

Application reference: EN020014

Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 Application by SP MANWEB for an Order Granting Development Consent for the North Wales Wind Farms Connection

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Post-Hearing Documents, Submission by John Mars Jones, Berain, Llanefydd, Denbigh, LL16 5DW.

Submission 2. Landscape and Visual Impact of Woodland Clearances

- 1.1 During the 2nd Hearing on the above application yesterday the 9th December 2015 we were informed that the Examining Inspectors would not be conducting further accompanied site visits as allowed for within the examination timetable.
- 1.2 Could we please suggest that the Examining Inspectors visit a location to view the impact on woodland clearances by the installation of an overhead electricity line.
- 1.3 The suggested location is at the 'T' junction along the B5381 between Trefnant and St. Asaph. This is adjacent to Plas Coch farm and the location accessible and visible for the public road (Figure 1 – 'T' Junction B5381 location).
- 1.4 SPM have recently been renewing electricity poles and clearing the route for this standard 11kV line after a period of 60 years.
- 1.5 The figures below demonstrate the impact that woodland clearances have on the Landscape and Visual Impact of Woodland Clearances.
- 1.6 Figure 2 – B5381 Google Street View 2010. Shows the tree growth over an estimated 60 years.
- 1.7 Figure 3 – B5381 Google Street View 2015. Shows the tree clearances carried out in the last 12 months.
- 1.8 Figure 4 – B5381 Photograph 1. Is a recent photograph of the woodland clearances taken on the 17 October 2015.
- 1.9 Figure 5 – B5381 Photograph 2. Is a close-up recent photograph of the woodland clearances taken on the 17 October 2015.
- 1.10 The visualisations submitted within the application are all representative of distant views and do not represent the disruptive visual effect on the landscape.

- 1.11 Close views are absent from the submitted application and do not represent the disruptive visual effect on the landscape.
- 1.12 The visual effect of clearances should be considered on all tree and hedgerow clearances.
- 1.13 The ecological effect of clearances should be considered on all tree and hedgerow clearances.
- 1.14 The ineffective benefit of clearances mitigation measures should be considered on all tree and hedgerow clearances.
- 1.15 The effect of clearances maintenance should be considered on all tree and hedgerow clearances.
- 1.16 Trust you are able to consider the above within your decision process and able to consider the disruptive and detrimental effect the proposed development will have on all aspects.
- 1.17 Trust that your considerations find that the overall effect of the installation of the proposed development would cause significant harm and that the application for the proposed development should be rejected.

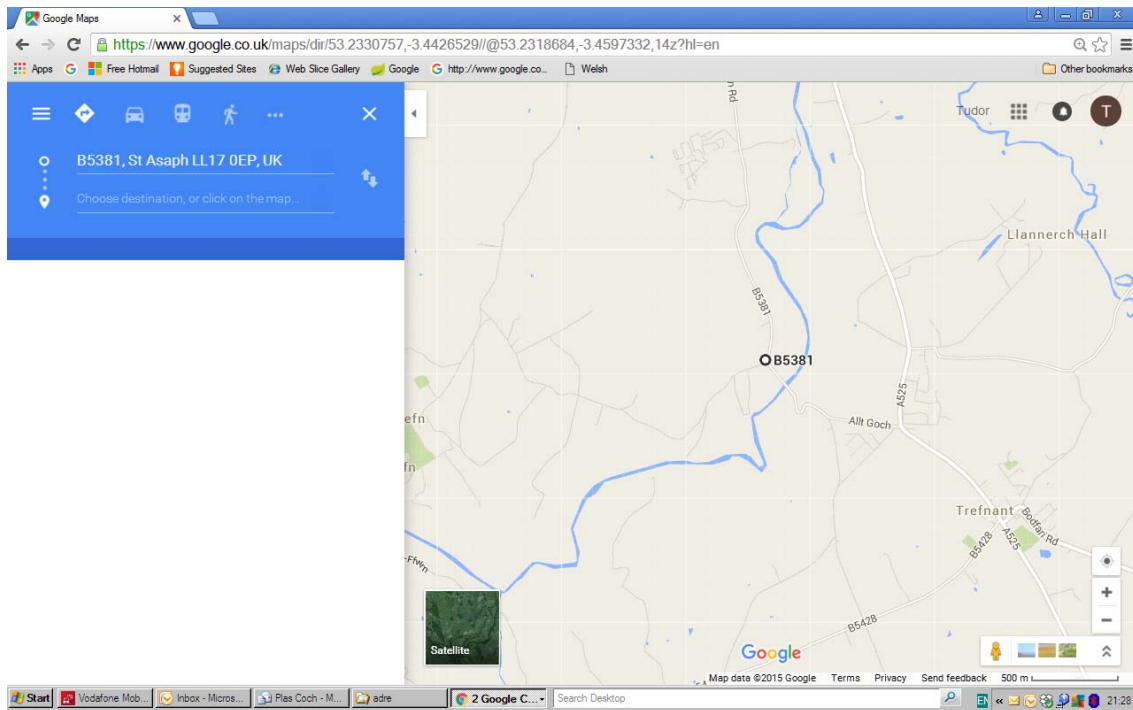


Figure 1 – 'T' Junction B5381 location.



Figure 2 – B5381 Google Street View 2010.



Figure 3 – B5381 Google Street View 2015.



Figure 4 – B5381 Photograph 1.



Figure 5 – B5381 Photograph 2.