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From: Simon Collcutt [<mailto:aaa-consult@btconnect.com>]
Sent: 04 June 2014 10:06
To: Davies, Will (SF - Culture & Sport - Cadw)
Subject: Re. Monument repair & public access
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Davies,

I am contacting you in the general context of a wind farm Appeal (Garreg Lwyd for RES) in Powys (Radnorshire). However, the specific matter is the question of the desirability of certain works to a Scheduled Monument, without asking you to comment on the Planning weight or balance that might result. The monument in question is Castell y Blaidd (SO124797) (which I believe likely to be an Anglo-Norman fortification); I would like to discuss repair of major 'sheep scars', as well as public access and interpretation. I would also mention remedial work to (removal of trees from) two unscheduled barrows in the nearby Cae-glas group (SO139779).

The detail of the works can be bound into a 'conditioned scheme' through any Planning permission and can be settled by detailed consultation with you later. What I would like to do now is to hold a site meeting, so that the general desirability and any broad parameters can be confirmed. I have only just been instructed that the outline of this proposal needs to be included in Supplementary Environmental Information, for which there is a set deadline (prior to the actual Inquiry) of the end of this month. Could you possibly manage a meeting as soon as possible? I understand Neil Maylan is advising Cadw over Planning matters currently (I found him at the end of your telephone line this morning) and he would be welcome to attend. I thought I would also invite representatives of CPAT and Powys Council, if that is acceptable to you.

Like you, I have a lot of fieldwork to do, so I will be out of office tomorrow and possibly Friday. I would be most grateful if you could email me your response and, hopefully, we can settle on a likely date.

Best wishes,

Simon Collcutt

From: Davies, Will (SF - Culture & Sport - Cadw) [<mailto:Will.Davies@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK>]
Sent: 09 June 2014 16:02
To: 'Simon Collcutt'
Cc: Maylan, Neil (CADW); Whiting, Suzanne (SF - Culture & Sport - Cadw)
Subject: RE: Re. Monument repair & public access

Dear Simon,

Thank you for your e mail. I know Castell y Blaidd, which is a fine monument, the stock erosion being very prominent and certainly worthy of attention and longer term management. I'd be happy to meet on site to discuss conservation works on a purely technical basis rather than in the context of the planning application. On the off chance, I'll be in the area this Thursday and could manage 4pm – otherwise Tuesday 17th and the later afternoon of Wednesday 18th are my only free slots until the second week of July.

Let me know if any of the above suit you – perhaps give me a ring to discuss,

Best wishes,

Will

Will Davies

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Cc: 'Maylan, Neil (CADW)'; 'Whiting, Suzanne (SF - Culture & Sport - Cadw)'
Subject: Re: Monument repair & public access
Importance: High

Dear Will,

Thank you for this reply and forgive me for not responding yesterday – I was down holes with an amateur archaeology society in Nottinghamshire, trying not to drown!

I would be most grateful if we could meet this Thursday at 16h00 (at the site?). I do understand that you would not be in a position to comment on the Garreg Lwyd Planning Appeal. I thought I should mention this context, since I do not want any misunderstandings, but my 'proximal' objective is to discuss with you what might be done for the monument – hopefully, this would result in a positive change but I was not expecting you to comment on matters of 'balance'.

Best wishes,

Simon

From: Simon Collcutt [mailto:aaa-consult@btconnect.com]
Sent: 16 June 2014 16:57
To: 'Davies, Will (SF - Culture & Sport - Cadw)'
Subject: Re. Castell y Blaidd - Powys

Dear Will,

Thank you, again, for meeting me at Castell y Blaidd last week. As you know, the larger context here is the Garreg Lwyd Wind Farm appeal. I wish to explore how any effect (which I here leave unspecified) of the proposal upon the monument could be reduced or offset, an approach I believe to be a matter of professional standards, without implying that I find the current Planning proposal unacceptable in any way. I suggest the following package of measures, conditional upon the granting of a suitable Planning permission in due course.

(a) Repair of the Monument

- (i) *Archaeological-standard micro-topographical survey of earthworks and immediate hillside surroundings.*
- (ii) *Plotting of all earthwork scarring on micro-topographic survey, together with photographic record of all scarring.*
- (iii) *Repair of scarring to full professional standard (requiring temporary fencing to keep sheep out until scars sufficiently healed).*
- (iv) *Consideration (including relevant consultation amongst interested parties) of whether steps might be taken to render the earthwork less vulnerable to sheep erosion in the future (for instance, might some low and small-scale shelter forms, as artificial scrapes/banks and/or bush planting, be created on a nearby slope that might attract the sheep away from using the ramparts in this way, whilst still leaving access open for (desirable) grazing).*

(b) Interpretation of Monument

- (i) *Public access is desirable; given the likelihood that visitor numbers will be relatively low, no made path is needed (indeed, this is not desirable in this case); possible access instruction to the public to be included on interpretation boards.*
- (ii) *Boards (2 copies) best placed north and south, on Glyndŵr's Way, at a sufficient distance not to mar views of the Monument's simple lines.*
- (iii) *Information on interpretation boards to be acceptable to Cadw. In this context, the current lack of certain knowledge as to the age of the Monument (whether Iron Age, as stated in the Schedule, or Anglo-Norman, as seems more likely on the few available facts, taking into account the probability that construction of the Castell, whatever its age, was never completed) is problematical and will need to be explained to the public. The possibility of exploratory excavation at scarring sites, before repair, was considered but no location is apparent which shows sufficient potential to provide unequivocal answers to warrant further physical intervention. However, Cadw would look favourably upon a*

(professional standard) magnetic susceptibility (surface loop) and magnetometer survey of the interior and entrance area, which would certainly provide useful information (even if results are 'null') for future management and (possibly, bearing in mind the need to protect the Monument) for inclusion in the interpretation boards, as well as providing a possibility of finding something more diagnostic by means of non-intrusive methods.

