

Meeting note

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Meeting with: RWE Innogy UK Limited

Venue: The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House

Attendees: Mark Wilson – Planning Inspectorate

Sarah Jones - Planning Inspectorate

Bethan Edwards – RWE Innogy UK Limited Eleri Davies – RWE Innogy UK Limited

Meeting Meeting to discuss proposed non-material amendments to the

objectives: Brechfa Forest West Wind Farm Order 2013

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Summary of key points discussed:

- The Planning Inspectorate briefly ran through how the application process for a change which is not material would work under both the existing regulations (The Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 and the amended regulations that would come into effect on 14 July 2015.
- A number of proposed changes to the scheme were presented on plans and these formed a basis for the discussion going forward.
- Each change was outlined and largely related to the re-alignment of site access roads and associated works. The proposed changes have arisen following felling taking place allowing the project team better access to the site and identify what they consider improved routing opportunities for the site roads.
- RWE stated that the areas in which the changes are proposed were all assessed as part of the original Environmental Impact Assessment submitted with the Brechfa West Wind Farm application and that they considered that the assessment of the issues would not alter as a result of these changes.
- The Planning Inspectorate advised that the proposed changes appeared to be non-material on the face of what was presented. However, whilst the length of the roads would decrease in a number of instances, thus decreasing the amount of construction, there were locations where level change would be required, or there may potentially be construction closer to a water course. It would be advisable to consider any potential impacts on new areas of construction to be certain the level of impact would not change from that already assessed as a result of the re-routing of the roads.

- RWE agreed to consider any potential new impacts in informing their assessment of the materiality of the proposed changes.
- RWE agreed that they would go away and consider if they were to submit the change application before or after 14 July 2015. This is the date The Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 come into force and would alter how the consultation process would be carried out.