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Dear Ms Dallmeier

The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999 – Regulation 10 Request for Scoping Opinion

Site: Wear Point, Llandstadwell, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire

Proposal: Wind Farm

Thank you for sending us a Scoping Report with regard to a proposed planning application for a wind farm at Wear Point, Llandstadwell, Milford Haven. We apologise for the delay in responding but we have been waiting for responses from interested parties that unfortunately have not been forthcoming to date.

With regard to the responses we have received, we would summarise them as follows:

	Organisation	Summary of comments
1	Civil Aviation Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental Statement would need to acknowledge the impact upon airport-related activities;• Possible installation of aviation lighting;• Colour of turbines and alignment with international criteria;• Requirement to register development on aviation maps;• Regional wind turbine development plan required;• Perspectives of the Ministry of Defence and NATS required.
2	Countryside Council for	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Impact of the development on the Milford Haven Waterway Site of Special Scientific



	Wales	<p>Interest (SSSI) and the Pembrokeshire marine Special Area of Conservation required for the assessment;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The boundary of the SSSI is not the mean high water mark of ordinary tides; • Potential impact from cabling/construction needs to be assessed; • A licence and conservation scheme would be required if European protected species are present; • A visual impact assessment will be required because of the potential impact on the National Park; • There should be reference to the Register of Historic Landscapes in Wales; • There should be reference to the impact on the Biodiversity Action Plan, under section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006; • There should be reference to the Pembrokeshire Coast National Trail.
3	Dyfed Archaeological Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomes the reference to the requirement for an archaeological desk-based assessment; • Concurs with the need to assess the development and the impact on the Historic Landscape of Milford Haven Waterway.
4	Environment Agency Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The developer must undertake a preliminary survey of water resources; • A Preliminary Risk Assessment should be undertaken with regard to contamination; • Pollution risks from construction should be assessed, for example access routes and surface water arrangements; • Any Environmental Impact Assessment should have regard to the ecological impact of construction and assessed with regard to nature conservation interests; • The impact on water resources must be assessed and licences sought where appropriate.
5	Defence Estates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defence establishments at Hartland Point and Manorbier would not be affected; • Aviation lighting should be fitted on the turbines; • The organisation would need to be consulted in the event of any scheme amendments; • Precise details about blade tip height and grid references required.
6	Pembrokeshire County Council (Pollution)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise and vibration: (i) noise receptors should be evenly distributed using DTI guidance; (ii) noise receptors should have regard to

	Control)	<p>outside noise levels; (iii) there should be night-time and day-time noise levels; (iv) noise contour map required; (v) regard to noise travelling over water; (vi) assess flicker and rotational noise;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation should include householders on both sides of the Haven; • In the terminology, "significance" should be calculated and defined; • Land is potentially contaminated but (i) there is no reference to this; (ii) contamination needs to be identified and what remedial work is required; (iii) appropriate consultants should be used in liaison with the local planning authority; • List of possible conditions on any decision notice.
7	Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about the visual impact on amenities; • View points from the Haven waterway required; • Impact of electromagnetic interference on microwave communications needs to be assessed.

Copies of the relevant correspondence is attached for your information. Unfortunately, we have not had a response from the following organisations:

- Cadw (Schedule Ancient Monuments)
- Health and Safety Executive
- Milford Haven Port Authority
- Ofcom
- Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales
- Wildlife Trust of South West Wales

With regard to the response from the local planning authority, our opinion of the Scoping Report is that it broadly addresses the issues for inclusion in the Environmental Statement. In addition, we would add the following comments.

Landscape character and visual impact

As you are aware, we have been in discussion with you and your colleague Anne Priscott concerning landscape matters. It is important that we have an agreed methodology for the assessment in the Environmental Statement.

We note that you refer to a visual study area of 20 kilometres (paragraph 3.37) and a cumulative impact study area of 30 kilometres (paragraph 3.38). We would suggest that these study areas would need to be drawn more widely, in particular having regard to the extensive views available

across the county from the Preseli Mountains in the north. The mountains are, of course, in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and there are many public vantage points affording views to the south (for example, along the B4329). In addition, we would suggest that viewpoints from the waterway should be addressed, notwithstanding the technical difficulties of producing objective documentation here. Any visual assessment should also have regard to, inter alia, the appropriate use of contextual and objective illustrations of the development, the appropriate manner of their presentation to the local planning authority and members of the public, and having an agreed methodology that allows correct and impartial decisions to be based on them.

Noise and vibration

The County Council's Pollution Control and Licensing Officer has commented on your application. A key issue that will need to be addressed is the impact of noise on urban areas in the vicinity and possible mitigation measures.

Health and safety

It is particularly disappointing that we have not had a response from the Health and Safety Executive to the Scoping Report. We will forward any information to you as and when it becomes available.

This issue will be clearly be important in determining the proposed planning application and thus a robust assessment of this issue would be required, having regard to Policy 107 (Hazardous installations) of the Joint Unitary Development Plan for Pembrokeshire.

Other issues

We note that there is reference to the terminology for classifying the significance of environmental impact in Section 6. We would note that this should be used as appropriate for measuring the impact of the development on certain interests of acknowledged importance, such as archaeology.

We would, therefore, conclude that the Scoping Report addresses what the main effects the development are likely to have, provided that the above matters are expanded and/or elaborated as appropriate.

If you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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Enclosed