

## **CELTPOWER LIMITED**

### **NATURAL RESOURCES WALES**

#### **MID-WALES CONJOINED WIND FARM INQUIRY**

#### **STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND ON THE IMPACT OF THE LLANDINAM REPOWERING SCHEME ON BATS**

##### **1 Introduction**

1.1 CeltPower assessed the possible impact on bats from the repowering of Llandinam wind farm in its original environmental statement ("the Original ES"), and supplementary environmental information of 2011 and 2013 ("the 2011 SEI" and "the 2013 SEI"). The assessment reached by these documents was that there would be no significant impact on bats.

1.2 Natural Resources Wales (NRW) in its response to the 2013 SEI requested the information that has been used to support this conclusion – in particular the bat transects carried out by Churton Ecology.

1.3 CeltPower subsequently supplied the report by Churton Ecology and it, together with an addendum and additional explanatory note are available to the inquiry (CPL-BAT-007, 008 and 009).

##### **2 Consideration by NRW**

2.1 Having considered the additional information supplied by CeltPower, NRW agrees that, as demonstrated by the information submitted to the inquiry by CeltPower, there is no likely significant effect upon bats or likely detriment to the favourable conservation status of bat species. NRW therefore has no objection on this ground to the proposed Llandinam repowering, subject to a condition in the form of condition 23 of CeltPower's revised schedule of conditions (CPL-SOCG-005C) requiring monitoring of bat species to be set out in the Habitat Management Plan dated 23 September 2013 (CPL-ECO-013A) and set out at condition 23 of CeltPower's revised conditions schedule (CPL-SOCG-005C) requiring monitoring for bats.

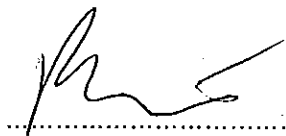
3 The final Habitat Management Plan will include details of a post-construction bat activity monitoring programme, which will specify the survey methodology. The monitoring will consist of activity surveys between April and September in the year following final commissioning that are compatible and comparable with the methodology used for the baseline surveys. Details of the monitoring methodology will be agreed with the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of bat monitoring, and will follow the latest best practice guidance.

##### **4 Conclusion**

4.1 NRW withdraws its objection to the proposed repowering of Llandinam wind farm on the ground of lack of information on bats.

4.2 CeltPower and NRW agree that a condition on monitoring for bats in the form outlined or in a similar form should be attached to consent, if granted.

Signed:



..... For and on behalf of CeltPower Limited



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