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To

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Subject

Re: Power lines from Garreg Lwyd

Steve,

Thank you for the information on the Grid Indicative Route associated with the proposed Garreg Lwyd windfarm.

The AONB Partnership has already lodged an objection to this windfarm application itself on the basis of the indirect impacts on the AONB's landscape, and in accordance with the Position below in the AONB Management Plan 2009-14 approved on 19 March 2009 by Shropshire Council:

**AONB PARTNERSHIP POSITION 9 Land within 5km of the AONB boundary is unsuitable for large scale windfarm development, and should be excluded from any Search Areas.**

The definition of 'large' in respect of this Position is that used by TAN 8, i.e. developments of 25MW and over.

The proposed power supply from the windfarm runs partly through the AONB and immediately adjacent to it down the upper Teme valley. This adds, through the associated infrastructure, a further negative impact on the AONB in addition to that already associated with the proposed development itself. **The AONB Partnership would hereby wish its objection to the windfarm application to encompass an objection to the proposed Grid Indicative Route.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Phil Holden

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