

Roads Administration Division 3  
Welsh Assembly Government  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff  
CF10 3NQ

Dear Sirs,  
**Re: Section 15(5) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**  
**Power to extend the period of a temporary Order**

The Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council made a Temporary Order in respect of Bridleway 10 and Footpaths 9, 62, 65, 69 and 70 Glyncoirwg, Port Talbot which came into force on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 for a period of 6 months. On the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016 we wrote to you requesting an extension to the Order for a further period of 6 months. You kindly granted permission for that extension and a notice was advertised in the local press to that effect as requested. A copy of your letter and also a copy of the Notice are attached for your information. I also enclose a copy of the original Order.

Due to the extensive nature of the construction of the wind farm for which the closure was required, it has not been possible to carry out all the works necessary and a further period of closure will be required. It is necessary to continue the temporary closure of the rights of way to ensure that works can be carried out in a safe manner and public safety is upheld.

The Authority therefore respectfully requests that the Secretary of State grants that the current Order continue in force for a further period of 6 months.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully



**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL****(BRIDLEWAY 10 AND FOOTPATHS 9, 62, 65, 69 AND 70 GLYNCORRWG)****(TEMPORARY CLOSURES)****ORDER 2016**

**WHEREAS** the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (the "Council") being the Traffic Authority for Bridleway 10 and Footpaths 9, 62, 65, 69 and 70 Glynccorrwg is satisfied that section of those Bridleways and Footpaths should be temporarily closed to pedestrians horse riders and pedal cyclists to allow for the construction of a wind farm and is in the interest of public safety.

**NOW** therefore the Council in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and of all other enabling powers hereby make the following Order.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. Those lengths of Bridleway and Footpaths as set out in the Schedule shall be temporarily closed to pedestrians, pedal cyclist and equestrian users whilst the Order is in force.
2. This Order shall come into force on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 and shall continue in force for a period of 6 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.
3. This Order may be cited as the "Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (Bridleway 10 and Footpaths 9, 62, 65, 69 and 70 Glynccorrwg) (Temporary Closures) Order 2016".

**SCHEDULE****Temporary Closures****Bridleway 10 Glynccorrwg**

That length of Bridleway 10 Glynccorrwg commencing at point E (Grid Ref. 2894 1960) and proceeding in a generally southerly direction to point T (Grid Ref. 2894 1960) then in a generally southerly direction to point K (Grid Ref. 2894 1947) then in a generally south easterly direction to point L (Grid Ref. 2896 1947) then in a generally south westerly direction to point M (Grid Ref. 2896 1945) then in a generally southerly direction to point N (Grid Ref. 2896 1944) a total distance of 1795 metres or thereabouts.

**Footpath 9 Glynccorrwg**

That length of Footpath 9 Glynccorrwg commencing at point J (Grid Ref. 2874 1957) and proceeding in a generally easterly direction to point I (Grid Ref. 2876 1957) then in a generally north westerly direction to point H (Grid Ref. 2875 1958) then in a generally north easterly direction to point G (Grid Ref. 2876 1959) then in a generally easterly direction to point F (Grid Ref. 2884 1957) then in a generally east, north easterly direction to point T (Grid Ref. 2894 1960) a total distance of 2385 metres or thereabouts.

**Footpath 62 Glyncorrwg**

That length of Footpath 62 Glyncorrwg commencing at point A (Grid Ref. 2886 1963) and proceeding in a generally northerly and north easterly direction to point B (Grid Ref. 2887 1985) then in a generally south easterly and easterly direction to point C (Grid Ref. 2890 1963) then in a generally north westerly direction to point D (Grid Ref. 2890 1963) a total distance of 650 metres or thereabouts.

**Footpath 65 Glyncorrwg**

That length of Footpath 65 Glyncorrwg commencing at point K (Grid Ref. 2894 1947) and proceeding in a generally south westerly direction to point O (Grid Ref. 2893 1944) a total distance of 435 metres or thereabouts.

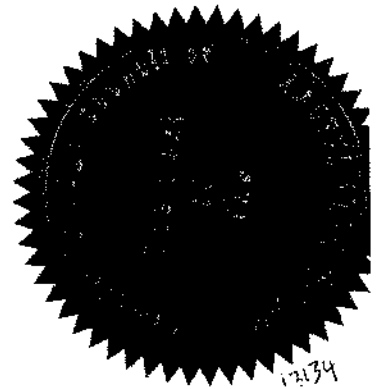
**Footpath 69 Glyncorrwg**

That length of Footpath 69 Glyncorrwg commencing at point K (Grid Ref. 2894 1947) and proceeding in a generally easterly direction to point P (Grid Ref. 2897 1948) a total distance of 130 metres or thereabouts.

