

Dear Sir / Madam

**North Wales Wind Farms Connection Project
Deadline 1 Submissions from Denbighshire County Council**

Document 1 – Introduction and summary of submissions

This is a cover letter introducing a number of formal submissions from Denbighshire County Council (referred to subsequently as the Council), in relation to matters set out in Annex B of the Planning Inspectorate's final timetable for examination of this Major Infrastructure application, dated 4th August 2015.

The submissions are made electronically, and as requested are being sent by Deadline 1 – noon on 1st September 2015. They are attached to a single email dated 1st September, 2015, and are as follows :

Document 1 – Introduction and summary of submissions

Document 2 – Local Impact Report

Document 3 – Written Representations

Document 5 – Responses to Examiners Questions dated 3rd August 2015

Statement of Common Ground (SoCG)

It was intended to include the SoCG as Document 4 with the Council's submissions. Whilst the Council has exchanged drafts of a SoCG with SP Manweb, SP Manweb have advised on 28th August that due to the timescales and other documents that are required for Deadline 1 they will not be in a position to complete the SOCG. They intend to append the draft version submitted to them by the Council as part of their position statement and explain that it is still in draft form. SP Manweb and the Council will be in contact to progress the document further once the Deadline 1 submission is made.

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In response to the other matters relevant to the September 1st deadline, the Council would confirm :

- It wishes to make oral representations at the following topic hearings –
 - Landscape and visual. The Council will be represented by Mr Andrew Sumner (Landscape Consultant) and by Councillor Joseph Welch. The Development Manager, Paul Mead and / or the Principal Planning Officer, Ian Weaver will be in attendance.
 - Agricultural land. The Council will be represented by Councillor Alice Jones and The Development Manager, Paul Mead and / or the Principal Planning Officer, Ian Weaver will be in attendance.
 - Tourism and the local economy. The Council will be represented by Councillor Joseph Welch and The Development Manager, Paul Mead and / or the Principal Planning Officer, Ian Weaver will be in attendance.
 - Paul Mead and / or Ian Weaver will be in attendance at other Topic Hearings but it is not intended to make representations at these sessions.
- It does not intend to speak at an open floor hearing (but may attend)
- It does not intend to speak at a compulsory acquisition hearing (or attend)
- It wishes to attend the accompanied site inspection. The Council will be represented by Mr Andrew Sumner, Councillor Joseph Welch, and Mr Ian Weaver (Principal Planning Officer)

The Council wishes to nominate additional locations to be inspected in the course of the site inspection. These are listed in Paragraphs 3.2.24 and 3.5.2 of the Written Representations document, and are annotated on the map in Appendix 1 of that document.

It would be greatly appreciated if any communications with the Council on this matter are addressed to planning@denbighshire.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,


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