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Our Ref : BFC – AFP035

14th February 2016

The Planning Inspectorate,  
3/18 Eagle Wing,  
2 The Square,  
BRISTOL.  
BS1 6 PN

For the attention of Ms Katherine King.

Dear Katherine.

We would like to submit the following comments for Deadline 5.

Following last week's hearings we have been informed by our Agent, Mr Iwan Jones of BJP that WPD have completely changed their minds about insisting they needed all of our land, dwelling and buildings to be included in the demise area. We are very pleased about this.

In order that development of the proposed Brechfa Connection can proceed we would request that H pole 153 be relocated to the top boundary of the field and if necessary an extra single pole could be erected near the bottom boundary of the field. This extra pole would reduce the span between poles 153 and 154 (please see the attached plan). By moving pole 153 it will make the visual impact less from our dwelling. This combined with the reduced area that WPD want to take will greatly help us towards an agreement and it will be a positive enabler in moving the process forward in respect of signing of our Heads of Terms document.

We have met with our neighbours and talked about a minor modification to the design and a re-routing / undergrounding of the existing 11Kv line which would be agreeable to us both. We hope that WPD and their Agents will meet with us asap so that we can discuss our proposals.

Despite being given an undertaking by WPD personnel at a consultation meeting at Waunifor, Maesyrcrugiau, Nr. Pencader on 5th March 2014 and again at Stage 3 consultation meetings at Peniel Community School, Carmarthen on the 16th December 2014 and at the meeting at Alltwalis Community Centre on 9th January 2015 that the existing 11Kva line on our property would be undergrounded prior to the construction of the proposed 132 Kva between poles 153 and 154. (Mr Colin Harrison of Bedwhirion Farm, Gwyddgrug, Pencader, Carmarthen. was present when this conversation took place with WPD personnel at the Alltwalis meeting regarding this subject). We were also given an assurance by Mr Tony Jackson from LSTC during a site visit on the 30th September 2014, in the presence of our Land Agent, Mr Iwan Jones of BJP and my wife Mrs Avril Davies that this undergrounding would be carried out. However, according to WPD's response to the Examining Authority's question CA2 – 05 (BFC 09 . 17 Responses to Examining Authority's Second Round of Written Questions) regarding the undergrounding of existing assets there is no reference made to the undergrounding of the 11KVa overhead cables between poles 153 and 154. In

view of the above dated meetings with WPD and LSTC we would like an explanation why this undergrounding will not be carried out.

We would again reiterate our concerns regarding the lack of transparency and engagement by WPD and their agents. The absence of regular communication and consultation with affected landowners has made the whole process much harder than it needed to be.

WPD have been indifference and high handed.

It is fairly obvious to all us landowners that this has been no more than a convenient tick box exercise for WPD, to engage as little as possible with landowners and to do the least possible engagement in the process to lessen the impact of the scheme on our property. At the same time WPD have tried to give the impression to the Inspector that WPD were fully engaged with us and our next door neighbour and were fully engaged to help us minimise the effects of the scheme on our retained property. This unfortunately has not been our experience and it would seem to be the same for our neighbours next door

Throughout the process we have fed false and empty promises.

The inspector has asked us to be reasonable and to engage and this is what we have always wanted to do and still want to do.

Both me and my wife and Mrs Reader have the same common goal. Work with WPD for a solution that works for all parties.

WPD thought have suggested that the pole position was as a result of our and Mrs Readers request and after full engagement with WPD between the parties. This is simply untrue and not inaccurate. If they had come to see us properly during the process and 'engaged with us correctly' we could have agreed the solution as we have outlined above very early on in the process. WPD sought not to involve us, modified the route and apparatus without our engagement or the engaging of our neighbour and the result is that both us and Mrs Reader see that the whole process as no more than subtle camouflage to impress the inspector.

It was interesting to see the barrister criticising our land agent and suggesting that he or us were some sort of 'numpty' and suggesting our land agent didn't know what he was talking about regarding the land take WPD suggested they had to have to enable the development to proceed. This to me and my wife just seemed to sum up our feeling about the lack of any professional courtesy the barrister or WPD had for our agent or us fellow landowners.

I may have got grazing agreements mixed up with what Mr Jones had previously explained to but our agent is much closer to the true position than the barrister. He rang us the following evening to say that the land plans would be modified to take our house and buildings out of the development plan. This is what we have been saying for a very long time but WPD said it was not possible. This not listening by WPD has caused the delays that we are and our agent are being criticised for.

WPD have now accepted that they were wrong all along and at last I hope we can now move on and agree pole locations to attempt to reduce the loss in value to our property.

We would like this opportunity to let the Inspector know that we appreciate everything he is doing and that at least he is listening to us. At the last hurdle it now seems that WPD are being to see the errors in their ways and are at last beginning to take the common sense approach – very late however and modify their position to the benefit of all involved.

I do not believe the pole modifications we suggest are unreasonable especially as WPD have changed the scheme so radically post the stage 3 consultation without any landowner feedback or input.

We hope we as Landowners and WPD can now make some proper progress, as we have proposed above.

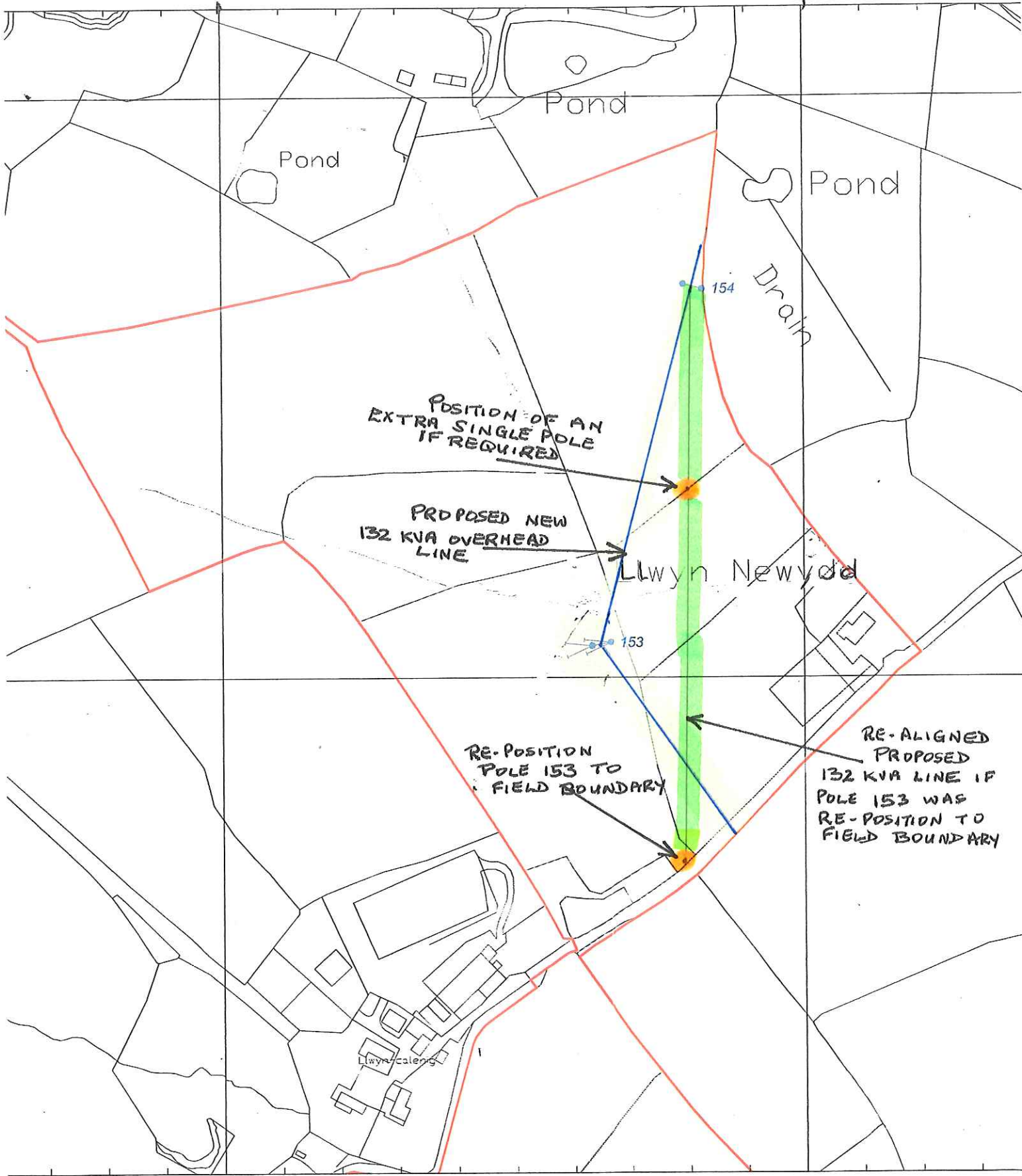
**Yours Sincerely**

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**Avril and Bryan Davies.**

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Allwedd - Legend

- Ardal Hawddfrait / Easement Area
- Ffin perchnogaeth tir / Extent of land boundary
- Safle polyn sengl dangosol / Indicative single pole position
- Safle polyn H dangosol / Indicative H Pole position
- Safle ateg dangosol / Indicative stay position
- Safle dangosol llinell uwchben / Overhead line indicative position

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