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Proposed Re-application by Rhoscrowther Wind farm Ltd.

17th November 2021.

Dear Mrs James.

I believe this matter may now fall under your Department and as such I wish to inform you of the latest development in respect of the above mentioned subject, I have every reason to believe that Rhoscrowther Wind Farm Ltd are about to present you with a further amended application to place land based wind turbines in South Pembrokeshire.
I do appreciate that due to your busy work load you may not recall the details of the original application; so I will quickly lay out the chronology of the subject to date.

The above named company originally submitted an application for the erection of 5 wind turbines in 2013. The proposed site was situated on the Angle peninsular, on the edge of the National Park.
80% of the Local population signed a petition objecting to the proposal and they were joined by the National Park Authority and The Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales and others. The primary objections related to 'Adverse visual Impact'. The application was placed before the Planning Committee of Pembrokeshire County Council in January 2015 and was refused.

Over the following 4 years the application was heard, tested and dismissed by two planning Inspectors- Mr Allwyn Nixon and Mrs Kay Sheffield. Four Appeal Court Judges and Lesley Griffiths as Minister . All the appeals were dismissed including the last one, on 20th September 2018 by Lord Justice Sales, which was in respect of her decision.

Their current proposal is based on only dealing with objections raised in respect of the Heritage issues. These predominately concern prominent local heritage sites includes St Decumanus Church. They have removed two turbines, from the original plan, but have increased the height of the remaining turbines by 35 metres from the originally refused application.

We see this application as yet a further cynical attempt to bypass the previous decisions under the cover of the pandemic and the UK governments target of being carbon neutral by 2050.(currently agreed to by the Senedd). I am sure that the COP26 conference in Glasgow is relevant to the timing of yet another appeal.

Their cynicism is aggravated by the fact that they have reduced the number of turbines from 3 to 5 but increased their height to 135 metres to tip. There seems little doubt that RWF Ltd will continue to make applications until those opposing grow weary of the fight and they are successful.

As a local community, we must therefore rely on the assistance of those who will be called upon to give their opinions. We are not supporters of the 'Not in my Back Yard' group. We are fully in favour of marine developments, wind, wave or tidal power to further a low carbon society. Indeed the 'Blue Gem 'and other offshore proposals currently being developed in the Celtic Sea are just such schemes that have our full support

Much is made of the existence of the Refinery and the close proximity of the proposed site next to it. However it should be noted that as I understand the current situation 'refining' at the site is being reduced in view of the 2050 UK government proposal. It is possible in the future that, as with other previously refining sites on the Haven reductions will be made to the visual appearance of the Oil Refinery.

Pembrokeshire income is primarily derived from Tourism and Farming. Such a development next to the National Park would be devastating. A land based wind farm on the Angle Peninsular will spawn many more such applications.

I Have sent a similar letter to you colleague Lesley Griffiths who originally dealt with the matter.

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