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Our Ref: EN020014

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Dear Mr Hughes, on behalf of the Pylon Pressure Group,

Application by SP Manweb for the North Wales Wind Farms Connection

I am writing in regard to your letter of complaint dated 30 September 2014 in relation to the developer's pre application consultation for the above proposal. We note that you have made this complaint in light of paragraph 68 of the DCLG Guidance on the pre-application process. Your correspondence will be kept on file and will be made available to the decision maker during the acceptance stage of the process.

Once the application has been formally submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, a decision must be made within 28 days as to whether or not the application can be accepted for examination (known as the 'acceptance stage'). Part of this assessment will consider whether the applicant has followed the pre application procedure in accordance with chapter 2 part 5 of the Planning Act 2008 as amended ('PA 2008').

I acknowledge that you have also sent your letter to the developer, in line with the DCLG guidance, as the pre application stage is the best time to influence a project through direct contact with the developer. We are also copying this response to the developer to ensure they are informed of our comments.

You may wish to also send your letter of complaint to the relevant local authorities, in this case Conwy County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council, who can consider this information as part of their adequacy of consultation representation. An adequacy of consultation representation, is a representation from a relevant local authority about whether the developer complied, in relation to a proposal, with their duties under sections 42 (duty to consult), 47 (duty to consult the local community) and 48 (duty to publicise) of the PA 2008.

I would also like to refer you to the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Notes which can be found on the National Infrastructure Planning Portal website; I have provided links to the following Advice Notes as these may be of particular interest to you:

[Advice Note 8.1: How the process works](#)

[Advice Note 8.2: Responding to the developer's pre-application consultation](#)

I hope this information has been of use to you, please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Maden

Wendy Maden
Assistant Case Officer

cc: SP Manweb

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the Planning Inspectorate website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.