http://www.smoothhound.co.uk)
- Wales Holidays - [www.wales-holidays.co.uk](http://www.wales-holidays.co.uk)
- Recommended Family Holidays - <http://www.recommendedfamilyholidays.com/>
- <http://www.a1tourism.com>
- Tourism Impact Assessment (Colliers International and AMION, 2012)
- Holiday Cottages & Venue In Mid Wales - <http://www.highgate-accommodation.co.uk>

In addition, we identified providers on our site visit which we later searched for. We sought to verify all providers by going on to their own website. Whilst the above searches are industry best practice, there is always the risk that a small number of discreet providers are not registered with the sources searched, and are therefore not included in an assessment of impact. However, it is considered that given the area searched, SPM has carried out a robust inquiry into the providers that should be included in the assessment.

***4) An explanation for the reference to Drovers Road being dismissed as a tourist attraction***

I acknowledge that some tourists may be interested to visit the Kerry Ridgeway because of Drovers Road. My understanding is that in terms of the Llandinam Scheme, Drovers Road largely overlaps/follows the Kerry Ridgeway and my assessment of the tourism impacts on Kerry Ridgeway also apply to Drovers Road. I suggest paragraph 5.4.33 in my proof is clarified as follows:

'Drover's Road – This is covered under my assessment of impacts on the Kerry Ridgeway.'