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## **Interested Party Response to Examining Authority Questions**

### **Llanrhaeadr yng Nghinmeirch Community Council Response**

**Response to Examining Authority's Question 0.1:** We would like the Panel to view the proposed pole locations from the residential properties of; Tan yr Allt( Peniel), Fron Heulog,(Peniel), Bwlch (Peniel), Bryn Golau (Saron), Plas Cefn Maen,Cefn Maen Uchaf,Cefn y Marial and Cefn Maen Isa properties, (Saron). The effect on the land and the view from these properties will be significant, and the current 'Viewpoints' used by SP Manweb do not reflect the impact at these locations. As these sites are located near the beginning of the proposed overhead pylon route, the cumulative impacts upon the residential properties, and the businesses operating from them, are significant, particularly when considering their proximity to the existing windfarm, the consented North Wales WindFarm development, proposed substation, and proposed overhead line.

Tourists often stay in the area for walks along footpaths in Saron and Peniel and as a stopover while visiting Llyn Brenig, Llyn Alwen and the Hiraethog area. We ask that the Panel to consider views from the popular tourist trails mainly the B4501 approaching Peniel from Denbigh and on to Saron, and along the minor road past Tan yr Allt, which is popular with walkers. The minor road south of Saron village (which runs along the ridge of Moel Ytta), a 2.5 mile circuit popular with tourists from the Bryn Glas and Caer Mynydd caravan parks as well as residents in Saron. This road travels west on the B5435 from Saron village and turns left on the crossroads by Bryn Glas. Passing residential and business properties, Bryn Golau, turning left again onto Bryn Tirion and Plas Meifod properties before re-joining the B5435 left back into the village of Saron. Travelling along the Moel Ytta ridge, this route takes in a panoramic view of the Clwydian Range and Vale of Clwyd AONB. The proposed overhead line would cut a swathe across this view, and current Viewpoints selected by SPManweb do not reflect this.

**Response to Examining Authority Question 1.4:** We do not consider the proposed wooden poles a good design. The supporting stays in agricultural fields are hazardous to farmers and take a large area of land. As the poles are placed through the middle of several fields, there will be significant, negative long term disruption which will affect local agricultural businesses. For example, growing crops, treating the land and the use of farm machinery.

**Response to Examining Authority Question 3.19** The network of roads used in the Llanrhaeadr yng Nghinmeirch section are predominantly B roads and unclassified roads. We have safety concerns for other road users both residents, tourists and businesses as well as residential properties and buildings that are close to the roadside where heavy

vehicles and machinery will be passing. If the proposed overhead line goes ahead, it is imperative that the development makes good any damage or wear of the local road network and properties.

**Response to Examining Authority Question 4.17** We do not agree with the applicant's summary conclusion. Despite the EMF effects being classed as 'minimal', the community council still has grave concerns of the effects of such exposure over a long period of time, particularly for those residential properties within close proximity to the line. For example, Hafod Olygfa, Bryn Golau, properties at Cefn Maen, properties at Saron village, Tyn y Ffrith, Tan yr Allt, Bwlch, on to properties at Peniel village, Foel, Garnedd Ucha, College and other local properties.

**Response to Examining Authority Question 5.3:** The overhead line passes directly through fields in Saron and Peniel in the parish of Llanrhaeadr yng Nghinmeirch. In order to preserve the value and future use of the land, and to allow local businesses to adequately forward plan, it is imperative that there be an end date to the proposed scheme and a requirement that the land be restored to its current quality and use.

**Response to Examining Authority Question 8.1:** We believe that the long term (25 year life span) negative impact - both visually and economically - upon business and residential properties in Saron and Peniel area of the proposed line, will far outweigh the relatively short-term impact of undergrounding the connection. Considering the views of local people is vital. At a public consultation meeting chaired by Rt Hon David Jones, in Prion, (during the extended period of consultation in June 2014) over 90 residents and business owners from the local area unanimously voted in favour of placing the cable underground. We believe that SPMANweb have insufficiently explored this option, despite the strong views of residents to place any proposed line underground.

As the proposed overhead line route would be passing over predominantly open agricultural land (in Llanrhaeadr yng Nghinmeirch section of the route) the potential impact on habitats of any undergrounding will be fairly minor. Crossing predominantly fields, the impact on ground cover will also be minimal, as grassed areas will naturally recover within a relatively short period of time.

