



The Planning
Inspectorate

Mynydd Lluest y Graig – Project Update Meeting

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Date: Thursday 23 October 2014

Meeting with: Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd (the applicant)

Venue: Temple Quay House, Bristol

Meeting objectives: For the applicant to provide an update on the project and act as a handover meeting from Andrew Luke to Kenneth Taylor.

Attendees:

Applicant

Ruari Lean – Vattenfall

The Planning Inspectorate (PINS)

Andrew Luke – Infrastructure Planning Lead

Kenneth Taylor – Infrastructure Planning Lead

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

PINS advised of the duties to publish advice given under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008), and that under this duty a note of the meeting would be published to the project page of the Planning Portal.

Project Update

The applicant gave a brief overview of the history of the project and an update on recent, non-statutory consultation. The main part of this consultation included 5 public exhibition events held in June, alongside this wider ongoing consultation with key non statutory and statutory stakeholders such as Powys County Council (PCC) and Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is also taking place. The applicant advised that the next round of non-statutory consultation events is due to take place in early 2015. The methods of consultation continue to be discussed with PCC.

The applicant advised that currently the statutory consultation was likely to take place in October/ November 2015 although this was subject to the timing of the decision for the Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farms Public Inquiry.

The applicant advised that the intention is for Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) to be prepared with PCC, NRW and other key statutory stakeholders, with the aim that these are submitted, in at least draft form when the project enters statutory consultation.

The applicant advised that a feasibility report had been commissioned in respect of site access. Feedback on this and an understanding of whether any associated compulsory acquisition implications should be available by June 2015.

The applicant advised that it had been engaging with PCC in respect of a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) for the last few months to assist PCC with resourcing. The applicant is now preparing a draft PPA and is due to meet PCC in November to discuss further.

Specific decisions / follow up required?

- PINS to attend the project meeting between the applicant, PCC and NRW on 18th November.
- PINS to address the topic of SoCG at the 18 November meeting.
- The applicant to prepare a draft of a Contact Plan containing either key dates or key milestones where input from PINS will be sought.