**Footpath 70 Glyncorrwg**

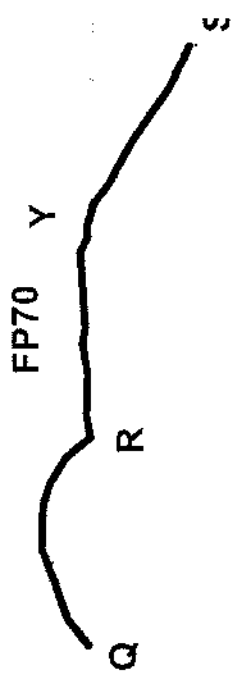
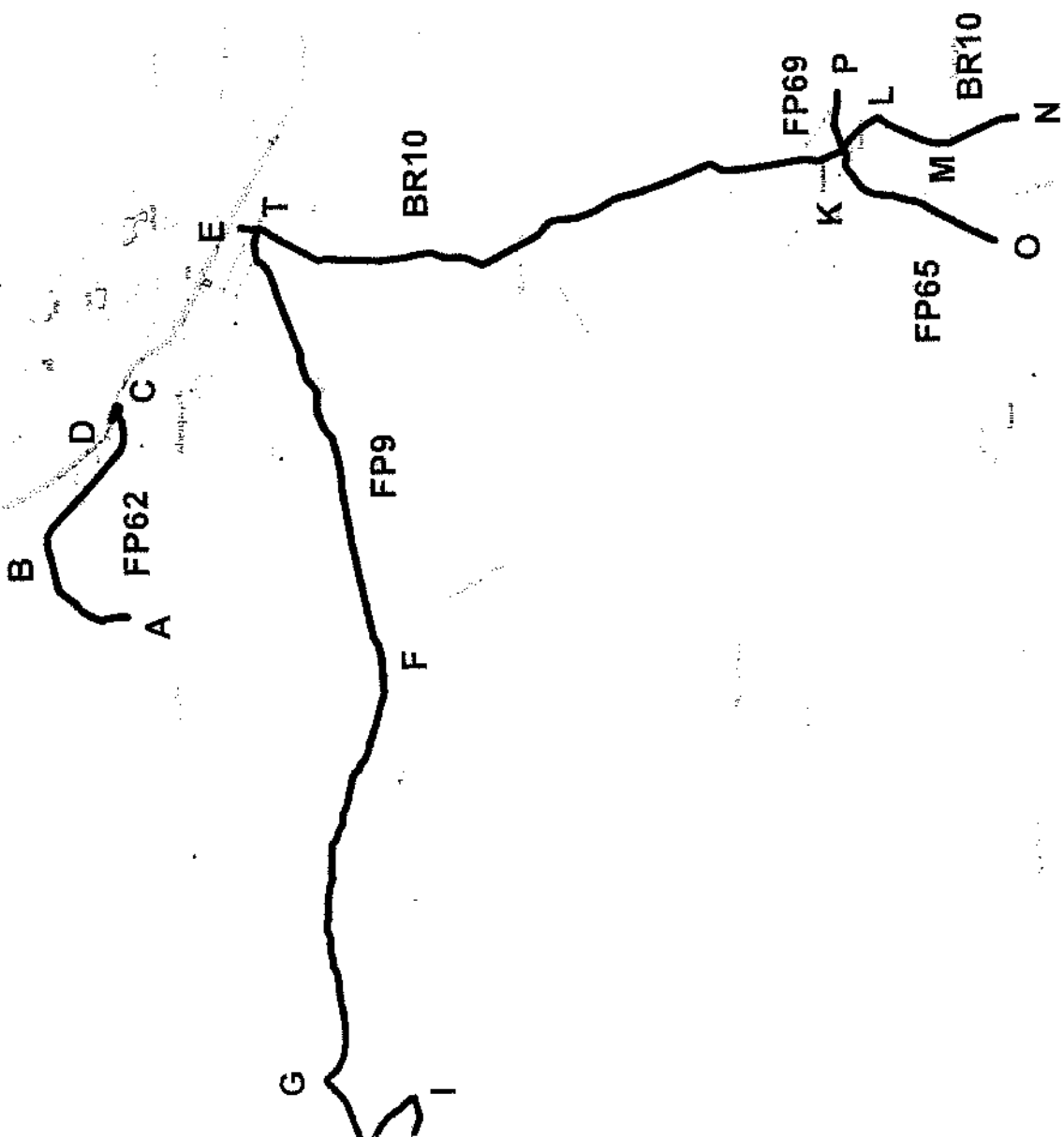
That length of Footpath 70 Glyncorrwg commencing at point Q (Grid Ref. 2905 1951) and proceeding in a generally east north easterly and south easterly direction to point R (Grid Ref. 2909 1950) then in an easterly direction to point Y (Grid Ref. 2913 1950) then in a south easterly direction to point S (Grid Ref. 2917 1948) a total distance of 1310 metres or thereabouts.

