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To all Interested Parties and Other Persons

Our Ref: EN010049

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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 13

Application by Tidal Lagoon (Swansea Bay) Plc for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Tidal Lagoon Swansea Bay

Notification of hearings

I write to advise you of the dates, times and places of the forthcoming hearing which will be held during the course of the examination of the above application.

Issue Specific/Compulsory Acquisition hearing

An Issue Specific/Compulsory Acquisition hearing will take place on **Tuesday 21 October 2014**, continuing on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 October 2014 as required, at **Brangwyn Hall, The Guildhall, Swansea, SA1 4PE**. The Panel will also ask questions at this hearing in relation to the proposed acquisition of land which is open space, which belongs to statutory undertakers and which belongs to the Crown (PA 2008 sections; 131, 132, 127, 138 and 135 respectively), and all other acquisitions of land.

If the Panel decides that it is necessary to provide an agenda for this hearing, this will be published on the project page of the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/Wales/Tidal-Lagoon-Swansea-Bay/> no later than **Tuesday 14 October 2014**.

Procedure at hearings

On each hearing day, we ask that attendees should **arrive by 9.30am** to ensure a prompt start as the hearing will **begin at 10am**. All interested parties taking part in a hearing should be prepared to be questioned on their representations or evidence by members of the Panel.

Rule 14(5) of the Examination Procedure Rules 2010 states that –

The Examining authority (i.e. the Panel) shall be responsible for the oral questioning of a person giving evidence ("A") except where, in the view of the Examining authority, oral questioning of A by another person ("B") is necessary in order to ensure—

- (a) adequate testing of any representation; or
- (b) that B has a fair chance to put B's case.

Questioning at the hearings therefore will be led by the members of the Panel. Any request from an interested party to be able to question another interested party in any hearing must be made in advance of the hearing concerned.

Each interested party is entitled to make oral representations at the hearing, subject to the Panel's decisions as to how the hearing is to be conducted. A number of days have been allocated for the hearing, as above. If, however, the consideration of the issues takes less time than anticipated, the Panel may conclude any hearing or hearing session as soon as all relevant representations have been made and all questions asked and responded to.

Alternatively, if there are additional matters to be dealt with or if representations at a hearing session take a considerable amount of time there may be a need to continue the hearing for longer on the day, or adjourn the hearing to continue at a later date.

Please note

Os hoffech gwneud cyfraniadau drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg yn ystod unrhyw gwrandawriad dylech nodi hyn ynghyd a'ch cadarnhad i fod yn bresennol neu i siarad yn y gwrandawriad hynny. Fe fydd cyfieithydd ar gael yn ystod y Gwrandawriad Llawr Agored ar 14 Hydref 2014.

If you plan to attend this hearing, please inform the Case Manager, Katherine Chapman, by **5pm on Tuesday 14 October 2014**. It would assist us if you could notify us of any special requirements you may have (e.g. disabled access, hearing loop etc). Please ensure that you include your interested party reference number in your correspondence and mark it for the attention of the 'Tidal Lagoon Swansea Bay team'. Contact details can be found at the top of this letter. Participants should note that there are deadlines in the examination timetable for the submission of written summaries of oral evidence and any other requested information after each set of hearings to assist with the management of documentation.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the case team.

Yours faithfully

Gideon Amos

**Gideon Amos
Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors**

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the Planning Inspectorate website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.