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Via email

Dyddiad / Date: 19 May 2020

Dear Mr Roden

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

**Potential DNS Application by:** Harbour Energy

**Site Address:** Talwrn, Wrexham

**Proposed Development:** Gas peaking plant with a capacity of 49.5MW

On 23 April 2020, the Planning Inspectorate received a 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 Welsh Ministers to provide that screening direction.

The project, as described above, falls within the description at paragraph 3(i) in column 1 of the table in Schedule 2 to the Regulations and exceeds the applicable threshold in column 2 of that table.

As the proposal is a potential Development of National Significance (DNS) application, the attached screening assessment 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 proposal for a gas peaking plant with associated infrastructure is sited adjacent to the Legacy Substation north of Rhosllanerchrugog, Wrexham. The main impacts are likely to be visual (including setting of heritage assets), on air quality and in terms of noise. However, I am satisfied that none of these effects alone or in combination are likely to be significant enough to warrant EIA. I recommend that it be directed that this potential DNS application does not constitute EIA development.*

Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Regulation 4 of the Regulations and the authority referred to above, the Welsh Ministers hereby direct that the potential DNS **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.

I am copying this letter to the Cadw and NRW, as well as the Local Planning Authority, so that this screening direction is placed on Part 1 of the Planning Register in relation to the application in question, in accordance with the Regulations.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely

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