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Ein Cyf/Our ref: qA1031866  
Eich Cyf/Your ref: P/2012/0216  
Dyddiad/Date: 28 January 2013

Dear Sir,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 78  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)  
(ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1999 (AS AMENDED)  
PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF 5 WIND TURBINES AT SPRING HILL FARM,  
SELATTYN, OSWESTRY**

I refer to the appeal made to the Welsh Ministers on 21 August 2012 by Quiet Revolution against the refusal of your Council to grant planning permission for the above development.

As part of the appeal process the Welsh Ministers consider it appropriate for them to come to their own conclusion as to whether the development proposal is EIA development and provide a screening direction in that respect.

I am authorised by the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development to provide that screening direction.

The development proposed, namely *“Proposed Development of 5 x 5kW horizontal axis wind turbines of up to 25 metres”*, falls within the description at paragraph 3(i) of Schedule 2 to the 1999 Regulations and exceeds the threshold in column 2 of the table in that Schedule.

On the information before me, and having taken into account the criteria in Schedule 3 to the 1999 Regulations and the guidance in Welsh Office Circular 11/99, I do not consider that the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of factors such as its nature, size or location.

Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred by Regulation 9(1) of the 1999 Regulations (as amended) and the authority referred to in paragraph 3 above, I hereby direct that the development the subject of the appeal is not "EIA development" within the meaning of the 1999 Regulations (as amended).

You will bear in mind that my opinion on the likelihood of this development having significant effects is reached only for the purposes of this direction.

Under Regulation 20(1) of the 1999 Regulations (as amended) you should take steps to secure that this screening direction is placed on Part 1 of the Planning Register in relation to the application in question. I would be grateful if you could do so to ensure that the Welsh Ministers' view is publicly available.

I am copying this letter to the Planning Inspectorate and the appellant.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S M Jones', with a horizontal line underneath.

**S M JONES**  
Deputy Head  
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Signed under authority of the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development,  
one of the Welsh Ministers.