

**The Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Public Inquiry into
5 Wind Farm Proposals and a 132kV overhead Electric
Line Connection**

Llaithddu Wind Farm

Statement of Common Ground on Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
Matters (LVIA)- Session 4

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- 1) The Holford Rules at para 2.82 state that in particularly sensitive locations the potential adverse landscape and visual impacts of an overhead line proposal may make it unacceptable in planning terms.
- 2) EN5 at para 2.8.7 confirms the '*Holford rules, and any updates, form the basis for the approach to routeing new overhead lines*' and that the Rules should be taken into account when considering alternatives and additional mitigation measures
- 3) At para 2.8.8, in the context of undergrounding, EN5 refers to the potential for adverse landscape and visual effects to give rise to 'serious concerns', such that undergrounding may be justifiable
- 4) With regard to the western route, CCI, Mr Russell-Vick confirms at para 8.8 of his proof, that potentially none of the effects would be so great as to trigger EN-5 'serious concerns' such as would justify undergrounding Mr Goodrum's proof at para 7.8.2 concludes that, based on his assessment, the western route includes no '*particularly sensitive locations*'. It is agreed that such matters would be the subject of detailed assessment at an appropriate point in the future.
- 5) Mr Russell-Vick confirms that the 'sensitive location' of the selected cumulative viewpoints referred to in the main SoCG is VP 3 Garreg Hir, given that in certain conditions in-combination significant effects between SSA B and C schemes could occur. In that event, were it to occur, it is agreed that Llaithddu's incremental contribution is not in itself significant or potentially significant even allowing for weather conditions.
- 6) With regards to single turbines, the effects of the Bailey Bog turbine in relation to cumulative effects with Llaithddu was discussed in Session 1. It is agreed that no significant cumulative effects will arise from any other relevant single turbine schemes in which Llaithddu is not already significant.

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