Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee Report

UPDATE REPORT

Application No:	P/2015/0176	Grid Ref:	276414.21 212002.49
Community Council:	Ystradgynlais	Valid Date: 06/02/2015	Officer: Tamsin Law
Applicant:	Mr David Mackins Juwi Renewable Energies Ltd Blythe Valley Park Nelson House Solihull West Midlands B90 8BG		
Location:	land at Bryn Henllys Open Cast Mine site near Cwmllynfell Upper Cwmtwch Swansea Powys		
Proposal:	Full: Installation of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Farm with ancillary infrastructure capable of generating up to 20 MW.		
Application Type:	Application for Full Planning Permission		

The reason for the update

A further comment has been received from the local Councillor (Cllr Sandra Davies).

Consultee response

I am the County Councillor for Cwmtwrch Ward, in which this planning application is being considered.

In 2015, I did make representation about this application but I note that my comments have not been included in the application documents.

The company involved at that time was Juwi Renewable, they held two consultation sessions in the village at that time.

I have heard nothing about this application since (despite asking officers) until two weeks ago when it was brought to my attention that the application was going to planning committee the first week of May. A different company is now involved.

Representatives at the consultation sessions did express strongly that the BOAT be fenced both sides to permit greater safety usage: not to allow animals to stray onto the BOAT freely.

Also people voiced their concern that vehicles relating to the site should NOT drive up or down, Cwmphil Road off the Ystradgynlais by-pass, as a large number of children cross the road from Gurnos Estate to Ysgol Gymraeg Dyffryn Y Glowyr.

I do have concerns about the safety of individuals who use Palleg Road, not everyone one has access to a car. Some individuals walk to / from their homes at the bottom of Palleg Road. There is no pavement along this road. Safety is paramount.

There is also a small part of Cwmphil Road which has no pavement, this too is an area of concern for any pedestrians walking.

I have further concerns about the timing of the vehicle transporting apparatus to the site. Along Bethel Road is a big Primary School, many vehicles enter and leave the school during start and close of school. Avoiding school runs would be much appreciated by all.

I am disappointed that no representation from highways has been made about these important safety issues.

I would have requested and made arrangements to attend the planning meeting had I had more notification of the time of the meeting. I am currently on holiday in Cornwall. Apologies for my absence.

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