

**North Wales Wind Farms Connection**  
**Interested party 10031169**

**Submission for deadline 10.**

- 1) Comments on the Examination Authorities Consultation Draft DCO, Option A, Option B, or a hybrid of both.
  - a. The damage this development will cause will be significant in relation to its effect on landscape, agriculture, habitat and visual tranquility.
  - b. The disruption to the natural environment appears to far outweigh the benefits, it was originally intended to serve four wind farm developments.
  - c. Removal of mature trees and hedgerows will have a significant and damaging effect on the natural habitat over a period of years before the replacements reach maturity. For example, the effect on soil erosion and on pollinating insects.
  - d. I cannot see how this DCO will further or benefit future energy security for unreliable wind energy.
  
- 2) Comments on the Heritage Assessment Effects on Berain. Ref. EN 020014
  - a. The aerial photographs camouflage the historical aspects of this site.
  - b. Whilst the site may "absorb" the proposed change, it would not be in the best 'cultural interest' and therefore in the public interest, for it to be required to do so.
  - c. It remains unclear how long this development will be in operation - fifteen years or longer?
  - d. Once the presumption for development has been established here, the character will be changed and it will be more difficult to refuse further intrusion in the future.
  - e. There is a very good example of the visual importance of Berain to be found in the research on *Berain Farm* by Gill Jones and Ann Morgan in 2015. I do not wish to risk breaching copyright by reproducing this document here.

3) Below is a picture taken this week of a mature hedgerow in the countryside.



- a. It illustrates how effective the hedgerow is for collecting water run off, holding the excess back from the lane and giving time for its absorption into the ground. This is particularly important after such a wet winter.
- b. The lane would have been dangerous without the protection of the mature hedge as the drainage ditch would have been overwhelmed.
- c. The development requires major disruption to well established hedgerows.

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