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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

**PROPOSAL:** Neighbouring Authority Consultation Request from PEDW to inform a Scoping Opinion under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017 relating to a construction, operation and decommissioning of a wind generating station (wind farm), associated and ancillary development (proposed Fferm Wynt Nant y Maen Wind Farm located near Tregaron in Ceredigion)

**LOCATION** Land Approximately 7 Km East Of Tregaron

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### **Response to Scoping Consultation – Nant y Maen Wind Farm (Ceredigion)**

**From:** Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (NPTCBC)

**To:** Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) / Welsh Ministers

## **1. Introduction**

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council has reviewed the submitted Scoping Report for the proposed Nant y Maen Wind Farm, located near Tregaron, Ceredigion.

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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.

The proposal comprises a commercial-scale onshore wind farm ( $\geq 50$  MW) with associated infrastructure, and constitutes a Significant Infrastructure Project to be determined by Welsh Ministers under the Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024.

## **2. Summary of Key Aspects Relevant to this Authority**

The site is located wholly within **Ceredigion**, at a significant distance from the Neath Port Talbot administrative boundary.

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is proposed to consider a comprehensive range of topics including landscape, ecology, hydrology, transport and cumulative effects, with a focus on a worst-case design envelope.

### **Transport and Access**

The submitted information confirms that:

- Construction access will be taken from the **A482 at Pumsaint**, with onward movement via the local highway network to the site.
- Abnormal indivisible loads (turbine components) will:
  - arrive via Swansea Docks, and
  - travel via the M4, A40 and B4302 before reaching the site.
- Each turbine will require approximately 11–14 abnormal loads during the construction phase.

The Transport chapter appropriately identifies that the construction phase will give rise to the greatest level of traffic impact, with operational effects being negligible.

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## **3. Implications for Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council**

### **3.1 Principle and Jurisdiction**

Given the location of the development:

- The proposed application site lies entirely outside the Neath Port Talbot administrative area.
- Determination rests with Welsh Ministers, and there are no direct land-use planning implications for this authority.

### **3.2 Environmental Effects**

Having regard to the separation distance, the Council considers that:

- No significant cross-boundary environmental effects are likely, including in respect of:
  - landscape and visual impact,
  - ecology and ornithology,
  - hydrology and flood risk, and
  - residential amenity.

### 3.3 Transport and Strategic Highway Network

The only material consideration for this authority relates to the identified abnormal load route, which indicates that:

- Loads will travel via the M4 corridor, which passes through Neath Port Talbot.

In this respect, the Council notes that:

- Any effects within the authority area would be:
  - temporary,
  - construction-phase only, and
  - confined to the strategic trunk road network.
- The M4 is managed as part of the strategic highway network, and such impacts fall primarily within the remit of the trunk road authority.
- There is no indication that:
  - abnormal loads **would leave the M4 within Neath Port Talbot**, or
  - the local highway network within the authority would be affected.

Accordingly, any effects are likely to be limited, transient and not significant in EIA terms.

### 3.4 Cumulative Effects

The Council does not consider that:

- The development would give rise to significant cumulative effects within Neath Port Talbot, including in respect of transport or environmental receptors, given the distance involved.

## 4. Scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment

From this authority's perspective:

- The proposed scope of the EIA is considered appropriate and proportionate.
- The focus on construction-phase transport effects is supported.

The Council recommends that the Environmental Statement:

- Clearly confirms the abnormal load routing strategy, including use of the M4;
- Demonstrates that no diversion onto local roads within Neath Port Talbot will be required; and
- Provides appropriate traffic management measures in consultation with the trunk road authority.

## **5. Conclusion**

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council concludes that:

- The proposed development is remote from the authority area and will not give rise to direct environmental or land-use impacts.
- The only identifiable linkage is via the strategic transport corridor (M4) associated with the identified abnormal load route,
- Loads will travel via the M4 corridor, which passes through Neath Port Talbot.
- Such effects are temporary, limited in extent, and appropriately addressed within the proposed EIA framework.

**The Council therefore raises no objection to the proposed scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment.**

Should you require any further assistance please contact Rhodri Griffiths on the case officer number above.

Yours faithfully

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**HEAD OF PLANNING & PUBLIC PROTECTION**

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