

17<sup>th</sup> February 2016

The Planning Inspectorate  
FAO Mr M. Broderick, Examining Inspector  
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Bristol, BS1 6PN

Our ref: BFC – AFP015  
Your ref: EN020016

Dear Mr Broderick

**Re: Application by Western Power Distribution (South Wales) for an  
Order Granting Development Consent for the Brechfa Forest Connection**

With reference to the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing of the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and the Issue Specific Hearing on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 we like to inform you of the following.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 we had a Head of Terms meeting with Mr Paul Clough and his colleague, our land agent Mr Chester Master and Mr Iwan Jones from BJP in an advisory capacity. We discussed the contents of the Head of Terms and Freedom informed us that they would present this to WPD.

Since this meeting Mr Chester Master has send to Freedom/WPD an amended version of the Head of Terms. Freedom has acknowledged receipt of this, but since then we have heard absolutely nothing.

We have been informed by Iwan Jones of BJP that Bruton Knowles has changed their position on the demised area they want to use for construction. We are slightly optimistic that we are being listened to, finally. It is only by our contact with Mr Iwan Jones that we are kept updated of the developments.

We are still very worried that communication is not really taking place with us or Mr Chester Master.

We have been promised by Bruto Knowles that New HoTs would be issued together with new plans so we await these documents to appear, we cannot go forward before we receive these.

**Landowners Engagement Table 9.18.1**

We have been made aware in the last Landowners meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 that WPD has issued an updated Table. We have checked this table and are worried that the contents is not quite correct for our entry no. 63. It is stated: 7.12.15: “meeting conducted with Agent (Iwan Jones) by Bruton Knowles to review Agents objection to Hot’s”.

Iwan Jones is speaking for the group of Landowners, not for himself so the objections are not the Agent's ones, but the objection of the Landowners.

We have send our land agent Mr Iwan Jones a list of our individual needs with regards to completing the HOT's with WPD. This to make sure that the Head of Terms are to our individual needs on top of the generic document. So this is still in progress.

The Easement Strip at Lanclynadda is at lease 8 consecutive fields long. This spans a large area of our grazing/silage. We firstly do not want WPD to start construction till the crop of silage has been harvested for that year. Once the work is underway, stock will be denied access to these 8 fields, so no grazing can take place. We will have a loss of being able to feed our stock.

Secondly whilst working in the Easement strip and after completion of the works, the ground will have been considerable compacted. This results in poor grass growth and this strip will not be available for grazing by our stock. This will not only happen in the year that the construction is taking place but for 2 to 3 years after. We would WPD to take this into consideration.

As we are a working farm with livestock, when construction by WPD starts, we need reassurance from WPD/their contractors that in case an animal is able to go onto our neighbours farm because of opening of a hedgerow, there will be policies and measures in places to prevent this. We also need WPD to look at damage this can cause if an animal is a danger to its surroundings i.e. a straying on a road. Animal movement requirements of the Welsh Government need to be taken into considerable consideration and should really have a place in the DCO/Environmental Management Plan (risk assessment and surveys). To leave this in the hands of contractors would be inadequate.

With thanking you for your time and consideration,

Bryan and Yoka Kilkelly

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