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To: Brechfa Connection

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Subject: Submission in response to BK Letter of 4th April 2016 to Our Land Agent Mr I Jones, BJP

FAO: Mrs K King

Brechfa Forest Connection Project

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>> 4th April 2016

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>> Dear Katherine

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>> We would like to make a submission to the Examining Authority regarding the letter from BK sent to our Land Agent, Mr I Jones BJP on 4th April, reference NCWB/510854, which has been submitted to PINs.

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>> There is reference in the letter to the meetings held between WPD / BK and ourselves.

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>> We have previously provided to PINs copies of our correspondence to both WPD and BK which provides background to these meetings, but feel that at this final stage in the examination we must provide clear context to the meetings held.

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>> Reference is made to the meetings held with us in 2014, prior to the closure of Stage 3 Consultation. Reference is made to our Stage 3 submission where we confirm our appreciation that the Project Team had made every effort to engage with us. This is correct and is supported by our submission letter of 29th March 2016 at Deadline 7. WPD had our full co-operation at Stage 3 Consultation. We had an agreement in principal with WPD which we outlined in our Stage 3 Consultation submission. Had the submitted design reflected what had been discussed during consultation we would not have objected.

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>> Reference is made to the meeting on 22nd September 2015. The appointment for this meeting was made the day before, no context for the meeting was provided in advance. At this meeting we were presented with a HoTs document for signature and a plan which didn't reflect what we were expecting. We raised number of questions / issues / concerns and asked WPD to get back to us. We sent repeated letters requesting engagement following this meeting, all of which went unanswered.

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>> Reference is made to the meeting on 26th November 2015 with BK. We had hoped that this meeting would be an opportunity to discuss our concerns. BK arrived at the meeting without any background on our issues, we had to provide BK with a copy of our correspondence to WPD. BK were not familiar with the project. BK advised that they had not been engaged to discuss any matters relating to the design.

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>> From the meeting on 22nd September 2014 until the meeting with WPD to discuss our concerns, which was held on 4th March 2016, a period of over five months, no meaningful engagement was provided by WPD. During this period we made numerous requests for engagement which were met with instruction to us from BK to 'take our concerns up with the Examining Authority'.

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>> As confirmed in the correspondence we have submitted to PINs we consider the opening of engagement between us and WPD after the close of Stage 3 Consultation only took place at the meeting on 4th March 2016. The meeting on 4th March 2016 was the first opportunity we had to meet with WPD, which took place jointly with our neighbours. The meeting was constructive and provided all parties the opportunity to engage and fully understand the issues.

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>> It is regretful that WPD did not respond to our request for engagement following the meeting on 22nd September 2014.

>> Yours sincerely

>> Kevin & Diana Reader

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>> Sent from my iPad