

## Appendix 5

Countryside Council for Wales consultation response to planning application  
reference no: P2012/1061



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**For the attention of Mr Chris Davies**

Dear Mr White

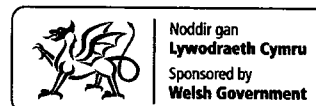
**PROPOSAL: EMERGENCY BACKUP STOR (SHORT TERM OPERATING RESERVE) COMPOUND TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL GRID WITH ASSOCIATED SWITCHGEAR AND BOUNDARY TREATMENTS.  
LOCATION: LAND REAR OF, UNIT 6A D'ARCY BUSINESS PARK, LLANDARCY, NEATH, SA10 6EJ**

Thank you for your email dated 27 November 2012 regarding the above consultation.

In discharging its functions under Section 130 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 the Countryside Council for Wales (CCW) champions the environment and landscapes of Wales and its coastal waters as sources of natural and cultural riches, as a foundation for economic and social activity, and as a place for leisure and learning opportunities. CCW aims to make the environment a valued part of everyone's life in Wales.

**CCW does not object to the proposal. In our opinion, as explained below, the proposal is not likely to adversely affect any of the interests listed.**

Thank you for the submission of the report entitled Air Quality Report entitled 'Peak Gen Power Plant: Llandarcy 22MW - Air Quality Impact Assessment', conducted by Amec, dated January 2011, and the information provided in the email entitled 'P2012/1061 STOR compound Llandarcy Query', dated 3 December 2012 by Andrew Hyndman.



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### **Crymlyn Bog Special Area of Conservation (SAC)/Ramsar Site**

Based on the information presented in the Air Quality Report, CCW is satisfied that aerial emissions from this proposal are not likely to give rise to significant effects on the Crymlyn Bog SAC and Ramsar site. Therefore, an Appropriate Assessment is not required under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010.

However, for your own record, we advise that your authority carry out a Test of Likely Significant Effect (TLSE) for this proposal.

We have not considered possible effects on all species and habitats listed in section 42 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006, or on the Local Biodiversity Action Plan and other local interests. To comply with your authority's duty under section 40 of the NERC act, to have regard to conserving biodiversity, your decision should take account of possible adverse effects on such interests. We recommend that you seek further advice from your authority's internal ecological adviser and/or nature conservation organizations such as the local Wildlife Trust, RSPB, etc. The Wales Biodiversity Partnership's web site has guidance for assessing proposals that have implications for section 42 habitats and species ([www.biodiversitywales.org.uk](http://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk)).

**To conclude, CCW does not object to the proposal.**

If you require any further information, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely

  
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