From the perspective of land use and management, the over-head line will affect the management and use of the land by local agricultural businesses over a 25 year period. While placing the line underground will cause some short-term disruption, we feel that the economic and visual impact for local residents and businesses will be significantly less, by placing the line underground.

**Response to Examining Authority Question 8.2:** We deem the viewpoints in our section of the proposed route alignment to be inadequate. They do not show the true visual impact of the route, when viewed from the area surrounding Saron/Peniel towards the Clwydian Range and Vale of Clwyd. Furthermore, the Viewpoints do not reflect the true expanse of the proposed route alignment across the relatively open landscape in this section. In order to take account of the above, we suggest the Panel considers

viewpoints from the minor road running parallel to the ridge of Moel Ytta, just south of Saron Village. Also, a viewpoint from the minor road at the ridge near Tan yr Allt residential property, which shows the proposed route travelling through the focal points of several local residential properties in the area. It also shows its extremely close proximity to the property at Tan yr Allt.

The current Viewpoints make no allowance for the potential cumulative visual impact of the proposed overhead line in combination with existing and approved Windfarm developments. For example, viewing the proposed overhead line from the minor road running from Bron Haul, Fron Heulog, Tan yr Allt and Bwlch towards its origin (on the outskirts of Saron village), would also take in the existing Windfarms and the location of the approved Clocaenog and Brenig Windfarms. In addition to the cumulative visual impact, the cumulative noise impact also requires serious consideration.

**Response to Examining Authority Question 8.11.** *See Document 6.20.1 ES Chapter 7 Landscape and visual technical appendix 7.1 Page 4&5 ref.15:* The description in the referenced document is misleading. It downplays the impact of the proposed line on these properties. There is no reference to the views these properties have towards the Clwydian Range and Vale of Clwyd and the fact that the proposed line would cut across this with no other visual obstruction. This is particular the case for Cefn MaenUchaf, Cefn Maen and Cefn y Marial residential properties. The negative visual effects would be significant.

*See Document 6.20.1 ES Chapter 7 Landscape and visual technical appendix 7.1 Ref 15.a Page 5, Cefn Maen Isa property.* The document again downplays the impact of the proposed development on views that this residential property has on the Clwydian Range AONB. It makes no reference to this impact. This is misleading. The impact on this property's views would be significant.

*See Document 6.20.1 ES Chapter 7 Landscape and visual technical appendix 7.1. Ref. 17. Page 4.* Bryn Golau property. We disagree that the effects of the proposed overhead line would be 'minor'. The overhead line would be highly visible especially from the second floor of this property. Only some of the hedgerows and mature trees in the direction of the overhead line are coniferous, therefore the overhead line would be highly visible, particularly during autumn and winter months. We consider the effects to be significant.

*See Document 6.20.1 ES Chapter 7 Landscape and visual technical appendix 7.1. Ref. 7; Page 6, Tan yr Allt property.* We would like the Panel to investigate SP Manweb's assertion that Tan yr Allt would be 90m from the proposed overhead line and poles.

This document fails to recognise that the views from Tan yr Allt's upstairs window and garden are panoramic and includes a view south west towards the origin of the proposed route. The view includes the existing Tir Mostyn and Foel Goch wind farms, the consented Clocaenog and Brenig wind farms, the location of the proposed substation and the overhead line from Clocaenog through Saron, on to Tan yr Allt and towards Peniel.

The impact on this property would be significant.

**Response to Examining Authority Question 10.1** Several tourism businesses in Llanrhaeadr yng Nghinmeirch parish are within a close proximity to the proposed overhead line. Bryn Glas caravan park, Caer Mynydd caravan park, self-catering accommodation and camp site, and Bwlch self-catering accommodation, are all within close proximity to the overhead line. Tourists who stay at these locations often enjoy walking along footpaths and minor roads to enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of this area. The negative long term impact on these local businesses will be significant.

A member of Llanrhaeadr yng Nghinmeirch Community Council will be available to accompany the Inspectors to locations that we have suggested they visit in order to consider viewpoints which show the real impact upon this area. Community councillors are available to accompany site visits after 4pm on Tuesday 22nd of September or Wednesday afternoon from 1pm onwards, or during the evenings. If the panel need to visit outside of these hours, we kindly ask that you contact the community council in order that another member of the local community could accompany them.

Yours sincerely,

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Clerk to Llanrhaeadr-yng-Nghinmeirch Community Council.

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