

Stakeholder Meeting Note

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Meeting with	David Jones MP
Meeting date	28 July 2010
Attendees (IPC)	Andrew Phillipson, Tom Carpen
Attendees (non IPC)	David Jones MP
Location	Portcullis House, London

Meeting purpose	To discuss consultation process for proposed windfarm at Clocaenog
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Summary of outcomes and record of any advice given	<p>AP explained the IPC's policy of openness and advised that any advice given would be recorded and published in line with the Planning Act 2008.</p> <p>DJ explained that he was meeting in his capacity as a constituency MP for Clwyd West.</p> <p>Discussion focused on the timetable for the application, the process for handling the application within the IPC taking account of the government's proposed changes, the role of Welsh representatives, and detail around the way applications will be examined.</p> <p>AP and TC advised that formal consultation was expected to start in October 2010, with an application expected in Spring 2011. They emphasised the importance of the pre-application process in identifying issues transparently.</p> <p>AP advised on the timetable for examination should an application be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 days to consider whether to accept an application. • Indeterminate amount of time, established on a case by case basis, to receive initial representations, publish an initial issues report and arrange a preliminary meeting (should an application be accepted).
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six months from the day after the preliminary meeting to examine the application. • Three months to produce report to Secretary of State / make a decision. This will depend on whether an NPS is in place, or subject to planned changes in legislation giving decision making powers to a Secretary of State. • Where a Secretary of State is the decision maker, a further three months for consideration. <p>With regard to Wales, AP and TC explained that the Planning Act provides fewer powers for the IPC in Wales, in particular around the types of applications that can be handled and associated development, which is considered by the relevant local authority.</p> <p>They advised that the IPC employs welsh-speaking case officers, and that the Welsh Assembly Government is able to nominate commissioners who must feature in the examination of any welsh applications.</p> <p>Advising on the examination process, AP explained that there are three types of hearings and that the ability to cross examine was at the discretion of the Commissioner.</p>
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