

Response to the Planning Inspectorate Regarding the Additional Information Brynwell Solar Renewable Hub DNS 3261558

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to some of the additional information published on your website. I will confine my remarks to the documents published on the 18th November.

Annex 026 Hydrock Revised Transport Statement

Paragraph 4.2.6 There is a claim that 16.5m HGVs and 12m rigid trucks can “safely enter the site off the B4267 Leckwith Road”. This manoeuvre onto Leckwith Green is simply not possible.

Paragraph 4.4.4 The removal of ancient hedgerows to improve passing bays is against the law. The 1997 Hedgerow Regulations (Statutory Instruments No 1160).

Paragraph 4.6.2 Access by 16.5m articulated HGVs and 12m rigid trucks via the B4267 passing Llandough Hospital and through Llandough village would cause tremendous congestion.

Paragraph 4.6.3 The proposition that “It is not anticipated that there will be a requirement to close the Gower Lanes” followed by “if the position changes then any potential road closures will be agreed with the LHA” would be totally unacceptable to the residents and businesses that use the lane.

Paragraphs 5.2.1 – 5.2.9 The vehicle movements are calculated at 482 deliveries, plus 154 stone tipper lorries, plus skip deliveries, plus general construction traffic. Gower Lane is a single track, rural lane and totally unsuitable for this sort of traffic.

Annex 027 Passing Bays

The map has marked in blue “Formal existing Passing Bay”, this in in fact used for the residents of the Foresters Cottages for parking.

Marked in green, “Informal existing passing bays”, on the east of the map the small layby is at the end of the Gower Common held by Michaelston Community Council. The other passing bays are field entrances where two cars can barely pass.

Annex 025 Archaeology and Heritage Assessment

Paragraph 2.25 The grade 2 listed Brynwell Farmhouse and farm buildings are adjacent to the proposed solar development. I disagree with the contention that “the change being only visible in approximately 90 degrees of the view of the farm” In fact the main, traditional, entrance to the farm faces the proposed development and the 14th century lancet window also has a northern aspect, overlooking the proposed development.

I was surprised that in their Addendum EPD have made no mention of the ringwork at Brynwell. Also, no mention of the deserted medieval village of Begganstone.

Savills Further Information in Response to Inspectors Request

5. Noise The reports by the acousticians at Hoare Lea and their concerns about the noise impact on us at Beggan Farm have not been addressed fully.

I find the suggestion that within three months after construction, a noise assessment should be sent to the Local Planning Authority, frankly an example of bolting the stable door after the horse has bolted and would not “safeguard the living conditions” of our home.

Regarding the Visual Impact of the proposal, I have looked at all the photographs in the Addendum, some of which were taken many miles away and appear to have no relevance to the proposal. There does not appear to be a single photograph taken from the lane where the Meadowvale footpath crosses the White Farm turn off. The views northwards from this vantage point are framed by the hills around Llantrisant and the valley in the foreground (which includes Brynwell Farm) exemplifies and is integral to this landscape being part of the Cwrt Yr Ala Special Landscape Area.

I hope and trust you will take my responses into account when formulating your decision.

Yours

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