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Dear Sir/Mdm

**North Wales Wind Farms Connection Project Proposed Development Consent Order**

**Request for comments on the above application by the Department of Energy & Climate Change (DECC) from the applicant, Natural Resources Wales (NRW), Conwy County Borough Council, Denbighshire County Council and Wardell Armstrong LLP (on behalf of the Crown Estate)**

Thank you for alerting us to the above request from Giles Scott of DECC, made in his letter to you dated 23rd May 2016.

Section 5 of the letter states that the Secretary of State requests that the Applicant and NRW provide an update on whether a lease has been signed in relation to Plots 1, 1A, 1B, 3 and 3A, these being plots for which NRW acts as land agent on behalf of the Welsh Ministers.

NRW's current position is that, as the letter states, a lease has been agreed in principal but a final version has not yet been signed. We have sent a generic draft agreement to the applicant but we believe they have some design details to complete before this can be finalised.

Please contact David Hatcher ([david.hatcher@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:david.hatcher@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk)) should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours faithfully,



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