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To all Interested Parties

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010055

Date: 6 September 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rules 13 and 16

Application by Wrexham Power Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Wrexham Energy Centre

Notification of Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection

I write to all Interested Parties to provide notice of the hearings and the Accompanied Site Inspection below, as set out in the Examination timetable annexed to my letter of 2 August 2016.

Interested Parties who wished to speak at any hearing or to identify any site or feature to be inspected were required to have notified me by Deadline 1, Tuesday 23 August 2016 in the Examination timetable. Preparations for these events are now being made on the basis of the requests that I have received.

However, further to the requests submitted at Deadline 1, it would help with the management of the hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) if you can let the Case Team know by **Monday 19 September 2016**, in writing or by email via the contact details at the top of this letter if:

- you will be attending any of the hearing(s) or the Accompanied Site Inspection;
- you wish to speak at any of the hearing(s);
- you have any special needs (e.g. disabled access, hearing loop); or
- you wish to speak in Welsh or make use of translation services. /

Os ydych yn dymuno siarad yn Gymraeg neu ddefnyddio'r gwasanaethau cyfieithu, cysylltwch â'r tîm achos trwy ddefnyddio'r cyfeiriad uchod.

Please ensure that you include your Interested Party reference number in your correspondence and make clear which hearing(s) you wish to participate in or attend and whether you will be attending the Accompanied Site Inspection.

I have set out a summary of the issues to be addressed at hearings below. However, the detailed topics upon which hearings will be held will be included in Agendas, which will be published on the Wrexham Energy Centre project page of our website one week prior to the hearings.

Issue Specific Hearings

The purpose of an Issue Specific Hearing is to enable me to inquire into potentially relevant and important matters bearing on the application and its effects. Two will be held.

Issue Specific Hearing into the draft Development Consent Order

Date of hearing: Wednesday 28 September 2016
Arrival: 9.30 am
Start: 10:00 am
Venue: Redwither Tower, First Avenue, Redwither Business Park, Wrexham Industrial Estate, LL13 9XT

The matters to be addressed will include, but not be limited to the following:

- Progress on the drafting of the draft Development Consent Order (DCO)
- Changes proposed since the Issue Specific Hearing on the draft DCO held on Tuesday 19 July 2016

Issue Specific Hearing into Environmental and Other Issues

Date of hearing: Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 September 2016
Arrival: 1.30 pm (on both days)
Start: 2:00 pm
Venue: Redwither Tower, First Avenue, Redwither Business Park, Wrexham Industrial Estate, LL13 9XT

This hearing will commence after the closure of the DCO hearing held on the morning of Wednesday 28 September 2016. If it can be concluded on Wednesday 28 September 2016 it will be closed and the session on Thursday 29 September will not be required. For this reason, all persons intending to speak are requested to attend on Wednesday 28 September 2016. If the hearing cannot be concluded on Wednesday 28 September 2016 an announcement will be made in the hearing identifying the business to be carried forward and it will resume on Thursday 29 September 2016, after the closure of the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing held that morning. If either previous hearing takes longer than expected, the start time on either day may be delayed. This hearing will not commence before 2.00 pm on either day.

The matters to be addressed will include, but not be limited to the following:

- Air quality and emissions
- Biodiversity, ecology and the natural environment
- Combined heat and power readiness
- Gas and electricity connections

- Historic environment
- Landscape and visual
- Noise and vibration
- Option development
- Other strategic projects and proposals
- Risk and hazard management
- Socio-economic effects
- Transportation and traffic
- Water environment

I will lead the hearings, with involvement from the Applicant, Interested Parties, other persons requesting to be heard and their representatives. Parties should expect to be questioned by me and justify their statements.

Open Floor Hearing

The purpose of an Open Floor Hearing is to allow Interested Parties to address me on relevant matters of their choosing.

Date of hearing: **Wednesday 28 September 2016**
Arrival: **5:30 pm**
Start: **6:00 pm**
Venue: **Redwither Tower, First Avenue, Redwither Business Park, Wrexham Industrial Estate, LL13 9XT**

Within the bounds of relevance and the available times, the matters to be addressed will be chosen by the speakers. Speaking time will be shared equally between Interested Parties who register in advance. Parties who do not register in advance may be heard at the end of the hearing at my discretion and within any remaining available time.

