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Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) ('The 1990 Act')
The Developments of National Significance (Wales) Regulations 2016 (as amended) ('The DNS Regulations')
The Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016 (as amended) ('The DNS Procedure Order')

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As you are aware, the appointed Inspector has decided that a further "virtual" Hearing Session will be held on 29 June 2021, commencing on 10.00am. The purpose and scope of the Hearing Session was set out in the previous letter dated 31 March 2021, together with a list of key event timings (Annex B to that letter) intended to assist and guide participants through the process.

The Inspector has reviewed the process set out in Annex B and concluded that it involves unnecessary repetition. The Applicant has made formal submissions in relation to the Welsh Government's recent waste-related pronouncements culminating in its Strategic assessment for the future need for energy from waste capacity in the three economic regions of Wales and the need figures replacing those in the CIM Sector Plan 2012. The Applicant has also provided additional information requested concerning the dormouse and bat roosting potential issues identified during Hearing Session 3.

The period for any representations from other parties concerning this new information is currently underway. Having reviewed the revised Waste Planning Assessment and the additional Environmental Statement information concerning dormice and bat-roosting potential the Inspector has decided that it is not necessary to seek further written submissions from the applicant on these matters in advance of Hearing 5.

Similarly, any written representations from the other parties concerning the Applicant's latest submissions will also serve as that party's pre-hearing submission. The Applicant will continue to have the opportunity to provide a written response to the latest other-party representations, should the Applicant wish.

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To accommodate the above the revised arrangements the revised timeline is now as follows:

Deadline for representations in response to the Applicant's submissions	Thursday 10 June 2021
Applicant's response to other parties' representations	Thursday 24 June 2021
Hearing Session 5	Tuesday 29 June 2021

I attach the Hearing Session 5 agenda setting out the main areas for discussion, with approximate timings to assist those attending in connection with particular topics.

The Inspector also wishes to draw attention at this stage to one particular matter that he wishes to explore at the forthcoming Hearing Session, concerning the WRATE analysis of carbon emissions savings compared with an equivalent tonnage of waste going to landfill over the operational life of the proposed ERF. The WRATE analysis (Document 10 Appendix 2) states "The findings show a CO2 equivalent saving of the Môr Hafren ERF operation of 46,307 tonnes per annum compared to landfilling the waste (ie 45,917,696 kg + 390,396 kg). This benefit is primarily derived from the avoided methane from the landfill alternative option, plus a small net carbon benefit from low carbon energy recovery." The finding appears to be predicated on an assumption that the proposed ER feedstock would have the same methane-generating potential if it were to go to landfill as the "co-collected trade waste" waste stream (a mix of commercial and household waste) used in WRATE.

The Inspector wishes to know what evidence concerning the respective compositions of co-collected trade waste and the residual commercial and industrial waste which the proposed ERF would target supports this assumption (and therefore the overall calculation as to comparative carbon performance).

The Inspector considers that it would be helpful if the Applicant could provide a concise written response to this matter. Could this please be provided in advance of the hearing discussion along with the response to other party representations (i.e. by Thursday 24 June).

Finally, the Local Planning Authority is reminded of its undertaking, following the discussion of potential conditions at Hearing Session 4, to provide an updated agreed schedule of suggested conditions to be imposed, should planning permission be granted. Again, the Inspector requests that this be provided no later than Thursday 24 June.

If you need further clarification on any of the above matters, please let me know.

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