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Attention: Claire Jones-Hughes from Robert Harvey

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Dear Claire,

It was good to talk to you recently. I would like to submit the following brief suggestions on MAP's behalf and my own, which might affect the timetable and arrangements of the public enquiry:

1. The best possible venue would be Welshpool, which has substantial Council offices and a Chamber, not often used, very close to the railway station - connections from London via Birmingham every two hours - with ample parking space, facilities etc. Apart from the very comfortable Royal Oak in Welshpool there are a large number of high class hotels in the immediate vicinity. Even closer to the contested windfarm applications is Newtown, with a station on the same Cambrian line, which also has a number of hotels. Llandrindod Wells is a huge distance for most of those affected by the developments - at least an hour by road - and has slow and very indirect rail connections for those coming from outside to reach: in fact we cannot see the logic for Llandrindod Wells at all, as it is so far from the proposed windfarms and so inconvenient.
2. We believe it would be impossible to separate the issue of the windfarm development from the proposed 50-mile giant grid connection: without the windfarms there would be no grid connection. We understand the grid connection is likely to be the subject of another public enquiry. But submissions will obviously have to be made by those affected by the Grid connections through some of the most beautiful countryside of Wales as well; we believe the timetable should take account of these.
3. We absolutely support the Inspector's view at the initial hearing that there should be a series of hearings concerning each windfarm application and the impact upon the local communities involved and that, after all these have been considered, a series of topic-based hearings should take place on the cumulative impacts of the proposals. To just hold the latter would be to deny the views of those most directly affected by each of the proposed windfarms of their rightful say.
4. The Inspector indicated at the initial hearing that he was just as, if not more, concerned to hear from individual objectors and peoples' organisations as from the developers and Powys County Council. We completely agree, but obviously that will affect the timetable.

With best wishes, Yours sincerely, Robert Harvey