

Neath Port Talbot Council
Planning Division,
The Quays,
Brunel Way,
Baglan Energy Park,
Neath,
SA11 2GG

23/07/2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for Planning Permission - Temporary meteorological mast up to 90 metres in height on land at Margam Forest (NGR 281896, 188882) Online Reference PP-08844039

The above planning application was submitted to Neath Port Talbot Council via Planning Portal Wales on the above date.

The application comprises the following documents:

- This cover letter
- Application form
- Figure 1: Location plan
- Figure 2: Application boundary plan
- Figure 3: Aerial imagery overview plan
- Figure 4: Indicative elevations and details plan

Characteristics of the development

The development comprises installation of a 90m lattice tower mast with 3 lanes of steel guy wires, and therefore no foundations required. The mast will have wind speed, wind direction and other meteorological monitoring equipment attached, as well as data logging equipment and a solar-powered fuel cell battery at ground level.

The nearest dwellings are over 1.9km in any direction.

Environmental

There are no statutory environmental designations present at the mast location. The nearest SSSI is located around 4km south-west at Eglwys Nunydd Reservoir and no impacts are foreseen. There is known presence of avian species in the area from ongoing surveys, including in particular nightjar. No significant impacts are foreseen, however bird diverter discs can be attached to guy wires to mitigate any risk. Deer are also known to be present on site, with the forest rides used for access as part of deer management. Fencing around anchor points would therefore be expected.

Trees

The mast location and orientation has been selected to minimise forestry impacts. In particular, an area of up to only 0.05ha of poorly established 2003 planted commercial sitka spruce has been identified for felling in agreement with the landowner NRW, and is considered de minimis in the context of the wider plantation. The pattern of poorer establishment in this area (as compared to areas to south and north) can be seen from Figure 3.

Access

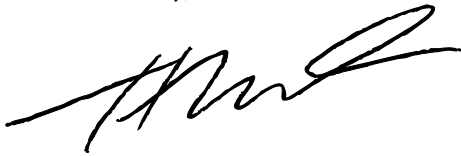
Access to the site will be via existing forestry roads connecting to the public highway B4282 at Bryn village. The nearest public right of way is located approximately 120m north of the mast site.

Policy

The current application is in support of a forthcoming application for a wind farm, and so benefits from relevant national and local climate, energy and planning policy and legislation.

I look forward to your consideration of this application. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trevor Hunter', with a stylized, flowing script.

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