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Dear Gwilym.

Please find attached RWT comments on the Hendy Windfarm recent additional information (I'll submit the comments through the portal as well if it'll let me).

Hope you had a good Christmas break!

Kind regards,
Katie

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Dear Mr Davies,

Objection to Hendy Windfarm, application number P/2014/0672

Radnorshire Wildlife Trust (RWT) wishes to object to the proposed installation of seven wind turbines at Hendy, Llandegley.

Our objection is in view of statements made in the Additional information provided by ADAS dated 24th March 2015, in response to selected submissions to the planning application.

RWT is highly concerned by the statement made by ADAS that local records collated by 'Birds of Radnorshire' is largely irrelevant to the proposal. Casual records, verified by county recorders, are highly valuable in forming a local context of wildlife activity, particularly for elusive species. Casual records are commonly the trigger for formal surveys conducted using recognised standards be that for planning applications or conservation projects. To dismiss local records as irrelevant to the proposal degrades and removes information necessary to inform the application.

The comments made by ADAS indicate only data generated by the View Point surveys have been used to inform appropriate responses within the Environmental Statement for goshawk and breeding red kite. Goshawk are known to breed in Radnor Forest and this local knowledge requires further consideration.

It is essential that mitigation to minimise disturbance of Curlew, as a protected, mobile species breeding in the application area, is incorporated into proposed operations.

RWT questions the statement made in view of starling roosts being well known to be transitory. There are numerous long established starling roosts across the UK which contradicts this remark. The roost is significant and ADAS surveys suggests collision risk is low due to flight routes into the site observations of flocking occurring below turbine sweep height. As collision risk is assessed as low further action, such as felling of the plantation is considered inappropriate for what is a valuable local wildlife feature.

Extensive habitat restoration and biodiversity gain within the application site and Llandegley Rhos is strongly welcomed. However RWT questions the potential for this given the common status of Llandegley Rhos and apparent exclusion of large areas of the application site. Restoration and management for biodiversity gain of this area would be highly valuable however detail is needed prior to consent to understand the projects validity.

Should you require any further information please do contact me.

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