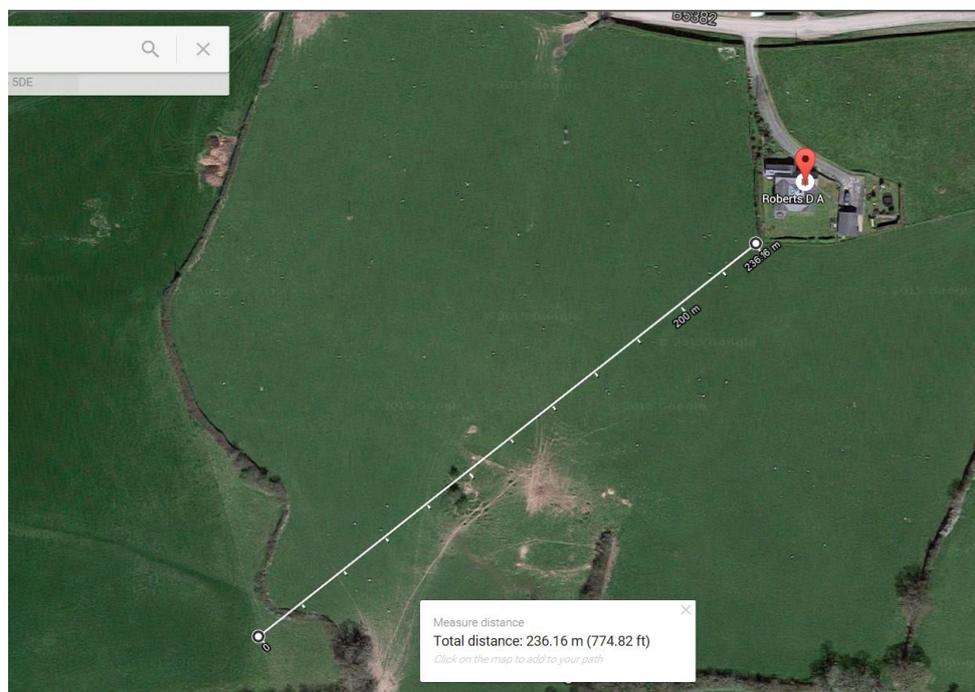
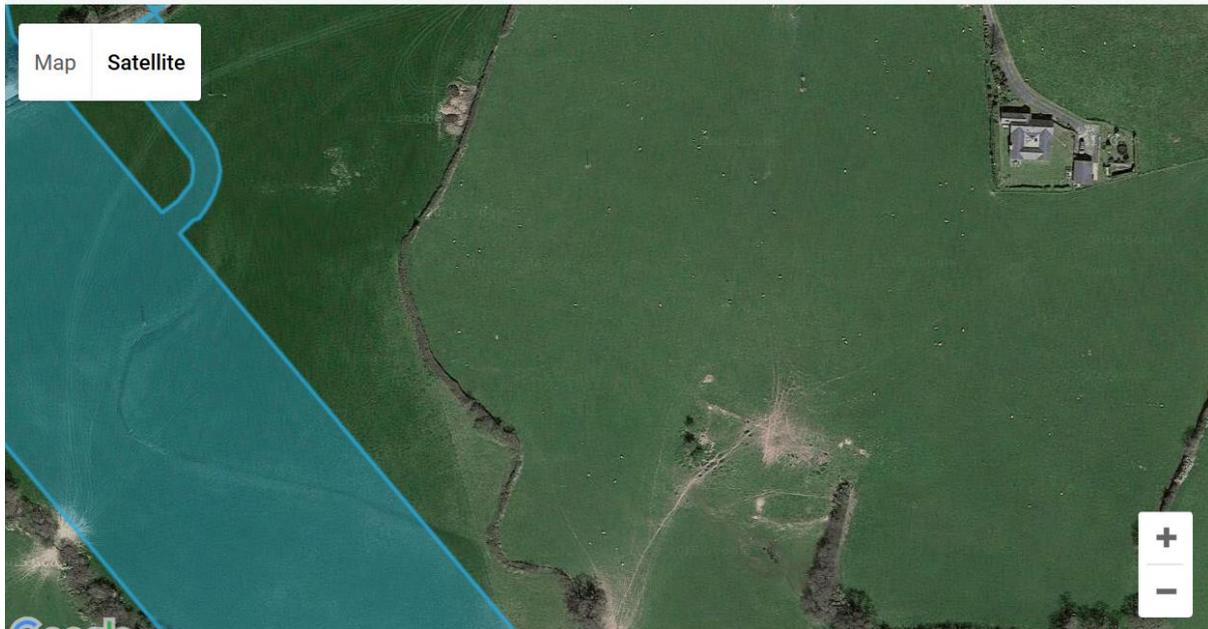


I was grateful for the Examination Authority's visit to Llys Hedydd on the 23rd September 2015. This provided them an opportunity to see the detrimental impact the proposed North Wales Wind Farm Connection project would have on the property and its residents. Key points to note:

1. The representative from Gillespie incorrectly stated that the nearest point of the route would be 300m away from the property. This satellite image below is taken from SP Manweb's own "maintained" website¹. The image that follows shows that the nearest distance could be as close as 236m.



¹ <http://www.nwwindfarmsconnection.co.uk/>

2. The impact of the pylons will be major, as the principal views from the living room of the property are in the southerly direction (see figure)

139W

140W

141W

142W

143W

144W

145W



South

3. Moreover, the principal view from the office, towards the Westerly direction of Moel Fodiar will have a very detrimental effect of the wellbeing of its residence.

146W

147W

148W

149W

150W

151W

152W

153W



West

4. The landscape effects of the proposed development will be of major significance, on the basis of the sensitivity of this particular shallow valley in the Southerly direction, and that the magnitude of change, in relation to the current landscape, would be high. This is an open area in highly rural landscape with few trees, where there is less potential to assimilate an overhead line. The impact on attractive rural landscape facing south from the B5382 and views from the road leading out of Henllan are a major dis-benefit. There are no other man made elements in this area, barring scattered low voltage lines, which are on a much smaller scale than what is being proposed. The area therefore has a strong and distinctive sense of tranquillity, remoteness, and the feeling of being an ancient landscape. The proposed HDWP OHL would be an uncharacteristic feature when set within the context of the landscape of this area, this would represent a major detrimental change to the attributes of the landscape in this section of the route. Where hedgerow and tree felling is stated to be required, the presence of small clumps and gaps in the tree belts would draw attention to the presence of the proposed OHL and thus heighten its landscape and visual effects.
5. Views from the living areas of this property would be focussed towards the proposed OHL. Views from the office within this property would be focussed towards the proposed OHL. This will impact directly and adversely on the working and leisure times of its occupants. The proposed OHL would be an obvious man-made feature in the view, coming between the property and Moel Fodiar, and skylining towards the north-west direction of Hafod. The effect on amenity will be major and significant. The scenic quality of the area to the West (towards Moel Fodiar) and South of Llys Hedydd are particularly high. The HDWP OHL would represent a dominant linear feature stretching out into the distance, and across 180 degrees of view. The visual impact of the OHL from Llys Hedydd would be a major adverse; it would draw the eye and detract from the long and dramatic rural views and the scenic quality. Consequently, Llys Hedydd would become unattractive and thus unsatisfactory place in which to live.