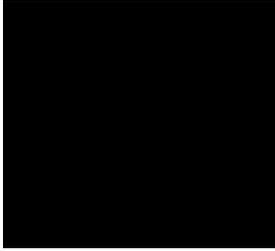


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Dear Planning Inspectorate

***Re: Application by Wrexham Power Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Wrexham Energy Centre.***

- I wish to request that an open floor hearing is held.
- I wish to request a visit to the address above by Mr Rynd Smith. The reason for the visit is for the inspector to see and assess the visual impact of such a huge building on the current landscape.
- I wish to strongly object to the building of the power station on Wrexham Industrial Estate (WIE).

I firmly believe that the building of the power station would completely ruin the community of Ridley Wood/Bowling Bank. The proposed location is on the perimeter of WIE and any person who visits the area can see that BRYN LANE is a naturally barrier to the estate and then it changes to good quality agricultural land (suitable for beef/arable/sheep). I understand that the applicants are obliged to research different sites and propose a few suitable ones. **Has this been done for this new application?**

As the proposed site is on the perimeter of WIE it is also the nearest to the residential area of Bowling Bank/Ridley Wood. The village school is also (St Pauls, Isycoed). The proposed site is unsuitable as it not integral to the WIE and the size and nature of the buildings will be impossible to mitigate.

**Emissions**, the cocktail effect of emissions from WIE is an area that requires further investigation. The site has planning permission for warehouses that will emit similar gases

to other industries. The Power Station on the other hand will produce highly toxic gases – what will be the short/long term health impacts of the local children – increased asthma??

**Economics**, the current planning permission for warehouses will create jobs (construction and long term jobs). I strongly believe that the power station will have a negative impact of the jobs on WIE – if given permission it is highly likely that some jobs will be lost. The local nursery (Redbrook, Bryn Lane) will lose children and therefore less staff will be required. Food business (there are several on WIE and include Kellogs, which is in very close proximity to proposed site) may leave the estate due to contamination. Potential food industries may be deterred from coming to WIE due to the power station. Other businesses may decide not to select WIE for their business due to the power station, it does not promote a clean, professional image. The power station should be sited with similar type industries or brownfield land.

The current permission for warehouses fits in with the **ethos of WIE** – clean industry which is generally housed in low level buildings. The power station does neither and I therefore question the suitability of the site location.

Concerns have been voiced about '**water abstraction**' – this is a technical area that I am not familiar with however with livestock relying on piped water it is imperative that local supply is not disrupted or compromised. Food Industries have to adhere to strict hygiene regulations where water is an essential commodity – any interruption of supply would be detrimental.

**Safety** – the close proximity to residential areas and factories that run 24 hours a day has to be considered. Risk Assessment plans cannot cover every possibility and therefore an explosion is possible (however slight) so why select a site that is very close to a residential area and factories that employ hundreds of people 24 hours a day.

There is a **thriving primary school within half mile** of the proposed site. The existing planning permission is for warehouses; this will have little impact on the school whereas a power station will be detrimental. The impact of a power station will mean pollution, emissions, safety concerns and a high possibility that parents will take their children elsewhere – away from the power station.

The local electric plant – **Legacy, I believe is close to capacity**. Can the area support such a development? Fire stations etc. saturated with work – what would happen if there was an incident that the emergency services had to attend – who would miss out as the police, ambulance, fire service cannot be everywhere. The local hospital (Maelor) is frequently in the press regarding ambulances waiting.

**Funding** – are you fully confident that the funding and reasoning behind this application are genuine i.e. to increase the electricity to the grid. The style of funding seems very speculative and is it impossible to track who the investors are. Do the government have a responsibility to ensure that such projects are funded and managed in a responsible manner – national infrastructure is dependent on things being delivered. Is there sufficient evidence to support this application?

Heat produced, the by-product as I understand it of producing electricity is heat and a huge amount of it. The proposer has muted that companies on the estate will be able to use this heat. There is no detail provided on this. Are there any expressions of interest? Who will fund such an infrastructure? What would the risk assessment be for such a process? There are too many unanswered questions.

It is well published that **the great crested newt (GCN)** is prolific in the area. There is no doubt that any development will have a negative impact on the GCN population. The scale of the power station will make it impossible to mitigate the impact. There is a historical bridle path (Cappers Lane) on the site. What will happen to this? The **oak trees are mature** are cannot be replaced, the habitat for wildlife is irreplaceable.

As a nation (Wales) we produce more than enough electricity so **I question the need for a power** station in this area? North East Wales produces enough electricity to serve the nation. It should be noted that the proposers claimed that the electricity produced would secure energy supplies for WIE, this is NOT the case as the electricity goes back into the grid and is distributed from there.

Finally, I am a local resident who lives very close to the proposed site, I have two young children who attend the local primary school [REDACTED] I do not want them to grow up breathing in a cocktail of chemicals, I do not want them to open their curtains in the morning and see huge buildings that will irreversibly impact the rural landscape (warehouse can be mitigated but a power station?? No mitigation will compensate). Currently we walk up the bridle path (cappers lane) look at the owl boxes, pick the blackberries – if the power station comes it will be the end of a lifestyle and rural community. The power station is not suitable for WIE (reason listed above).

Please listen to the community. Please check out Wrexham Power (who are they, what is their motivation, the monies behind the scheme).

Kind regards

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