

Application for Development Consent for North Wales Wind Farms Connection

Case Ref: EN010014

Panel's note of Unaccompanied Site Inspection

Background

The Examining Authority ('the Panel') undertook its first unaccompanied site inspection to support its examination of an application for development consent for the proposed North Wales Wind Farms Connection ('the application') on Monday 27 July 2015.

In the interests of efficiency, the Panel carried out its unaccompanied site inspection the day before the Preliminary Meeting, undertaking inspections from publicly accessible land (roads and public footpaths). No inspections were undertaken on private land, advance permission to enter land was not required and so on this basis the inspections could be undertaken on an unaccompanied basis.

The site inspection was undertaken in order to view the route of the proposed scheme, existing roads and the surrounding area.

The Panel viewed the following locations: Clocaenog Forest; Viewpoint (VP)45; VP47; VP42; VP2; Saron; Bron Heulog Ridge; VP3; VP5; VP6; VP51; VP4; VP12; entrance to Broadleys Farm; Henllan; VP12; VP17; VP15; VP28; VP26; the bridge at Bont-newydd; VP34; Groesfford Marli; Pentre-mawr and the Substation at St Asaph.

Further unaccompanied site inspections will take place during the examination.

Particulars of the Site Inspection

The visit was undertaken by the three members of the Panel; Lillian Harrison; John Lloyd-Jones and Jo Dowling. Also present were the Case Manager Nicholas Coombes and Case Team members Steffan Jones and Lowri Thomas. There were no other persons in attendance.

The visit was undertaken by car and on foot. Weather conditions were overcast but with good visibility, with occasional spells of sunshine. Weather conditions were at all times adequate to appreciate long range views.

The Inspection commenced at approximately noon and finished at approximately 18:00.