

## Issue Specific Hearing

Our farm has a diverse wildlife; Bats, Otters, Badgers and Birds. A Family of Otters can be seen near the catchment area. Our Bats are endangered species and live in our Ancient wood land, which I believe is in the catchment area. WP sent a company called RSK, a Mr James Remington to perform the survey, on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014. This was done over several weeks. They concluded that there were Bats in our Ancient woods, that were in the catchment area.

Unfortunately, WP has failed to give us this report. Although, we and our Land Agent have asked for this on numerous occasions. I therefore am unable to provide you with any more details on our Bats. However, the only reason not to release this report; is because it contains information that would be damaging to their project.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014. A Mr Jan Skurtin and Tom Coyne, accessed the catchment area to do an Otter Survey. We have seen a family of Otters in the catchment area. However, I am again unable to provide you with further details, as WP has again, failed to give us this report.

I have spoken with Mr Paul Clough about the missing Bat and Otter reports. Were Mr Clough informed me that these reports are highly technical and therefore well out of our league.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2014. I caught Ellie Davies from WP on my land, heading towards the catchment area. Ms Davies claimed that she had a map from Carmarthen County Council and was here to do a survey on Rights of Way (footpaths) I told Ms Davies that there is no Right of Way on my land, and she was trespassing. Ms Davies stated that according to this Map, she had every right to be here and refused to leave. I asked to see Ms Davies map, but she declined. I asked Ms Davies to leave my property, as she could offer no proof, of her claim. (by not showing me the Map) Ms Davies said that she would send me a copy of the map by email and left. On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2014. I received an email from Ms Davies with an OS Map attached. This Map clearly showed, that the footpath in question is accessed through Mrs Medland's property, not mine. Therefore, Ms Davies was not following the footpath as laid out, on the Map. I emailed Ms Davies the same day, to point out the irregularities of her statement. Nia Wyn Davies emailed me on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014. My email, that I sent to Ellie Davies of RSK, had been forwarded to her. Ms Wyn Davies said that she had spoken to Ms Davies to establish how this error had occurred. I was advised by Ms Wyn Davies that it was a case of mistakenly interpreting the Map. I am not a Landscape Architect, but even I could read this Map. Was this a genuine error, or an excuse, to be used, if Ms Davies got caught on my land. Another way for WP to again access to our land, without our knowledge or authority.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 at 5.30pm. Mr Paul Clough rang, again ignoring our request to book all appointments through our Land Agent. Mr Clough requested access to carry out a Land Survey, for Access Points, along the preferred route Alignment. Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of October, was given. I refused as my husband is unable to make a mid-week date; WP are well aware of this fact. I then offered Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, but WP refused this date. I said that Monday was a possibility, however, Mr Rentmore would need the day of work, so WP would need to

compensate him for the loss of earnings. I asked Mr Clough to ring my Land Agent with dates, as per our previous instructions.

30 minutes after Mr Clough rang, Mrs Pauline Medland (a neighbour) telephoned me. Mr Clough had told Mrs Medland that we had agreed to a Land Survey on the Monday and that Mr Rentmore would be accompanying the Surveyors. Mr Clough asked Mrs Medland if they could have access to her courtyard. The entrance to our property is off Mrs Medland's courtyard. Mrs Medland agreed, as she was under the impression that our consent had already been given and in the knowledge that Mr Rentmore would be there too. However, Mrs Medland told Mr Clough that she would not be at home on Monday.

I emailed Mr Clough on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014, with the facts as given above. Mr Clough replied by email on the same day. Mr Clough stated that he was trying to coordinate with Mrs Medland and myself, as Mrs Medland had requested to be present at this survey. Mr Clough lied. My husband never agreed to this date, Mr Clough did not ring us or our Land Agent to confirm this date. And why would he choose a date that Mrs Medland would be unable to attend? Mr Clough obviously thought that as Mrs Medland would be absent, and that we cannot see the catchment area from our home; as it is at the end of a long drive. The surveyor would be able to come and go as he wanted; having confirmed that Mr Rentmore would not be at home and knowing that Mrs Medland would also not be home. Another attempt to view our property without authorization.

Mr Clough repeatedly rang me at home, giving little or no notice for Land Surveys. My Land Agent was forced to ask WP to issue a "Notice of Access" so that WP would now give us the necessary two weeks' notice.

However, this made no difference. Mr Clough rang on the 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2014, at 1.45pm demanding that the Land Surveyor be allowed access on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November. Mr Clough was livid when I refused. Mr Clough said that having given us the "Notice of Access" he could come on to our land whenever he liked. I said that WP was required by law to give us two weeks' notice and although this document had been issued, the document itself, contained no dates. In fact, my Land Agent had sent Mr Clough an email, weeks before, asking for specific dates. And Mr Clough was well aware that my husband had asked to be present at this survey. Less than 24hrs notice was unacceptable.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, in the evening; I received a phone call from Kevin. Kevin said he was from the Electricity supplier, I assumed Swalec. Kevin asked if he could call past to drop off a Map. I was quite confused as to what this map was and I told him that it would not be convenient as my husband was not at home. Kevin got rather annoyed and said that he was just going to drop off a map, why would I need my husband or Land Agent there. I emailed my Land Agent about this strange phone call; to be told that this was a Conceptual Route Meeting. That Kevin was not just dropping off a map. Matthew Bickford the previous week, had left an answerphone message with our Land Agent regarding a conceptual Route Meeting. Our Land Agent had requested that she be present at this meeting and once again asked WP to agree to pay her Fees. Our Land Agent, Kathryn Lewis heard nothing more from Matthew Bickford. This meeting did not take place.

WP have not arranged any meetings with us or our Land Agent. In fact, Kathryn Lewis (Land Agent) did not have any contact from WP, until just days before the

hearings took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Suddenly, WP were willing to go and meet with Ms Lewis and even agreed to pay some of her fees, not all. WP said that they had tried to negotiate with all the Land owners, how can you negotiate with a Land owner that you have never made contact with.

They have ignored us and our Land Agent, Ms Lewis. They have made no attempts to discuss our Spring well issue and the fact that we may lose our water now or in the future. The cost of a bore hole can be £10,000 plus.

We are still waiting for the Hydrologist report, that was requested from WP from the Inspectorate at the meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November, 2015.

WP has also failed to recognise that we will suffer a financial loss in the market value of our home. WP are responsible if our home loses value due to the erection of Poles on or near are land. The 16 Poles on Mr & Mrs Killkelly's land, runs apparel with our land. The Poles will be placed along our skyline and directly impact our views from our property and spoil the Landscape, therefore resulting in a loss of value to our home. Nobody wants to look at a view with a row of poles with power cables on them.

Heads of Terms should include losses from the market value of our property and cover the cost of a Bore Hole, should these poles divert or pollute our drinking water. It is only fair that WP pay for the damage that these poles will do. They are forcing us to have these poles, the least they can do is to fairly compensate us for any loss of value or disturbance to our spring, that these poles will cause.

Mr & Mrs A Rentmore