

ATISN 16640 - Concerning the Hendy Windfarm Near Llandegley, Powys

Dear

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 8 September. You asked for:

1. Why are these turbines not producing any electricity for our national grid especially as the country is in desperate need of it now we are about to enter our winter period?
2. When can we expect to see them revolving and producing electricity?
3. Has any organisation been paid for the electricity that it could have been producing during the windy periods that we have had since last October?
4. What has been the cost to date to the public for this windfarm?
5. Are there any more windfarms in Wales that have reached this stage of completion but have not produced a single kWh?

Our response

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.

Information note

Regarding question 4, the Welsh Government does not hold information on any costs incurred as a result of the development not generating energy, and in relation to question 5 the Welsh Government is not aware of other windfarms that are in a similar situation to Hendy Wind Farm as regards energy generation.

Questions 1 and 2 do not fall under the remit of a Freedom of Information request. In relation to these questions, I can advise that you may wish to contact Powys County Council planning authority who may be able to assist you further regarding a timeline for activation of the scheme. You can contact Powys County Council [here](#).

Powys County Council have responsibility for discharging the conditions attached to the planning consent. Powys may, therefore, be familiar with the reasons why the site is not yet operational.

The Welsh Minister's planning decision on Hendy Wind Farm is attached to the covering email for your information, and this includes a list of planning conditions in Annex A. Planning condition 48 (set out below) provides for the establishment of a community liaison scheme. Powys County Council should be able to advise you on the community liaison scheme and the details of the nominated representative of the developer. Condition 48 states:

Community Liaison

48) No development shall commence until a community liaison scheme for the construction and decommissioning period has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The community liaison scheme shall be implemented as approved and include:

- a) details of developer liaison with the local community to ensure residents are informed of how the construction or decommissioning of the development is progressing;
- b) a mechanism for dealing with complaints from the local community during the construction or decommissioning of the development; and
- c) a nominated representative of the developer who will have the lead role in liaising with local residents and the relevant planning authority.

In terms of Welsh Government involvement, once a Minister issues a decision on a planning application, neither the Inspector nor the Welsh Ministers have any further planning jurisdiction in the matter.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at: Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely