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Mrs Katherine King
Examining Authority

17th February 2016

Your Reference: ENO20016
Our Reference: **BFC**-AFP033

Dear Mrs King

Please find below a submission on behalf of the Land Owners Group of clients represented by **Bjp**.

At the **DCO** Hearing on the 11th February the Draft DOC and the Construction Environmental Management Plan were reviewed in detail. Our Land Agent, Mr Jones raised the concerns of his clients regarding the potential for spread of **infectious** animal **diseases**. The Applicant did not offer any response in relation to the point made.

Regarding the Risk of Spreading Infectious Animal Diseases

Carmarthenshire is classed as an endemic TB area, link to Welsh Government , Wales TB Dashboard - <http://gov.wales/docs/drah/publications/151218-tb-dashboard.pdf>

Latest Figures, Q3 2015 state that open TB incidents of Bovine TB decreased in all counties of Wales except Carmarthenshire

Land Owners would like to know how WPD have assessed the risk of spread of infectious animal disease in relation to the movement of personnel and vehicles between farms.

Land Owners would like to know what Risk Assessments WPD have carried out and what plans for mitigation have been put in place to reduce the risk of the spread of infection during the construction phase

Land Owners would like to know what surveys WPD have commissioned to establish the TB status of each herd within the development area and to identify which herds are currently under lock-down due to TB

Land Owners would like to know if WPD have taken due regard of the the Welsh Government's Bovine TB Eradication Programme and the Strategic Framework for Bovine TB Eradication when considering their plans , link to WG TB website -

<http://gov.wales/topics/environmentcountryside/ahw/disease/bovinetuberculosis/bovinetberadication/?lang=e>

Link to the Strategic Framework for Bovine TB -

<http://gov.wales/docs/drah/publications/120320-tb-strategic-framework-en.pdf>

Land Owners would like to know what surveys WPD have carried out to identify and plot all animals with the potential to be affected by TB in the development area including alpacas and goats in addition to cattle to identify where additional mitigation will be required

Regarding the Risk of Spreading Invasive Non-Native Plant Species

There is a prevalence of Invasive Non-Native Plant Species in Carmarthenshire

Link to a Report for Carmarthenshire County Council on the distribution of invasive non-native plant species within the county

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<http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/EXEB20111114/REP04.HTM>

Land Owners would like to know how WPD have assessed the risk of spread of invasive non-native plant species in relation to the movement of personnel and vehicles between farms

Land Owners would like to know what Risk Assessments WPD have carried out and what plans for mitigation have been put in place to reduce the risk of the spread of invasive non-native species during the construction phase

Land Owners would like to know what surveys WPD have commissioned to establish the distribution of invasive non-native species within the development area and surrounding access routes.

Kind regards

Diana Reader

On Behalf of the Land Owners Group