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COUNCIL was hereunto affixed )  
on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January )  
2016 in the presence of: )



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**PROPER OFFICER**



**From:** Joshua Brown [mailto:joshuab@naturalpower.com]

**Sent:** 20 December 2016 10:03

**To:** Jon Griffiths

**Cc:** Damien Munnelly; WATT, LEE; FLEMING, LAURA

**Subject:** Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park - PROW closure order extension request - Neath Port Talbot CBC

Dear Jon,

I am writing regarding the temporary closure orders of Bridleway 10 and footpaths 9, 62, 65, 69 and 70 Glyncoirwg which came into place on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 and were extended for a further six months in July 2016. The locations of the Public Rights of Way are shown on the attached maps. The client (Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park Limited – LAREP) is requesting that the temporary closure order is extended for another six months from when the current order expires.

The temporary closure order is required due to the construction of the consented Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park which commenced in April 2016.

### **Reasons for Closure and Extension**

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Due to the extensive nature of the construction of the wind farm, it has not been possible for the main construction works to be carried out before the end of the current closure order. A further period of closure will be required to enable the construction work to be completed. With this in mind it is necessary to continue the temporary closure of the rights of way to ensure that the construction works can be carried out in a safe manner and public safety is upheld.

### **Consultation**

Consultation letters were sent out to stakeholders informing them of the upcoming request for the temporary closure order extension and asked for any views to be provided to us. A two weeks period was given for any responses to be provided. This ended on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

Letters were sent to the following groups:

- British Horse Society;
- Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales;
- Ramblers Association;
- Byways and Bridleways Trust;
- Open Spaces Society;
- Councillor Scott Jones; and
- Councillor Ralph Thomas.

Copies of the letters are attached to this email.

Only one response was received, from The British Horse Society (via a phonecall). They did not object to the proposed extension.

### **Application Fee/Advertising Costs**

I can confirm that LAREP understand that there will also be advertising costs, as well as requirements for the advertisement to be translated into Welsh, for which there may also be costs charged.

NRS Group are responsible for the construction of the wind farm and will also be responsible for managing the invoices that arise from this application.

Please can you send any invoices addressed to Damien Munnelly (CC'd into this email) at:

NRS Group  
Noel Regan & Sons Building & Civil Engineering Contractors UK Ltd  
5 Firth Road  
Houstoun Industrial Estate  
Livingston  
EH54 5DJ

I have copied Damien into this email request so please get in touch with him if you have any questions regarding the invoicing procedure.

I would be very grateful if you could confirm receipt of this email, and also if you could keep me up to date with how the request is progressing. Given that the Christmas period is soon coming we would be very grateful if the application could be processed and sent to WG as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Josh

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Dear Mr G Wheeler

**Footpaths 3 and 4 Maesteg (Bridgend) and Footpaths 9, 62, 65, 69, 70 and Bridleway 10 (Neath Port Talbot) – Extension of Temporary Closure Due to Construction Works**

You may be aware that an order for the temporary closure of a section of the above rights of way is currently in place in order to facilitate the construction works relating to the consented Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park. Construction work has already commenced.

The current closure order will expire on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 (Footpaths 3 and 4) and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017 (footpaths 9, 62, 65, 69, 70 and bridleway 10) and it will not be possible to complete all works required to reopen the footpaths and bridleway by this date. A further period of closure will be required to finalise the construction work at the site. With this in mind we feel it necessary to continue the temporary closure of the rights of way to ensure that the construction works can be carried out in a safe manner and public safety is upheld.

Natural Power Consultants, on behalf of Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park Ltd, therefore intends to apply to the County Borough Council to request an extension of the order from the Welsh Government for a further period of up to 6 months. It is expected that the remaining works will be finished in less time than 6 months however this time period is being requested to allow for periods of inclement weather.

In order for the Council to request for an extension to the Welsh Government we would be grateful to receive the views of your organisation on the matter. We look forward to hearing from you by the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016. You can contact me via email, letter or telephone call (details below). However if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

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