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Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Sections 89 and 123 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rules 8(3) and 9 and the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (as amended) – Regulation 6 Application by SP MANWEB for an Order Granting Development Consent for the North Wales Wind Farms Connection Changes to the application and examination timetable.

We have no comment on the proposed change; however we do make the following comments on the Glossary interpretations:

ALC: The classification system used by the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs based on its quality and versatility. The classification ranges from Grade 1 (the best and most versatile) through Grades 2, 3a, 3b, 3c and 4, down to Grade 5 (least versatile)

BMV: Defined by the ALC as Grades 1, 2 and 3a. Provisional reclassification has removed sub-classifications within Grade 3, considering Grades 1 and 2 as 'Best and Most Versatile' (BMV) land

These interpretations are incorrect.

ALC is an England and Wales system which provides a framework for classifying land according to the extent to which its physical or chemical characteristics impose long-term limitations on agricultural use. Agricultural land is classified into one of 5 Grades; Grade 1 land being of excellent quality, 2, 3a, 3b, 4 and 5 being of very poor quality.



BMV agricultural land is defined in Planning Policy Wales as ALC Grades 1, 2 and 3a.

Yours faithfully



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