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Your ref: EN010014


Dear Mr Coombes

Please find attached self explanatory letter from the Rhyl and St Asaph Angling Association regarding the recent telephone conversation between Mr R Hall the Association Chairman and Yourself regarding the above subject matter. I will send a hard copy by post.

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this email.

Yours Sincerely

Ian Macdonald
Secretary Rhyl and St Asaph Angling Association



To: Mr Nicholas Coombes,
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Date: 21st July 2015

Dear Mr Coombes

**Application by S P Manweb for an Order Granting Development Consent
for the North Wales Wind Farms Connection**

Notice of Preliminary Hearing – Tuesday, 28th July, 2015

Thank you for clarifying matters with our Chairman.

Mr Hall our Association Chairman, explained the reasons why it may not be possible for anyone to attend the Preliminary Hearing from Rhyl and St Asaph Angling Association on behalf of our Trustees, although it is hoped that someone will be able to attend to follow proceedings. The Association does want to be involved in the procedure and to this end wishes to set out our position at this early stage. We understand that this can be done through written representations.

Rhyl and St Asaph Angling Association through its Trustees owns the fishing rights on the River Elwy at Pont-Y-Ddol and would be affected by the proposed scheme. At the start of 2015 two meetings were held with Freedom Group on behalf of SPM, one of which was a site meeting. The Association would have to give up 60 metres of fishing on what is prime water and we made it clear that given this is part of a national scheme if it proceeds we could have no objections subject to compensation being agreed and the professional fees involved being met. This included valuation and legal fees and disbursements. To date the Association has approached professional valuers and kept dialogue with Freedom Group but we are no closer to reaching agreement, given that SPM have made clear through Freedom that no payments of any sort would be made unless and until approval for the Scheme is given by the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change.

The timetable proposed envisages that the Planning Inspectorate will complete its task by January 2016 and take 3 months to write its report for the Secretary of State who will have a further 3 months to reach a decision. This will take until July 2016 at the earliest before approval is given to the scheme, or not as the case may be.

It is appreciated that the purpose of the Preliminary Meeting on 28th July 2015 is concerned only with procedure and not the merits of the Scheme. The timetable envisages that an Open Floor Meeting is to be held on 23/09/2015 and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings on 24/09/2015 and 25/09/2015 which would be at Denbigh Town Hall. The Association intends to follow progress and wishes to be kept informed of any changes to these dates and propose to attend at these meetings held by the Inspectorate. It is also understood that meetings will be held by the Inspectorate with the Applicant at other public meetings in September/October 2015 and that details will be provided on line.

In short, Rhyl and St Asaph Angling Association will not be objecting to the Scheme but this is subject to reaching agreement on the matter of compensation and the associated matters of professional costs and disbursements.

We ask that our interest and views are made known at the Preliminary Meeting.

Yours sincerely

Ian Macdonald
Honorary Secretary
Rhyl and St Asaph Angling Association