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing

Date of hearing: **Thursday 29 September 2016**
Arrival: **9:30 am**
Start: **10:00 am**
Venue: **Redwither Tower, First Avenue, Redwither Business Park, Wrexham Industrial Estate, LL13 9XT**

The purpose of a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing is to examine the merits of the case for Compulsory Acquisition (CA) including, but not limited to:

- Whether the statutory conditions in relation to the right to exercise CA as set out in s122 and s123 of PA2008 are met in principle and in relation to individual plots;
- The case for seeking powers of temporary possession;
- Alternatives;
- Provision and updating of the required documentation as set out in Regulation 5 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications, Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009; including the relevant DCO provisions;
- Human Rights and Equality duties;
- Funding;

- Crown Land in relation to s135 of PA 2008;
- Category 3 persons;
- Statutory Undertakers' land and apparatus in relation to the requirements of s127 and s138 of PA 2008; and
- Protective Provisions.

I will lead the hearings, with involvement from the Applicant, Affected Persons (landowners, tenants, etc.) and statutory undertakers requesting to be heard, and their representatives. Parties should expect to be questioned by me and justify their statements.

Accompanied Site Inspection

The purpose of an Accompanied Site Inspection is to enable me to access land and features relevant to my consideration of the application and its effects that is private or where I need accompanying parties to identify relevant facts and features. Where land and features are publicly accessible and I require no assistance, I will continue to carry out Unaccompanied Site Inspections.

Date of Inspection: Tuesday 27 September 2016
Arrival 8:30 am
Start: 9:00 am
Departure point: Redwither Tower, First Avenue, Redwither Business Park, Wrexham Industrial Estate, LL13 9XT

An itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection will include details of the locations I wish to inspect, based on the nominations that I received at Deadline 1 and details of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), such as sturdy footwear that may be required to be worn for your own personal safety. This itinerary will be published at least a week before the site inspection.

Persons who have requested site inspections may be contacted individually by the case team to assist in the preparation of the itinerary by confirming arrangements or consent for me to inspect land. If you have requested that I inspect a site but that request is not included in the itinerary in due course, that will be because on balance I do not consider that an inspection is warranted because I am able to include the site in an unaccompanied visit, or because aspects of the formalities necessary to enable my inspection (such as consent to enter the land) have not been concluded.

It is normal for an Accompanied Site Inspection to be attended by the Applicant, a representative of the local planning authority and any other person with an interest in the site or features to be inspected.

Conversations between attendees and the Examining Inspector at an Accompanied Site Inspection are strictly limited in scope. Whilst I will invite attendees to confirm facts such as directions or distances and to indicate specific features of interest, the site inspection is not an opportunity to provide oral representations. These can only be made at a hearing.

Access and parking

The hearing venue is accessible by public transport and has free parking. Access

arrangements for the Accompanied Site Inspection will be included in the itinerary.

Welsh language / iaith Gymraeg

The Planning Inspectorate welcomes contributions in both Welsh and English. Translation facilities are available at hearings and inspections on request. Please contact us in advance if you wish to use these facilities.

Mae'r Arolygiaeth Gynllunio yn croesawu cyfraniadau yn Gymraeg ac yn Saesneg. Cyfleusterau cyfieithu ar gael mewn gwrandawiadau ac arolygiadau ar gais. Cysylltwch â ni o flaen llaw os ydych yn dymuno gwneud defnydd o'r cyfleusterau hyn.

Agendas and Itinerary

Agendas for all hearings and an itinerary for the site inspection will be published one week prior to the events, on the Wrexham Energy Centre project page of our website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/wrexham-energy-centre/?ipcsection=overview>

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed and sites inspected as scheduled. However, I reserve the right to rearrange the agendas and the itinerary at short notice if necessary, to take account of unforeseen issues that might arise. If hearings or inspections take longer than anticipated, certain issues or inspections may be adjourned to later dates.

The hearing venue will be open to the public half an hour prior to the start of the hearings. Hearings will close when there are no remaining parties present wishing to speak.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the case team at the address at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Rynd Smith

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Examining Authority

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 National Infrastructure Planning 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.