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Dear Sir/Mdm

North Wales Wind Farms Connection Project Proposed Development Consent Order: Comments on Post-Hearing Documents.

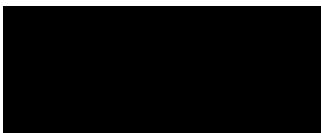
We have reviewed the amended documents listed below and, except for one minor error, consider the changes to be acceptable in the context of the aspects of the environment that we have assessed. The documents being:-

Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP – Version 3)
Schedule of Changes to the Hedgerow Management Plan (Version 2)
Outline Landscape Management Plan (OLMP – Version 2)
Outline Ecological Management Plan (EcMP – Version 2)

The minor error being in the EcMP which, in Section 1.4.3, states that “Where development has been authorised by planning permission (such as a DCO) works can proceed provided that appropriate avoidance or mitigation measures are in place and, where appropriate, a European Protected Species Licence has been obtained”. Mention should also be made here of the possible need for a badger licence; however, we do note that in Section 2.4, titled Statutory Licences, the possible need for a badger licence under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 is identified.

Please contact David Hatcher (david.hatcher@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk) should you wish to discuss these matters further.

Yours faithfully,



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