

Strategic Planning Policy - Consultation Response

Case Officer:

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Policy Officer:

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Site Address:

Hafoty Ucha Wind Farm, Bryn Ffynnon, Llangwm, Conwy

Description:

Erection of 4 no. replacement wind turbines at Hafoty Ucha wind farm.

Response:

There is no specific local policy guidance, as yet, for such a scenario, however the draft SPG on Onshore Wind Turbine Development offers more than what is in the LDP. However, significant weight should be given to the fact that there is an existing medium-scale wind farm on site. The development, due to the scale of output is classed as a small scale as per policy NTE/7 point 3, however the policy is not directed at situations of replacement of units and assessment against this policy will result in a departure from LDP policy. It is considered that the proportionality for the farm divarication does not apply in this case on the basis of it being an existing wind farm.

As the development involves a replacement of similar turbines on the same siting then there is no objection in principle subject to the case officer's assessment of planning considerations particularly of additional noise impact and landscape visual impact from the additional height. Also suitable conditioning for the lifespan of the units and decommissioning will be needed. The location of one turbine is within an SLA however, again, as it is existing then there is no objection in principle and it will be the intention to amend the SLA to omit the turbine location in order to maintain the weight in decision making within and defending the SLAs elsewhere.

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Relevant Policies:

Development Principles DP/1, DP/2, DP/4, DP/5, DP/6

Natural Environment NTE/1, NTE/3, NTE/7

Cultural Heritage CTH/1

SPGs LDP17 On-Shore Wind Turbine Development

National Guidance Planning Policy Wales

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