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Dear Mr Edwards,

Brechfa Forest West Wind Farm Application

Thank you for your letter dated the 7 June 2012 addressed to the Examining Authority for the proposed Brechfa Forest West Wind Farm application. Your letter queried the site inspection arrangements for that application and drew the Examining Authority's attention to the recent National Assembly for Wales Petitions Committee report on wind farm development.

Firstly, please be assured that site inspections are being undertaken as part of the examination of this application. In his letter to all interested parties (which include the constituents mentioned in your letter) on 1 June 2012 the Examining Authority stated he will be visiting sites as part of his examination. Furthermore, at the hearings on 20 and 21 June I understand he advised that he had already visited several locations, including sites suggested by interested parties, and intends to undertake further inspections during the course of the examination.

Turning in more detail to the letter of 1 June 2012, that letter was principally about whether the Examining Authority would undertake inspections in the company of interested parties. The Examining Authority is permitted but not required to have interested parties accompany him on his site inspections. The letter explains why, having considered all submissions alongside the application documentation and various representations, the Examining Authority considered that there was no need at this stage for anyone to accompany him on his site inspections. However, this decision does not rule out the possibility of an accompanied site inspection taking place at a later date during the examination should the Examining Authority consider it necessary. If the Examining Authority does decide to undertake an accompanied site inspection, he is required by law to notify interested parties in advance of the time, date and place.

In response to your comments regarding the National Assembly for Wales Petitions

Committee's report, I can confirm that the report is before the Examining Authority, having been annexed to a representation made during the course of the examination. All representations are on the Brechfa Forest project page of the national infrastructure portal.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, the principal case leader on this case (see contact details above).

Yours sincerely

Simone Wilding

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