

# **The North Wales Wind Farms Connection Project**

SP Manweb's Response to Post Hearing  
Submission from Conwy Council Borough Council  
submitted at Deadline 3

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Deadline 4 Submission  
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**The Planning Act 2008**

**The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

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**SP Manweb's Response to Written Representations**

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Respondent	Written Representation	SP Manweb Response
Conwy County Borough Council	<p>(i) <u>Existing Buildings at Berain</u></p> <p>Committee report and planning permission in relation to the construction of cattle shed at Berain Farm is submitted. The proposal would enable the size of the stock to increase from 100 to 150 milking cows, and also improve handling methods, welfare standards and slurry storage. The committee report indicates that officers consider that the proposal would not have a significant detrimental impact on the setting of the listed buildings, but have concerns with regard to the visual impact on the Special Landscape Area.</p> <p>Planning permission was granted with specific conditions, to be in accordance with the visual amenity of the Special Landscape Area.</p>	<p>SP Manweb has considered the planning issues in this committee report for the particular cattle shed development referred to in the report, and responds accordingly below. This response is therefore specific to this development and SPM has not been advised of the planning considerations taken into account for similar developments at Berain Farm. SP Manweb notes from the report that planning permission was granted in 2003 for another agricultural building.</p> <p>Paragraph 21 of the committee report notes that the vantage viewpoints are to the east of the farm but the views have already been affected by existing buildings. Paragraph 22 refers to the 2003 consented building, along with other 'existing modern buildings' providing a visual screen between the listed buildings and the proposed development, and that it would not significantly affect the setting of the listed buildings. SP Manweb consider that as the modern buildings do not detract from the setting of the listed buildings, so the proposed OHL also does not detract from the setting due to the intervening modern buildings.</p> <p>The main considerations in the above mentioned committee report were landscape impacts which were mitigated by additional landscaping secured through planning conditions. This is also the approach taken by SP Manweb for the proposed OHL.</p>
	<p>(ii) <u>Hafod Dingle LWS</u></p> <p>Details of Hafod Dingle LWS. Hafod Dingle (grid ref SJ3008 3685) has been noted as a potential Wildlife Site. These are sites which do not meet criteria for statutory protection but are considered important in the local (Conwy) context by virtue of the habitats and/or species they contain. The feature for which this site was selected was broad-leaved woodland.</p>	<p>Hafod Dingle was identified as a Local Wildlife Site (designated by Conwy County Borough Council) in Chapter 6 of the Environmental Statement (DCO Document Reference 6.6, Examination Library Reference APP-097).</p> <p>The site has been designated by CBBC as broad leaved woodland but is also restored ancient woodland (i.e. a type of broad leaved woodland).</p>