Reference: Lluest y Gwynt Wind Farm Ltd

Inception Meeting: Lluest y Gwynt Wind Farm, near Ponterwyd, Ceredigion

Thursday 26th September 2019 at 11:00 – 13:00

Room 2.10
Welsh Government Offices, Cathays Park,
King Edward VII Avenue, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ

Attendees:

David Bell – Planning Consultant
Michael Phillips – Principal Consultant, Lead Designer and
Environmental Impact Assessment Coordinator
Dafydd Williams – Principal Development Contact for Eco 2

The Planning Inspectorate (PINS):

Chris Sweet – Planning Officer
Gemma James - Assistant Planning Officer

Alan Groves – Welsh Government

Meeting Note

The Planning Inspectorate Wales (the Inspectorate) met with the above representatives regarding a potential wind farm development located near Ponterwyd in Ceredigion.

A brief overview of the scheme was provided and the developer's representatives outlined the work that had been done so far.

Some details have not yet been finalised. The scale of the turbine is anticipated to be between 118m and 220m from base to blade tip. The minimum per-turbine output is likely to be 4.2 MW but could be up to 6MW. Should larger turbines be used, the number of turbines will likely decrease.

The focus of the discussion was mainly procedural, focussing on the various timescales described in the Inspectorate's procedural guidance, the associated fees and the requirements for public consultation, including best practice approaches. It was also highlighted that the National Development Framework is

due to be adopted next year, the developer should be mindful that this will impact the proposed development.

The developers advised that work on an environmental impact assessment remains ongoing and is anticipated to be finalised by October 2020.

The developer's representatives confirmed that they would likely seek a Scoping Direction from the Inspectorate once they are in a position to do so and there was some discussion as to how the developers might best formulate such a request.