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To: Claire Jones-Hughes <bankssolutionsuk@gmail.com>

Re: Powys Wind Farm Conjoined Public Inquiry - CORRECTION TO Notes of Introductory Meeting

Dear Claire,

I write on behalf of Llansanffraid & Deytheur Community Council and the Llansanffraid Action Group of which I am the Chair.

Please will you ask the Inspector to take the following into account with regard to the Conjoined Public Inquiry (CPI).

1. **The CPI should be held in Welshpool.** This would allow far greater public participation than holding it in the distant town of Llandrindod Wells in South Powys. The Welshpool Powys County Council chambers are ideal meeting facilities, there is excellent hotel accommodation (Royal Oak etc.) and a direct train service to Birmingham with connections to everywhere in the UK.

2. **It is essential that the National Grid "Mid Wales Connection" is brought clearly within the scope of the CPI.** If the proposed wind farm developments were allowed they would immediately trigger National Grid plc to construct a 40-mile power line on overhead pylons, a large sub station and associated infrastructure that would affect the landscape, economy (especially tourism), bio-diversity and property values across Mid Wales with, in the views of nearly all local people as shown by surveys, disastrous results.

3. **Flooding, especially fluvial flooding, should be specifically mentioned as a matter to be considered in the CPI.** These vast proposed construction works in upland Powys will seriously affect the capacity of the terrain to absorb surface water, will exacerbate rapid run-off and will lead, as has happened elsewhere in Wales, to increased flood risks for Llansanffraid and all other downstream communities in the Severn and Vyrnwy catchments. Item 12 of the draft Matters to be Considered should include some such wording as "impact on downstream fluvial flooding in Upland Powys in the Severn and Vyrnwy confluence".

Please keep in touch. Compliments of the Season!

Yours sincerely,

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On 7 December 2012 15:56, Claire Jones-Hughes <bankssolutionsuk@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear all

Please see attached notes from Preliminary Meeting with the date corrected to 28th November, 2012 (instead of 29th November).

Many thanks
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