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Dear Sir / Madam,

Application for permission for a Development of National Significance (Wales) S62D – Town and Country Planning Act

On behalf of our client, Mynydd Fforch Dwm Wind Energy 2021 Limited, Savills are pleased to submit an application for a Development of National Significance in relation to land to the land north-east of Tonmawr, south of Resolven and east of Neath. Full planning permission will be sought for:

“The construction and operation of up to six wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 200m and associated infrastructure, including: up to approximately 10.0 hectares of solar PV panels, mounted on frames fixed to the ground, with associated inverters, security fencing and CCTV system; wind turbine foundations; external transformer housing; crane pads/wind turbine laydown areas; access tracks, entrance and turning points; replacement bridge over Nant Blaen Pelenna; a substation and control building; underground electricity cables between the wind turbines and solar array and the onsite substation; and temporary construction and storage compounds and ancillary infrastructure.”

As the scheme comprises as electricity generating station with an installed capacity of between 10 and 350 MW, it falls within the definition of a Development of National Significance (DNS) under section 3(1)(1) and 4 of the Developments of National Significance (Specified Criteria and Prescribed Secondary Consents) (Wales) Regulations 2016, for the purposes of s62(D) of the Planning (Wales) Act 2015 (as amended). An official notice of the acceptance of the notification, under Article 6 of the 2016 DNS procedure order, is submitted as part of this application.

This application is supported by the documents listed on the Document Schedule submitted as part of this application.

We can confirm that one hard copy of the application has been delivered to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) and one hard copy has been sent to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. A copy of the certificates served, as required under Article 17, is enclosed with this letter, which has been sent to the land owners.

The statutory fee of £15,350 and Local Impact Report fee of £7,750 has already been paid under separate cover.

The applicant has undertaken extensive survey and assessment work in preparing this application. Furthermore, the applicant has approached public consultation in line with best practice – engaging with local communities, interested parties and statutory bodies since the inception phase of the project. The extensive survey and assessment, alongside the engagement is evidenced within the submitted documents, including the PAC report and Environmental Statement.

One procedural change from the application that we undertook consultation upon is to include a secondary consent for Scheduled Monument Consent. Whilst this was not indicated on the draft forms included with the material during the PAC stage, the applicant engaged with Cadw (who would be the decision maker on any Scheduled Monument Consent), Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust and Neath Port Talbot Council. We trust that this minor change is agreeable with PEDW. We note that if a separate application is required for Scheduled Monument Consent then we can do this upon such advice from PEDW. If this was to occur, we would expect the Minister to call-in that application nonetheless – thereby reaching the same position as we now propose.

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Noting the above and with regard to the proposed development and the policy context it sits within, the submitted documents have assessed and concluded that the proposed development is acceptable, subject to conditions, in respect of the principle of development; the criteria set out in policy 18 of Future Wales; and all other material considerations. As such, it is considered that the proposed development complies with national planning policy and guidance and is in accordance with the development plan and all other material considerations. Accordingly, it can be concluded that the application should be granted planning permission.

I trust that the enclosed documentation is acceptable. Please let me know if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Savills", which is a stylized representation of the name Jack Pugsley.

Jack Pugsley
Associate Director

Enclosed: Article 6 acceptance of notification
 Copy of certificates served as required under article 17
 Document schedule