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Town and Country Planning Act 1990 The Developments of National Significance (Wales) Regulations 2016 Application by : Elgin Energy EsCo Ltd Site Address : Wauntysswg Farm, Abertysswg, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5BQ

The appointed Inspector, Melissa Hall BA(Hons), BTP, MSc, MRTPI, has asked me to contact the above parties regarding this DNS application. This communication will also be published and sent to interested parties for information. This communication constitutes official notification of multiple important matters related to this DNS application. Please read the following information in its entirety. If anything is unclear, please contact us. This should be treated as:

- 1. Notice under Section 62L(5) of the 1990 Act of suspension of the determination period.**
- 2. A formal request under Regulation 15(2) of the DNS Regulations for further information from the parties named in the relevant section.**

On [20 September 2018](#) the applicant's agent contacted the Planning Inspectorate to raise the fact that they wish to submit additional information to respond to matters raised in the Local Impact Reports (LIRs) submitted by the relevant Local Planning Authorities (LPAs).

This letter was reviewed by the Inspector, who asked an officer of the Inspectorate to telephone the applicant's agent to request more details about the further information the applicant wanted the Inspector to consider. The agent subsequently submitted a further letter on [26 September](#) and a follow up e-mail on [28 September](#).

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The Inspector has now reviewed this correspondence, and has decided that the following steps are necessary to inform her examination of the application, and ensure that no party is prejudiced.

- The examination should be suspended to allow further information to be requested and submitted.
- The relevant LPAs are to submit clarifications regarding their LIRs.
- The applicant is to submit the further information outlined in the letters referred to above.
- Cadw and the relevant LPAs will be consulted on the further information.
- In parallel with the consultation with Cadw and the relevant LPAs, the further information will be published, and a press notice and correspondence to interested parties will confirm that they have the opportunity to submit representations on the further information.

The agent has suggested that the issues raised in the LIRs may undermine the examination. The Inspector will take a view on this once the relevant clarifications have been received. If for any reason it is then necessary to suspend the examination for a further period or deviate from the steps outlined in this communication, we will contact the relevant parties again.

The Inspector has also confirmed that currently she is satisfied that this examination can continue via written representations. However, if it subsequently becomes necessary to hold one or more hearing and/or inquiry sessions, we will contact the relevant parties.

1. Notice under 62L(5) of the 1990 Act of suspension of the determination period

The Inspector considers it appropriate to suspend the determination of the application to allow time for the steps outlined above and detailed below to be undertaken.

I hereby suspend the determination period for this application by a period of **12 weeks**, *i.e* the determination period will resume on **28 December 2018**.

2. Formal request under Regulation 15(2) of the DNS Regulations for further information from the following parties:

Caerphilly County Borough Council

Please provide clarification on whether your LIR was based on the application as submitted (in reference to the concerns expressed in paragraph 2 of the agent's letter of 26 September 2018). Specifically:

- i. Why does Map 2 appended to the LIR not correspond to the application as submitted?
- ii. Please confirm which version of the applicant's Landscape and Visual Appraisal the LIR is based on.
- iii. Is there a rationale for the fact that the LIR does not address the scheme in terms of the Caerphilly Local Development Plan policies and/or key objectives on climate change and renewable energy.

You should respond no later than one week from the date of this notice (12 October 2018). Your response will be published and all parties will be notified that it is available to view.

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

Please provide clarification on whether your LIR was based on the application version of the Baseline Heritage Impact Assessment (in reference to the concerns raised on page 2 of the agent's letter of 26 September 2018).

You should respond no later than 1 week from the date of this notice (12 October 2018). Your response will be published and all parties will be notified that it is available to view.

Elgin Energy EsCO Ltd (the applicant)

Please provide addendums to the following documents, which addresses the issues raised in your agent's letter of 26 September 2018.

- Landscape and Visual Appraisal
- Baseline Heritage Impact Assessment

The submissions should take the form of addendums to the original versions that make it clear what has been updated.

The deadline for submission of these documents has been set so as to allow the applicant to review the clarifications submitted by the relevant LPAs. The scope of the addendums that will be accepted is limited to addressing any matter which was not raised by the relevant LPA before the LIR stage, or to addressing any confirmed inaccuracy in the relevant application submissions.

You should submit these addendums to the Inspectorate no later than 5 weeks from the date of this notice (**9 November 2018**).

3. Details of proposed next steps

After being reviewed by the Inspector, these addendums will then be sent to the relevant LPAs (Blaenau Gwent CBC and Caerphilly CBC) and to Cadw. These parties will be required to submit comments on the addendums produced by the applicant. At this stage we will write to parties and confirm if there are any specific matters the Inspector needs them to address, or if it is open to them to address any matter in the addendums.

At the same time as sending the addendums to those parties, we will publish a notice in the press and write to any other interested party that we have previously contacted about this application to confirm that further material has now been submitted, and we will accept representations relating to that new material which is submitted within 3 weeks of the publication of the press notice.

If you have any queries regarding the steps outlined in this communication, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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