

IN THE MATTER OF

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Mynydd y Gwynt Ltd for an Order Granting Development
Consent for the Mynydd y Gwynt Wind Farm

Deadline VII

MYG's Response to "Other Matters" raised in Annex A of the ExA's Request
for Further Information dated 2 April 2015

16th April 2015

Ref. No. 5.1

Question of the Applicant:

In its summary of oral case in respect of the ISH dealing with cultural heritage, Powys County Council is critical of MYG's cumulative assessment relating to cultural assets. It suggests that this assessment is inadequate and fails to provide sufficient evidence to determine whether cumulative effect would occur, listing what it considers to be shortcomings and omissions (paragraph 3.2). Can the applicant please comment and/or provide further information/evidence to address the points raised?

Applicant's Response:

In accordance with the ExA's letter to the applicant of 15 April extending time for responding on cultural heritage matters the applicant will provide its response to this question by 20 April 2015.

Ref. No. 5.2

Question of the Applicant:

At the ISH on the dDCO on 19 March the ExA referred the applicant to paragraph 4.1.9 of NPS EN-1, which refers to the financial viability and technical feasibility of a proposal. In response, the applicant has provided a note on financial viability. This relates primarily to the predicted net capacity factor of the proposal. With the application there is little detail of the nature and standing of the applicant other than the fact that Mynydd y Gwynt Ltd is a company set up for the specific purpose of promoting a windfarm by the landowners and local businessmen and operates in collaboration with Renewable Energy Holdings plc, a renewable energy developer (Environmental Statement, Chapter 1 and the Non-Technical Summary). Is there any further information on the applicant wishes to provide to support the contention that the financial viability of the project has been properly assessed?

Applicant's Response:

The financial viability of the project is demonstrated by the fact that a commercial agreement has already been agreed between the applicant (MYG Ltd) as seller and REH plc as buyer. As an AIM listed company REH plc was required to publicly announce the agreement, which was subject to scrutiny by its own financial advisers, its Nominated Adviser to the AIM market, and approved by the REH Board of Directors. Such a financial investment by a plc could not be undertaken without detailed financial analysis, the details of which are commercially confidential.

Further assurance is provided by the fact that REH plc is supported by Utilico Investments Ltd. Wind farm projects such as this are typically bank financed on the basis of an equity:debt ratio of something like 25:75. Assuming a total project cost of c.£140m then £35m of equity would be required. Utilico has group assets of c.£450m and so is well able to fund such equity investment alone if required and without difficulty. Further information can be provided to the Examiner confidentially if required.