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To Whom It May Concern,

Further to your letter dated 14th Aug 2023, I have been identified as an interested party in regards to the proposed building of the Awel Y Mor substation on Glascoed Road. I have read through the updated environmental assessment that the applicant has provided and feel no better about the suggested proposal and the impact it will have not only on myself and other home owners in the area but also on the local environment.

With regard to Landscape elements and features – agricultural land, hedgerows, taller hedgerows and hedgerow trees, mature trees’, the cumulative effect of both AyM and Mona onshore infrastructure is predicted to be Medium and Significant (in the vicinity of the AyM OnSS and Mona Onshore Substation Option 2 sites and within the intervening area between the two proposed substations, to the south of Glascoed Road) until the tall hedgerows and trees establish as part of the landscape mitigation. This level of effect is the same as, or lower than that predicted for AyM, without the presence of Mona, within the AyM LVIA. There is a similar finding for Landscape character receptors - A1. Eastern Lowlands (Cefn Meiriadog Vale Slopes)’ where the potential cumulative effect of both AyM and Mona onshore infrastructure during the early part of the operational period would be Medium and Significant within areas of the LCA located between the AyM OnSS, Mona Onshore Substation Option 2 and the NGS. Once the planting establishes around the AyM and Mona Onshore Substation Medium-low (or lower) and Not-Significant. This level of effect is the same as, or lower than that predicted for AyM, without the presence of Mona, within the AyM LVIA. Although the Mona LVIA predicts a significant cumulative effect on the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB, the onshore effects of AyM, without the presence of Mona, were assessed as having no potential for significant effects from the Viewpoint 9: Y Foel (REP8-081) or the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB. This was due to distance and intervening landscape elements (woodland, trees and St Asaph Business Park), which combine to limit actual visibility of the AyM Onshore ECC and OnSS.

Unfortunately when the applicant made the visual representation of the impact of the substation on local properties (of which mine was NOT included) they failed to take into account that the houses are elevated and already look OVER the current hedgerows from their vantage point, hence the local properties and my own will have a very clear view of their proposed concrete block, as noted above the applicant has already stated that ***“the cumulative effect of both AyM and Mona onshore infrastructure is predicted to be Medium and Significant”***

As my property is classed as being part of the Bodelwyddan Park grounds and sits on the boundary closest to the proposed substation, I can’t help but wonder why at no stage has anybody taken into account the effects it would have on my property? I can only assume that the applicants have taken it upon themselves to decide consulting the local residents actually isn’t worth their time? As I have stated before in my previous email I only heard about this proposal because a concerned neighbour knocked on my door, no paperwork regarding the proposed development had been sent to me previously.

As noted below, their own quote shows the proximity of my property to the proposed

substation. I agree tourism would not be affected but I will be.

With regards to tourism receptors, the limited spatial overlap between the two projects means that there is only one potential tourism receptor that could be affected by both projects which is Bodelwyddan Park. The study area for tourism receptors in the ES for AyM was focused on a local area of influence (LAI) within 500 m of onshore infrastructure. Although Bodelwyddan Park falls within this area the castle and grounds immediately around the castle are outside of the AyM LAI. The parkland does extend into this area, however there is no evidence that this is currently used by the public in any significant numbers. The parkland is largely shielded by woodland and tree belt on its eastern border. This remains the case for the onshore infrastructure proposals for both AyM and Mona projects and so the findings of the AyM Tourism and Recreation remain unchanged, and the impact remains not significant in EIA terms.

In the applicants updated environmental assessment they admit that there will “negligible” and “not significant” socio-economical impact locally. So how exactly is the local area benefitting other than damage to the wildlife, hedgerows with the addition of this substation? Locally we aren’t able to have mains gas supplied yet miraculously a substation will appear irrelevant of our concerns.

The updated assessment has not appeased my concerns one bit, the local residents will not be compensated and those that are having their land compulsory purchased are in some cases having their livelihoods destroyed.

Regards
Charlotte Bowers