



# The Planning Inspectorate

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Your Ref: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

## Section 53 request from Wrexham Power Limited.

Thank you for your letters of 18 April 2013. As all the letters are dealing with the same matter I thought it best to make one response which will also be copied directly to your clients.

Section 53 of the Planning Act 2008 does not include any requirements for consulting landowners or occupiers when we are considering access requests from applicants. The Planning Inspectorate however asks landowners or occupiers for their comments to help us reach a balanced view on the question of whether the applicant has taken reasonable steps to gain access before making a request under Section 53. We would normally expect the 21 days to provide enough time to respond. In this instance though, as we have received requests from all of the landowners affected by Wrexham Power's Section 53 application we are willing to make an exception and extend the deadline for responses to **8 May 2013**. After that date we will move to decide whether the Section 53 request should or should not be granted. The applicant is seeking access for ecological surveys which can only be carried out at certain times of year. Delaying the determination of their request any further would therefore put them at a disadvantage.

Please note that all that is being considered at this stage is the request from Wrexham Power Ltd for powers of entry under Section 53 of the Planning Act 2008. No decision on this request has yet been made. If powers of entry are granted, this does not give Wrexham Power permission for any activity other than ecological surveys and does not influence any subsequent decisions by the Secretary of State in relation to the proposed Wrexham Energy Centre.

Please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

Helen Lancaster