

The Planning Inspectorate
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30th March 2016

Our ref BFC-AFP148/BFC and AFP015

Dear Mr Broderick

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

With regards to the deadline 7 of noon today, we would like to say a few final words about our engagement with WPD and their legal representatives in this whole process. It is our last chance to do this before you make a decision with regards to the erection of a connection line from the windmill development to the substation.

Since our last engagement with you for Dealine 6, neither we or our landagents have been able, still, to negotiate and establish a meaningful document for both parties to work with in order to enable WPD to erect the connection over our land. We are trying to engage and communicate with WPD and Freedom but have found a wall of silence and avoidance of action. We do not understand why this is happening. Our meeting with Freedom and our landagents on the 12th January 2016 was our last discussion with WPD's representatives, at which stage Mr Paul Clough voiced that he agreed with several of our requests. Despite this and the contact our Landagent is trying to establish, no word has been received from WPD.

We were under the impression that speed and efficiency would be the key elements in the negotiations especially when the Planning Inspectorate became involved and processes were to be headed forward in order to comply with planning regulations.

Our great concern is that WPD is holding back and after the planning decision is made, will rely on compulsory acquisition of our land. We have not been unreasonable and have always been open to negotiations, but also feel that contracts cannot be one sided.

In communication that Mr Iwan Jones has shared with all the land owners between him and the legal representative of WPD Bruton Knowles, it is indicated by Bruton Knowles that Mr Jones himself has demands and objections and he frequently is accused of voicing these. I can only emphasise that Mr Iwan Jones is representing a great number of landowners, who are people who have their livelihood from the land and as such are not knowledgeable about processes and procedures within land rights and legal matters. Mr Iwan Jones articulates our concern and objections, he is working on behalf of us. Mr Jones doesn't even live in this area and so has no involvement for himself.

We are still very worried about this non-engagement of WPD and their legal representatives and have shown willingness to negotiate. We live and work on this land and receive our livelihood and living income from this and need to protect our rights and duties. We also understand that in the public interest, major constructions need to be build in order to keep the lights on in Britain. Negotiation and willingness to understand the position of both parties has always been in the forefront of our minds, but we cannot agree with conditions that will take away our freedom and rights as humans.

We would also like to thank you and your team for all your work in this planning process. It requires a lot of attention to detail and judgement of a great number of processes. Your guidance and help has been very useful in understanding this planning process.

With regards,

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