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Our ref: CAS-20416-H6K5
Your ref: 315110 & 3151112

Date: 24 June 2016

For the Attention of Miss Kym Scott

Dear Miss Scott

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1999 (AS AMENDED)

Planning appeal ref. 3151110 & 3151112: Proposed development of photovoltaic panels and associated works, including inverter housings, access tracks, security fencing and cameras.

Thank you for your letter dated 23 June 2016 requesting Natural Resources Wales (NRW) views on whether the above proposed developments are likely to have a significant environmental effect.

NRW were consulted on the planning applications which are now subject to Appeal. Our responses to the Planning Applications and on subsequent documentation submitted following the Planning Decision are attached for your information.

With respect to your request for advice on:

* Any environmental effects the developments may have with regards to flooding, and whether you consider that any of those effects would be likely to be significant.

We reviewed the applications in relation to their location within Zone C1 flood zone, associated with TAN15 Development and Flood Risk (July 2004). The applications were supported by Flood Consequences Assessments which we considered to be acceptable. As such, we do not consider there would likely to be significant effects.

* Any environmental effects the developments may have with regards to the River Dee SSSI, and whether you consider that any of those effects would be likely to be significant

We reviewed the applications in relation to their proximity to the River Dee designations. The information as submitted at the planning application stage highlighted significant concerns. However, subsequent to the Planning Decision, NRW received further information from the applicant/appellant. Upon review of this information, NRW considered that the proposals would not affect the conservation objectives, ecological integrity or functionality of the designations. NRW' assessment considered both direct and indirect impacts during construction, operation and de-commissioning phases of the scheme. As such, should the revised Ecological Reports form part of any future planning permission for the proposals, we do not consider there would likely to be significant effects.

Yours sincerely

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