

PLANNING SITE VISITS

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th December, 2013

PRESENT:	Councillor W T Hughes (Chair) Councillors Lewis Davies, Jeff Evans, Ann Griffith, John Griffith, Ken Hughes, Vaughan Hughes, Victor Hughes, Richard O. Jones, Nicola Roberts
IN ATTENDANCE:	Development Management Team Leader (NJ) Administrative Assistant/Committee Officer (SC)
APOLOGIES:	Councillor K P Hughes Local Members: Councillors Alun Mummery, Jim Evans, R Meirion Jones

41C125B/EIA/RE - Full application for the erection of three 800kW - 900kW wind turbines with a maximum hub height of up to 55m, rotor diameter of up to 52m and a maximum upright vertical tip height of up to 81m, the improvements to the existing access to the A5025 road together with the erection of 3 equipment housing cabinets on land at Bryn Eryr Uchaf, Menai Bridge

The Planning and Orders Committee held on 4th December, 2013, recommended that a site visit be carried out at the above. The site was viewed from several different locations to see the potential visual impact the development would have on the surrounding area.

A visit was undertaken at Cae Isaf to view the site from this location. The Planning Development Manager Team Leader explained that the applicant proposed to improve access to the site, as the present access is not wide enough to accommodate heavy machinery. She showed Members a location plan of the proposal. She explained that the farm track leading to the site would need to be over 2.7km in length and to 5m wide and would run along the boundaries. A construction compound would be sited at Cae Isaf which would provide facilities for workers. It is anticipated that the wind farm would take 6 months to construct.

Members raised questions about the height of the proposed turbines in relation to existing turbines at Ysgellog, Ty Gwyn, Penmynydd and the BBC mast at Llanddona.

Members viewed the location from an elevated position close to the A5025 Menai Bridge to Amlwch road. The Team Leader showed Members the site of a Roman enclosure which has been assessed as part of the submitted documents.

The site was viewed from Bryn Eryr and Bryn Eryr Uchaf. The Planning Team Leader explained that the turbines would be sited on Cae Isaf land and that the tracks would continue from Bryn Eryr/Bryn Eryr Uchaf before crossing a public footpath to open fields. She explained that the nearest dwelling to the site was Rhyd

y Delyn Fawr, 800m away, followed by Llwyn Ysgaw and Ty Gwyn. The nearest village to the proposed site is Rhosecfnhir.

The following sites were visited from observation points on a circular route:-

A viewpoint on the A5025 at Rhos Owen; an elevated position at Llys Yscaw, Rhoscefnhir; Rhyd y Delyn Fawr; Eglwys St Gredifael and Neuadd Lwyd and Ty Gwyn, Penmynydd . The Team Leader handed out scale plans, photo montages and scaled illustrations. She pointed out the location of pylons close to the proposed site; Penmynydd mast, Ty Gwyn, Yr Orsedd and the television mast at Llanddona.

**COUNCILLOR W T HUGHES
CHAIR**