

## **Accompanied Site Inspection (16 March 2015)**

The site inspection will involve the use of 4x4 vehicles and will include some walking on uneven ground. The Inspectorate request's 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 **9.30am** promptly and attendees are requested to arrive by 9.15am and park in the hard standing area on the southern side of the A44, opposite the entrance to the Sweet Lamb Rally Complex.

### **Itinerary and routes** (approximate timings in brackets)

- 1 **9.15am** Compulsory safety briefing and issuing of protective clothing (HIGH-VIS Jackets).
- 2 **(9.30)** Embark 4x4 vehicles provided and head onto the A44 east to enter the site via the Bont Isaf site entrance and continue along the site access track north to view:
  - a. Proposed sub-station (also the grid connection point) and site compound;
  - b. Position of the WWW along the opposite bank of the River.
- 3 **(10.00)** Head east along access track and rise onto the plateau on which the turbines (T) are proposed and view:
  - a. T13;
  - b. Location of the proposed check dams and catch-pits adjacent to the track running north-east between the compound and T9;
  - c. Fork south towards T14 and T17;
  - d. Position of footpath FP139 and the bridleway BW49; and
  - e. Location of the proposed check dams and catch-pits adjacent to the track north-east and south of T14;
  - f. Positions of T15 and T16 en route.
- 4 **(10.15)** Stop at Y Foel high-point between T17 and T20 to view:
  - a. Location of open access land on which other turbines are proposed;
  - b. Location of meteorological mast; and
  - c. 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).
  - d. Locate positions of additional viewpoints suggested by Cambrian Mountain Society (CMS), namely:
    - AVP 'C' (Bryn Du met station); and
    - AVP 'D' (Source of River Wye).
- 5 **(10:45)** Continue south past T20 and T21 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 T20, T21 and T25.
- 6 (11.00) Continue south and stop at T26 to view:
- a. Proposed location of T26 and 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 (11.30) Return to the farm to view the location of VP13.
- 8 Comfort break.
- 9 (12.00) Re-embark vehicles and head north on track from farm to the Hafren Forest, and through the forest to the Severn Way as it leaves the forest at approximate grid reference SN828892. Disembark and walk to the source of the Severn.
- 10 (13.45) Return to vehicles for sandwich lunch.
- 11 (14.15) Re-embark vehicles and head south retracing route to approximate grid reference SN826864 near Nant Iago mine.
- 12 (14.45) Disembark vehicles and walk to the additional viewpoints SWB identified by Natural Resources Wales on Wye Valley Walk, and return to the vehicles.
- 13 (15.45) Re-embark vehicles and continue south, noting location of footpath FP47 and Wye Valley Walk BW48 en route to the additional viewpoint SWA identified by Natural Resources Wales on Wye Valley Walk.
- 14 (16.00) Site visit ends at the entrance to Sweet Lamb Rally Complex