

Accompanied Site Inspection (3 February 2015)

The site inspection will involve the use of 4x4 vehicles and may include some walking on uneven ground. The Inspectorate requests that all attendees wear appropriate clothing for the weather, and sturdy footwear. The Inspectorate would like to remind all participants that the site inspection is **not** an opportunity to make any oral representations on the application, but simply an opportunity to identify physical features that are relevant to the examination.

The site inspection will begin at **10am** promptly and attendees are requested to arrive and park in the hardstanding area on the southern side of the A44, opposite the entrance to the Sweet Lamb Rally Complex.

Itinerary (approximate timings in brackets)

- 1 **(9.45am)** Compulsory safety briefing and issuing of protective clothing (High Visibility Jackets).
- 2 **10.00** Head onto A44 and then enter the site via the Bont Isaf entrance from the A44 and follow the site access track north to view:
 - a. Proposed sub-station (also the grid connection point) and site compounds;
 - b. Position of the Wye Valley Walk (WVW) along the opposite bank of the River; and
 - c. Location of the concrete batching plant.
- 3 **(10.30)** Head east along access track and rise onto the plateau on which the turbines (T) are proposed and view:
 - a. T13 and fork south towards T14 and T17;
 - b. Location of the proposed check dams and catch-pits adjacent to the track running north-east between the compound and T9;
 - c. Position of the bridleway; and
 - d. Location of the proposed check dams and catch-pits adjacent to the track north-east and south of T14.
- 4 **(10.45)** Stop at Y Foel high-point between T17 and T20 to view:
 - a. Positions of T15 and T16 en route;
 - b. Location of open access land on which other turbines are proposed;
 - c. Location of meteorological mast; and
 - d. Locate positions of viewpoints (VP) included in ES:
 - VP4 (PRoW above Eisteddfa Fach);
 - VP1 (Pumlumon Fawr);
 - Pumlumon Arwystli;
 - VPs 16 and 17 (Source of River Severn); and
 - VP3 (Pumlumon Cwmbiga).
 - e. Locate positions of additional viewpoints (AVPs) suggested by Cambrian Mountain Society (CMS), namely:
 - AVP 'C' (Bryn Du met station); and
 - AVP 'D' (Source of River Wye).

- 5 **(11.15)** Continue south past T20 and T21 and stop at T22 to view:

- a. Landform to the west in relation to T20, T21 and similarly to the east in relation to T19, T23 and T24; and
 - b. Landform in relation to T25.
- 6 (11.30) Continue south and stop at T26 to view:
- a. Proposed location of T26, also considering T25 and T27; and
 - b. Location of the proposed settlement pond adjacent to T27 and check dams and catch-pits adjacent to the track between T26 and T27.
- 7 (12.00) Park at the property beside point 7 to view site landform from the A44.
- 8 (12.30) Lunch and comfort break at farm. **Lunch will be provided.**
- (13.00) View the location of VP13:
- Walk 200m south on WVW over bridge across the Wye to locate positions of additional viewpoints suggested by CMS:
 - i. AVP 'B' noting the horizon view obscured in VP13.
- 9 (13.30) In 4x4 vehicles take route along WVW on western side of the river noting site landscape and continuing past site of old mines, back to proposed site compound and sub-station area.
- 10 (13.40) Head onto plateau and fork left and north to pass T7, T6 and T5 viewing:
- a. Location of the proposed check dams and catch-pits adjacent to the track running north-east from T9 towards T8.
- 11 (14.00) Park at T5 and walk north to T1 and T4 to view:
- a. Locations of turbines T1, T2, T3 and T4, in relation to public rights of way.
 - b. Areas of open access land and area of ecological significance at Esgair y Maesnant.
- 12 (15.00) Retrace tracks passing T6 and T7 and head towards T8. View Hafren Forest and locations of T10, T11, T12.
- 13 (15.30) Head back to site entrance.
- 14 (16.00) Site visit end at entrance to Sweet Lamb Rally Complex.



Accompanied Site Visit Itinerary

Figure 2.1

Mynydd y Gwynt Proposed Wind Farm Site Layout (Turbines)



- Application area
- Proposed turbines
- Upgrade existing tracks
- Existing track not part of scheme
- Proposed tracks
- Proposed substation
- Proposed site compound and concrete batching area
- Proposed settlement pond
- Existing farm building
- Anemometer position
- Site entrance

Park cars on south side of A44 in car park

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Kilometres
Scale 1:20,000 at A4 size

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