
From: [Redacted] *Contact details removed*
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2012 10:16 PM
To: Brechfa Forest West
Subject: IPC Ref No EN010008 - BRECHFA FOREST WEST - Comments on draft DCO

Dear Mr Macey,

Brechfa Forest West Windfarm: IPC Reference Number EN010008

URN: [Redacted] *Reference number re...*

Please find attached my comments on the Examining Authority's draft DCO for the above application.

Yours sincerely,

Lynette Morris

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BRECHFA FOREST WEST WINDFARM

IPC REFERENCE NUMBER: EN010008

Comments on draft DCO from Lynette Morris URN: Reference number r...

Dear Mr Macey,

My response to the draft DCO will be encapsulated in the Grwp Blaengwen submission but I feel it necessary to make a personal response on the issue of 'noise'.

Whilst I am pleased that the overall noise limits have been restricted to 43 dB (night) and 40 dB (day), I am distressed that no conditions for excess AM have been added.

I have taken evenings and weekends to study and respond to this application as carefully and appropriately as I could. Over the summer I've used a week of my annual leave to attend the hearings because this matter is so important to me. I believed the IPC/Inspectorate process would take full account of the facts of mine, and others' lives since 2009.

I have told you that my sleep began to be damaged and interrupted as soon as the wind changed after the Statkraft /Alltwalis turbines became operational in October 2009, and that I co-operated as fully as possible with Carmarthenshire County Council and the developer's agents, including sound engineers. The problem persists. I close windows I'd rather keep open, change bedrooms or sleep downstairs. I worry if I have to drive, say across England, after too little sleep. Statkraft say their turbines are operating within planning conditions; Carmarthenshire County Council has accepted this and we have no redress.

I, and we, thought this had happened because in 2005/6/7, while the Statkraft application was being processed by Carmarthenshire Council, no-one realised turbine noise would be such a problem. Now we are in the position that everyone concerned in this current application knows what a problem turbine noise already is in Gwyddgrug, and yet, it appears, planning conditions could still be set which take no account of excessive amplitude modulation, and are unclear on the resolution of noise problems that might arise after the RWE turbines become operational.

If RWE is allowed to build its turbines with such conditions as in the draft DCO, it is certain that problems will arise, because they are there even with 10 turbines. I fear that if this development goes ahead without appropriate restrictions or clauses for respite, we will be subjected to the torture of sleep deprivation for over 25 years, for me a life sentence.

I am asking you, please, to take full account of the existing turbine noise situation, and set new planning conditions accordingly, to ensure that there is provision in the DCO for us to be afforded some actual and legal protection against a similar set of circumstances occurring should the Brechfa Forest West application be approved.

I hope it's not too late for you to do this, and beg that you will.

Yours sincerely,

Lynette Morris

From: [REDACTED] Contact details removed
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2012 10:34 PM
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Dear Mr Macey,

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As you know I am extremely concerned about the noise issues that are likely to occur with the Brechfa Forest West windfarm application, and have e-mailed separately with my comments on the Examining Authority's draft DCO for the application. I am not alone with my fears, neither in Wales, nor across the UK or even across the world. I would draw your attention to the attached please, which I received after I sent my comments – please could this document be attached to my submission.

Yours sincerely,

Lynette Morris

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WIND ~~X~~ FOR COMMON SENSE

STONY GAP WIND FARM KNOCKED BACK

A decision to refuse a wind farm at Stony Gap because of community health concerns is a “win for common sense”, Independent Senator for South Australia Nick Xenophon says.

The Regional Council of Goyder Development Assessment Panel last night refused to approve a 41 turbine TRUenergy wind farm at Stony Gap.

“More research needs to be done into the health impacts of wind farms and at last we have some recognition of that with this decision,” Nick said.

“This really is a common sense issue. When so many people have come forward and said their health is suffering and they believe it is linked to wind farms, we have to investigate.”

“When independent experts have measured ‘infrasound’ or low frequency noise coming from wind farms this is a serious issue. The scientific evidence shows that low frequency noise does affect brain activity and can severely affect people’s sleep patterns.”

Senator Xenophon said the Regional Council of Goyder Development Assessment Panel should be applauded for its decision, and said he had warned other Councils that they were liable for the actions of their Development Assessment Panels.

“I have been advised that the individual members of the DAP and the Council may face liability for the creation of a public nuisance and the negligent discharge of their public duties.”

Senator Xenophon said it was particularly important Councils and DAPs take into consideration that the South Australian Environmental Protection Authority’s Wind Farm Noise Guidelines 2009 do not account for low frequency noise.

“I am personally aware of numerous affected land holders who are taking legal advice about pursuing substantial damages claims primarily in the tort of nuisance against those who have created, authorised or permitted the generation of excessive noise so as to prevent those persons from the usual enjoyment of their homes and properties,” Nick said.

“Last night’s decision was a significant turning point in this debate and ultimately a win for common sense.”

Senator Xenophon said the decision should also focus public attention on the economics of wind farms. “The problem with wind energy is that it can never replace coal powered energy because it’s not reliable enough for base-load power. The billions being spent on wind energy take away from investment in base-load renewable energies such as geothermal and tidal energy.”

Last month Senator Xenophon co-sponsored a bill in the Senate along with Victorian DLP Senator John Madigan that would restrict Government subsidies for wind farms unless potential health impacts were dealt with first.