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Our Ref: 02959-2276128
Your Ref: DNS/3213662

17 March 2021

Dear Mr Edgeworth,

Re: DNS/3213662 – Upper Ogmore Wind Farm and Energy Storage Facility

Thank you for your letter of 17 February 2021 on behalf of the appointed Inspector, Richard E. Jenkins. In my reply, for ease of reference, I have adopted the same numbering and headings as you have used in your letter.

1. Notice under Article 27(7) of the DNS Procedure Order that the Welsh Ministers will accept the proposed variation to the application.

Thank you for confirming that the application has been accepted. Further information in relation to the variation application is included within the documents listed under item 2 below.

2. Notice under Regulation 15 of the Development of National Significance (Wales) Regulations 2016 of a request for further information.

The Inspector has requested further evidence in respect of the concerns raised in the Local Impact Reports (LIRs) received from Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Councils and I enclose RES' Response, which comprises the following documents:

- RES Response to Local Impact Reports – Introduction
- Appendix A – Landscape and Visual
- Appendix B – Traffic, Transportation and Access
- Appendix C – Biodiversity
- Appendix D – Peat and Hydrology
- Appendix E – Noise
- Appendix F – Cultural Heritage
- Appendix G – Contamination
- Appendix H – Planning
- Appendix I – Miscellaneous Conditions

In addition to the request for further evidence in respect of the LIRs, you sought representations in respect of the policy implications of the publication of Future Wales: The National Plan to 2040, which was published on 24 February 2021. We have carried out a fresh examination of the material contained in the original Planning Statement, which was submitted with the DNS application, and the outcome of that examination is reported in the enclosed:

- Planning Statement Further Addendum

The Open Spaces Society submitted comments to the Planning Inspectorate, which were published on the DNS website on 21 January 2021. I believe it might be helpful for the Inspector to see our responses to those comments which are set out in the enclosed:

- RES Response to Comments by the Open Spaces Society

3. Notice of the need for a 5-week consultation period relating to: the variation of the DNS application submitted under Article 27; and any representations submitted in response to the request for further information under Regulation 15 (as set out at item 2 above).

I note that the representations submitted will be the subject of a 5-week consultation exercise and that you will confirm the dates of that consultation.

4. Notice under Section 62L(5) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) of the suspension of the determination period.

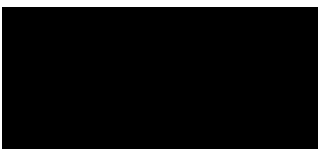
I note that the determination period is currently suspended and will resume on Wednesday 5 May 2021.

5. Procedural Note

I note the procedures set out under this heading.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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