

**COMPULSORY ACQUISITION HEARING IN RELATION TO THE COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS AND THE IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTIONS OVER LAND IN RELATION TO OPTION A (THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION)  
TO BE HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2015**

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**NRW SUBMISSION ON AGENDA ITEM 4.3 REGARDING CROWN LAND**

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- a) NRW did not agree the wording of the draft note supplied for DL4 by the applicant, this was the applicants wording only. However since that draft was submitted NRW have been working with the applicant's representatives, Pinsent Mason, to agree new text that both parties are content with.

The Welsh Minister, acting via Natural Resources Wales, has provided consent in line with S135 of the Planning Act 2008, but has not given consent referred to in s135 (1) or s135 (2). These 2 sections refer to the passing on to the applicant Compulsory Acquisition Powers. This project, a wind farm connection route, will not impact on 3rd party rights as there is no 3rd party interest in the area.

It is the view of Natural Resources Wales (NRW) that in this case the absence of CPO powers will not hinder completion of the project.

The Welsh Minister, has agreed to grant the developer (SP Manweb Plc) sufficient and relevant interest in the land (lease of rights) to enable the construction of a 132kV circuit.

The NRW managed land over which the circuit will run is freehold forest land and unencumbered by built property or tenancy, CPO will not be required. If this is not the view of the Inspector NRW would be happy to further investigate the issue.

- b) NRW are still in the process of agreeing the details of the lease with the applicant's representatives. From NRW's perspective there is no issue as to whether or not agreement can be reached, it is more about which option is chosen so the detail can be finalized.
- c) This is a question for the applicant only, as it refers to Crown Rights on private land not managed by NRW.

**NATURAL RESOURCES WALES**

8th December 2015