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(via email)

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Dyddiad / Date: 19 October 2017

CC: *Bridgend CBC*  
*Natural Resources Wales*

Dear Mr Lewis

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990**  
**The Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016**  
**Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales)**  
**Regulations 2017**

**Potential DNS Application**

**Site Address:** Land to the north of Felindre Road, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5HU

**Proposed Development:** Temporary installation of a gas powered energy plant [Short Term Operational Reserve (STOR)] circa 40 MW [20 x 2MW generators]

I refer to your request, made under regulation 31(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017 ("the Regulations"), for the Welsh Ministers to make a screening direction as to whether or not the development proposed is "EIA development" within the meaning of the Regulations.

The Planning Inspectorate is authorised by the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs to provide that screening direction.

The project, as described above, falls within the description at paragraph 3(a) in column 1 of the table in Schedule 2 to the Regulations. It does not exceed the relevant threshold in column 2 of that table. It does not lie within a Sensitive Area as defined by the regulations.

As the proposal is a DNS, I have completed a screening assessment (attached) which identifies the key areas which have been considered. Having taken into account the selection criteria in Schedule 3 to the Regulations and the advice in Welsh Office Circular 11/99: Environmental Impact Assessment on establishing whether EIA is required, the assessment concludes that:

*The revised proposal for gas fuelled electricity generation in this location falls below the relevant threshold in Schedule 2 of the 2017 EIA Regs. The matters which caused concern*

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*in the previous assessment have been addressed by the change in fuel from dual fuel generators to gas fuelled generators. As is standard in STOR proposals, the installation would only be operational for limited periods, so operational effects will be for limited duration / sporadic in frequency. This project is unlikely to have any significant effects in terms of the 2017 EIA Regulations.*

Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Regulations and the authority referred to above, the Welsh Ministers hereby direct that the development subject of this appeal **is not EIA development** within the meaning of the Regulations.

My opinion on the likelihood of this development having significant effects is reached for the purposes of this direction.

In accordance with the Regulations you this screening direction should be placed on Part 1 of the Planning Register in relation to the application in question.

I am copying this letter to the Local Planning Authority and NRW.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely

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