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Dear Sir,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
(WALES) REGULATIONS 2017
FORMATION OF REVISED ACCESS TRACK BETWEEN TURBINES 5 & 6
(RETROSPECTIVE) AT LAND AT HENDY WIND FARM, LLANDRINDOD WELLS
POWYS LD1 5RP – APPLICATION 22/0419/FUL**

The Welsh Ministers have been asked to make a screening direction under the above regulations as to whether or not the above project should be subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA"). Once the issues have been considered and a screening direction issued it will be for Powys County Council to determine any associated planning application in the normal way.

It is now for the Welsh Ministers to consider whether the development is likely to have significant effects on the environment by taking into account the selection criteria in Schedule 3 of the 2017 Regulations and advice contained in Welsh Office Circular 11/99: Environmental Impact Assessment. In considering whether EIA is required we do not take account of the planning merits of the proposed development.



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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I attach a copy of advice that has been provided to the Welsh Ministers by Natural Resources Wales ("NRW") on whether or not EIA is required for the above application. NRW advise it has queries regarding the consideration given to Great Crested Newts, which were found in ponds within 300m of the access track. The detailed concerns are contained in the "Protected Species" section of NRW's letter.

To inform the Welsh Ministers' screening assessment can you please provide information, which responds to the matters raised by NRW by 1 February 2023, or sooner if possible.

If the information required is not available then the Welsh Ministers will make a screening direction based on the information before them.

Yours faithfully,



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