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**The Developments of National Significance (Wales)
Regulations 2016
Application by: Mynydd Fforch Dwm Wind Energy
Site: Fforch dwm Farm, Tonmawr, Port Talbot SA12 9SS
Ref: DNS/3255801
Regulation 24 of the Town and Country Planning
(Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations
2017**

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In response to the letter issued by Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) on 30th October 2023, and in accordance with the timetable set out there in, this letter and the enclosed documents respond to the questions raised by the Inspector in the letter and the accompanying assessment of the Environmental Statement.

So to aide both PEDW and the Inspector in understanding where the comments have been addressed, the following table identifies lists the matters raised by the Inspector in his letter and assessment, and where the amendment has been made.

Comment from the Inspector	Updated document
The ES needs to be updated to indicate a detailed plan clarifying the exact nature of the proposed arrays e.g., orientation, spacing of the arrays, proximity to field boundaries, location of transformers and any other associated development e.g., security fencing and CCTV.	ES Chapter 4 ES Figure 4.17
The submitted drawings for the proposed replacement bridge submitted are not drawn to scale and the drawings lack detail in terms of proposed construction e.g., foundation design, the materials to be used, and the permanent/temporary elements of the bridge design and therefore this needs to be addressed via properly scaled drawings. Furthermore, there are no plans of the form/appearance of the existing bridge; this needs to be rectified or an explanation given as to why such details are not necessary.	ES Figure 4.13 ES Figure 4.18 ES Figure 4.19
The proposed floating road detail over the scheduled monument needs to be drawn to scale in section and plan to show the full extent of works including, if necessary, details such as any embankment works. Also, scaled drawings detailing the extent/nature of the existing stone track should be provided e.g., current width within the area where the scheduled monument would be located, or an explanation given as to why such details are not necessary.	ES Figure 4.10 ES Appendix 12.2
I note the proposed development includes a communications tower with indicative minimum height of 25 metres. The location of this tower should be shown on the submitted details and an indication of its maximum height.	ES Figure 4.7a ES Figure 4.7b ES Figure 4.16
A new/amended NTS is required to reflect any changes in the ES.	NTS
In light of the above requested amendments to the ES, a review of the rest of the ES should be undertaken in the event of potential 'knock-on' or unforeseen effects e.g., additional explanation of impacts as detailed in the various chapters or additional	ES Chapter 00 (contents) ES Chapter 4

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mitigation measures. If there is need to change any other aspect of the ES this needs to be clearly referenced.	ES Chapter 7 ES Chapter 9
In regard to biodiversity net benefits, the Scoping Direction issued by Pedw on 24/6/22 highlighted in terms of ecology at I.D 28 that such benefits should be clearly identified – this is not explicit within the ES and should be clarified with further information	ES Chapter 9
In addition, the Appendix 11 of the ES entitled “Soil and Peat Management Plan” does not include the referenced figures or appendices; these details need to be provided.	ES Appendix 11.2 Comments removed from below so require re-uploading:
Paragraph 27. LVIA – description of limitation and assumptions	ES Chapter 7
Other – updated documents	ES Appendix 7.4 ES Appendix 7.5 ES Appendix 9.3

The Applicant has printed and sent printed copies of the enclosed to both PEDW and the relevant Local Planning Authority. I would appreciate if you could acknowledge receipt of this letter and the attachments therein – noting the importance of the deadline stated by the Inspector.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Thanks, Jack



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Enclosed:

- Environmental Statement (including updates to chapters 0, 4, 7, 9);
- Non-Technical Summary (NTS);
- ES Figure 4.7a;
- ES Figure 4.7b;
- ES Figure 4.10;
- ES Figure 4.13;
- ES Figure 4.16;
- ES Figure 4.17;
- ES Figure 4.18;
- ES Figure 4.19;
- ES Appendix 7.4;
- ES Appendix 7.5;
- ES Appendix 9.3;

- ES Appendix 11.2; and
- ES Appendix 12.2.