

Application for Development Consent for North Wales Wind Farms Connection

Case Ref: EN020014

Panel's note of Unaccompanied Site Inspection

Background

The Examining Authority ('the Panel') undertook its second 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 7 December 2015.

In the interests of efficiency, the Panel carried out its unaccompanied site inspection the day before the Hearings scheduled for 8-10 December 2015, 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 Rhyl Flats Overhead Line (OHL); Denbighshire County Council's (DCC) suggested viewpoints (VP), the suggested route, existing roads and the surrounding area which can be viewed at the link below:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN020014/Events/Deadline%201%20-%201%20September%202015/Denbighshire%20County%20Council%203.pdf>

The Panel viewed the following locations: Rhyl Flats OHL at Top y Glo, Moelfre; Plas Hafod (DCC VPQ1/Q2); Berain; VPP; VPN, VPO; VPL; Pandy woods; VPM; College Farm; VPK; VPI; VPH; Tan Yr Allt; Bwlch; Poultry Farm near junction with B5435; VPB; Hafod Olygfa; VPA; Llyn Brenig Visitor Centre and Denbigh Castle.

Particulars of the Site Inspection

The visit was undertaken by the three members of the Panel; Lillian Harrison; John Lloyd-Jones and Jo Dowling. There were no other persons in attendance and the Panel did not encounter any Interested Parties.

The visit was undertaken by car and on foot. Weather conditions were sunny and clear with good visibility. Weather conditions were at all times adequate to appreciate long range views.

The Inspection commenced at approximately 9.30 and finished at approximately 13.00.