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Dear Sir,

At the Open Floor Hearing on 5 February there was discussion regarding the need for accompanied site visits to the viewpoints used in the LVIA. We are aware that further information on the dates of these visits will be provided on 18 February. There has been a suggestion by some parties that the viewpoints on the Pumlumon ridge/Hafren forest and in the vicinity of Llyn Clywedog /Llyn Glaslyn could be visited in a single day rather than the originally proposed two day visit.

NRW considers that it would be challenging to visit all of these viewpoints in a single day. However we consider the accompanied site visit should include viewpoints in Hafren forest, on the Pumlumon ridge, near the source of the River Severn, and at Llyn Clywedog and near Llyn Glaslyn. NRW would suggest that consideration is given to the ASI including VPs 1, 3, 4, 5, 16, 17 and then 2, 7, 10, 15, 18, 19, 22 and the new NRW viewpoints on the Wye Valley Walk within the site.

Kind regards

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**Natural Resources Wales Schedule of Viewpoints
requiring an accompanied site visit by the Examining
Authority**

Suggested essential sites/viewpoints to visit							
	OS east-ings	OS north-ings		Accompanied?*	Unaccompanied?	Justification	Further comments
LVIA VIEWPOINTS							
1	278966	286939	Pumlumon Fawr	yes		Highest point on Pumlumon , well visited, on Cambrian Way, cumulative effects.	Suggest walk along ridge starting from south (car park off A44). Then walk to Source of the Severn viewpoints via Source of the Wye and Pumlumon Arwystli.
2	283750	295240	Glaslyn Foel Fadian		possibly	Representative of northern viewpoints in remote landscape, visited nature reserve near Cambrian Way and on Sustrans Route 8.	
3	283025	289915	Pumlumon Cwmbiga	yes		Representative of views from Severn Way descending from source with cumulative effects such as with Carno windfarms.	This is difficult to access but possibly could be visited as part of Pumlumon circuit- note that this view is important in informing the view from the Severn Way as it descends from the source of the Severn, although Vpt 3 is further away.
4	280998	284238	PROW		possibly	Close by upland viewpoint on PROW.	
5	285771	286922	Rhyd y Benwch on Severn Way	possibly	possibly	Well visited visitor destination to serve the start/end of the Severn Way and Wye Valey Walks.	
7	291518	288768	Llyn Clywedog-viewpoint/picnic site/car park		possibly	Well visited viewpoint/visitor destination/stopping point with superb views over reservoir, cumulative effects with Bryn Blaen and Llandinam/Hirddywel etc.	
10	290520	283100	Track to east of site		possibly	Representative of views from the east and for cumulative effects with Bryn Blaen.	
13	284127	282674	Wye Valley Walk/A44		possibly	Easily accessible but tree screening only localised.	
15	289342	292120	CCW Sustrans route		possibly	Representative of views from the north east and from	

			above Staylitttle			Sustrans Cycle Route 8.	
16	282158	289942	Source of the River Severn- actual	yes		Though not visible from actual source it is important to walk to this point and highest point and return down the slope to the east along the Severn Way so worst case visibility of windfarm is experienced.	
17	281912	290060	Source of the River Severn- high point	yes		Though there is some visibility here it is important to walk to this point and return down the slope to the east along the Severn Way so worst case visibility of windfarm is experienced. This is also part of the Cambrian Way and thgere are cumulative effects.	
18	290680	287106	Llyn Clywedog (CCW D)		possibly	Part of circuit around Llyn Clywedog in a more tranquil and upstanding location than other two viewpoints	
19	290711	287422	Llyn Clywedog		possibly	On Owain Glyndwr's Way and part of circuit around Llyn Clywedog	
21	290850	279680	Llangurig - Bridge over river Wye (CCW G)		possibly	Close to Wye Valley Walk- more distant view	
22	283815	282726	A44 (CCW I)		possibly	Key view from nearest road	Health and safety issues on busy road
OTHER PARTY VIEWPOINTS							
SWA (NRW)	283780	283150	Wye Valley Walk	yes		Wye Valley Walk users are sensitive receptors- and this is near the end or start of the walk. It takes 1.5 hours to walk from A44 to near the source- therefore may be better to get vehicle ride on applicants's property part of the way.	Need to have both the wireframe and the NRW written representation Appendix B1 photographs to locate viewpoint.
SWB (NRW)/PCCB	282140	285900	Wye Valley Walk	yes		Wye Valley Walk users are sensitive receptors- and this is near the end or start of the walk. It takes 1.5 hours to walk from A44 to near the source- therefore may be better to get vehicle ride part of the way.	Need to have both the wireframe and the NRW written representation Appendix B1 photographs to locate viewpoint.
CMS B	284141	282465	Wye Valley Walk		possibly	Wye Valley Walk users are sensitive receptors- and this is near the end or start of the walk	
CMS D	280100	287000	Blaen Afon Gwy (Above the source of the River Wye)	yes		Representative of midpoint on Pumlumon ridge on un-waymarked Cambrian Way- closer than Pumlumon Fawr and sensitive as source of iconic river- should be seen in conjunction with Pen Pumlumon Arwystli. (Note that no photo made available so may need guidance on exact location).	
ON SITE							
				yes		Off road vehicle access essential with applicant and others	

						to visit key points	
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** Based on only one day being made available. The accompanied viewpoints could be made in a single circuit on part of one day starting from A44 car park and rising to Plynlimon Fawr first then other viewpoints in order with cars picking up at Hafren Forest track to return to A44 starting point, possibly via Rhyd y Benuwch. The pick up would be essential to allow the ridge to be done in half a day.*