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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Sir/Madam

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

APP. NO: P2021/0327

PROPOSAL: Development of a Global Centre of Rail Excellence, comprising of two test tracks of loop configuration being an electrified high speed rolling stock test track of 6.9km in length and an electrified low speed infrastructure test track of 4.5km, with overhead line equipment (OLE) and dual platform station test environment; together with operations and control offices (including staff accommodation and welfare), shunter cabins (2 no.), research and development, education and training, rolling stock storage sidings and maintenance/cleaning/decommissioning facilities; associated, drainage, internal vehicular accesses, branch line rail connection, staff and visitor car parking, lighting, electrical infrastructure (inc. substations and lineside shore supplies and transformers), fencing (perimeter security, acoustic and stock proof), land reformation and hard and soft landscaping, together with demolition of existing buildings/structures (cross-boundary application – see Powys CC Application ref. 21/0559/OUT) **(Additional Environmental Info: Revised ES Chapters, Figures, Appendices - Air Quality / Biodiversity)**

LOCATION Land At And Surrounding Nant Helen Open Cast Coal Site Powys & Onllwyn Distribution Centre Neath Port Talbot

APPLICANTS The Welsh Ministers

NAME/ADDR: Department for Economy & Transport, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 24 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017, I am writing to confirm that further environmental information (FEI) has been received in respect of the above application.

Because of the file sizes and Covid-19 restrictions which do not allow me to produce a CD at this time, the documentation is available to view from the following link: -

Amgylchedd ac Adfywio

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg a byddwn yn ymdrin â gohebiaeth Gymraeg a Saesneg i'r un safonau ac amserlenni.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh and will deal with Welsh and English correspondence to the same standards and timescales.

To assist, I would advise that the FEI includes:

- Updated Chapters 7 (biodiversity) and 14 (Air Quality)
- a full new set of Appendices for chapter 7 (now 7A to 7X, due to two missing appendices)
- associated changes to Fig. 7.9 (habitat creation and enhancement) and the illustrative masterplans (Figs 1.6A and 1.6B and Drwgs 003A and 003B).
- Updated Chapter 14 which responds to NRW comments relating to Air Quality impacts on nearby SSSI.

You will note that this is a cross-boundary application with Powys CC, who should also have notified you of the development in question under their application reference 21/0559/OUT.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Steve Ball on the case officer number above.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ceri Morris', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ceri Morris

HEAD OF PLANNING & PUBLIC PROTECTION