You have explained your position to me. My question is therefore simple: assuming an appropriately detailed specification which would meet Cadw's requirements, is the suggested package of measures in respect of Castell y Blaidd desirable in its own right?

Best wishes,

Simon

From: Davies, Will (SF - Culture & Sport - Cadw) [mailto:Will.Davies@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK]
Sent: 19 June 2014 18:05
To: 'Simon Collcutt'
Subject: RE: Re. Castell y Blaidd - Powys

Dear Simon,

Thank you for a productive site meeting last Thursday.

I confirm that the actions you indicate are an accurate summary of the conservation measures required to bring Castell y Blaidd into a stable condition and that the interpretation proposals are in keeping with our discussions and would appear to be of a reasonable scale and approach for a rural site of this nature. To answer your question I would therefore agree that such a scheme of work would be desirable in the context of a stand alone project.

The implementation of the proposed conservation and interpretation actions would of course require an application to Cadw for Scheduled Monument Consent. Without pre-judging such an application, proposals that take this approach are likely to be considered acceptable to us.

Best wishes,

Will

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From: Simon Collcutt [oaa-consult@btconnect.com]
Sent: 11 June 2014 10:54
To: Mark Walters
Subject: Re. Garreg Lwyd Wind Farm

Dear Mark,

I have been appointed the cultural heritage witness for RES (the developer) at the forthcoming appeal over the Garreg Lwyd Wind Farm (near Felindre, Application 2008/0785). You will recall (I hope!) that you were consulted on this project in 2008; you replied on the 1st July that, provided your stated conditions were met, you had no objection to the project. Similarly, we have had no objection from Cadw. It is Powys who are objecting but they have not appointed a witness as yet, so I have been unable to consult with them directly so far.

The reason I am trying to contact you is that I am seeking opinions (even from those who have no objection) as to how the undoubted cultural heritage effects of the proposal could be reduced or compensated further, an approach I believe to be a matter of professional standards, without in any way suggesting that I find the current proposal unacceptable in any way. As a starting point, we are raising the question of the desirability of certain works to a Scheduled Monument, Castell y Blaidd (SO124797) (which I believe likely to be an Anglo-Norman fortification); I would like to discuss repair of major 'sheep scars', as well as public access and interpretation. I would also mention possible remedial work to (removal of trees from) two unscheduled barrows in the nearby Cae-glas group (SO139779). I would be really grateful if you could ring me to discuss the possibility of any other steps which might be beneficial in your view.

I have just managed to get hold of Will Davies (Cadw) and he has agreed to meet me on site tomorrow to look at Castell y Blaidd. You would be very welcome to join us if you could possibly make it – my abject apologies for the lack of warning (I am being squeezed between the formal Inquiry timetable and Powys not being able to respond, so things have become a bit 'urgent' now).

I shall be in office all day (until about 18h30) if you could ring.

Best wishes,

Simon Collcutt

From: Mark Walters [mailto:Mark@cpat.org.uk]
Sent: 11 June 2014 23:58

To: Simon Collcutt
Subject: RE: Re. Garreg Lwyd Wind Farm
Hi Simon

Out today and just caught your email.

I think your best port of call will be Cadw as they will have the primary role in giving SMC for potential remedial works and interpretation/access etc. As you have already made contact with Will Davies you have the best contact for the job !

I can't make it tomorrow as I need to finish off stuff in the office before leaving for Ireland for just over two weeks. Let me know the outcome of you discussions with Will.

Regards

Mark

From: Simon Collcutt [<mailto:aaa-consult@btconnect.com>]
Sent: 12 June 2014 07:49
To: Mark Walters
Subject: RE: Re. Garreg Lwyd Wind Farm
Importance: High

Dear Mark,

Understood concerning the SM. However, since you are away for the next fortnight, I do need to talk to you today about anything further you think might be done for the cultural heritage issue. I will ring you this morning.

Best wishes,

Simon

From: Mark Walters [<mailto:Mark@cpat.org.uk>]
Sent: 12 June 2014 08:13
To: Simon Collcutt
Subject: RE: Re. Garreg Lwyd Wind Farm

OK, but I don't really have anything further to add. We micro-sited this one to death to avoid sites and intervisibility issues. I would have to read through the file again to familiarise myself with all of the sites and will not have time to do that today. Other than reducing the number of turbines I don't see what else can be done here.

Mark

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From: Simon Collcutt [<mailto:aaa-consult@btconnect.com>]

Sent: 12 June 2014 11:24

To: Mark Walters

Subject: Re. Garreg Lwyd Wind Farm

Importance: High

Dear Mark,

Following your email and our telephone conversation earlier today, I am writing to confirm certain ideas which have emerged. The Garreg Lwyd turbines will be located on improved grassland, whilst the (majority) of the close upstanding monuments lie on unimproved land, a setting which is appropriate and historically authentic. There therefore seems to be good reason to look to see how this conceptual 'division' might be reinforced. We can also note that Glyndŵr's Way tends to follow this same 'division', so that walkers can look one way (broadly westwards) to see a landscape of historic significance and another to see rather less interesting improved grassland. There is one point at which this pattern breaks down under the current Garreg Lwyd proposal, namely the fact that T20 (although still on a tongue of improved land) would be located immediately west (by some 130 m) of the Cwm Rhos Goch round barrow (PRN 1912).

I am interested in exploring how the cultural heritage effects of the proposal could be reduced or compensated further, an approach I believe to be a matter of professional standards, without in any way suggesting that I find the current proposal unacceptable. I note that you have already advised that (subject to your stated conditions) CPAT has no objection to the Garreg Lwyd proposal as it now stands.

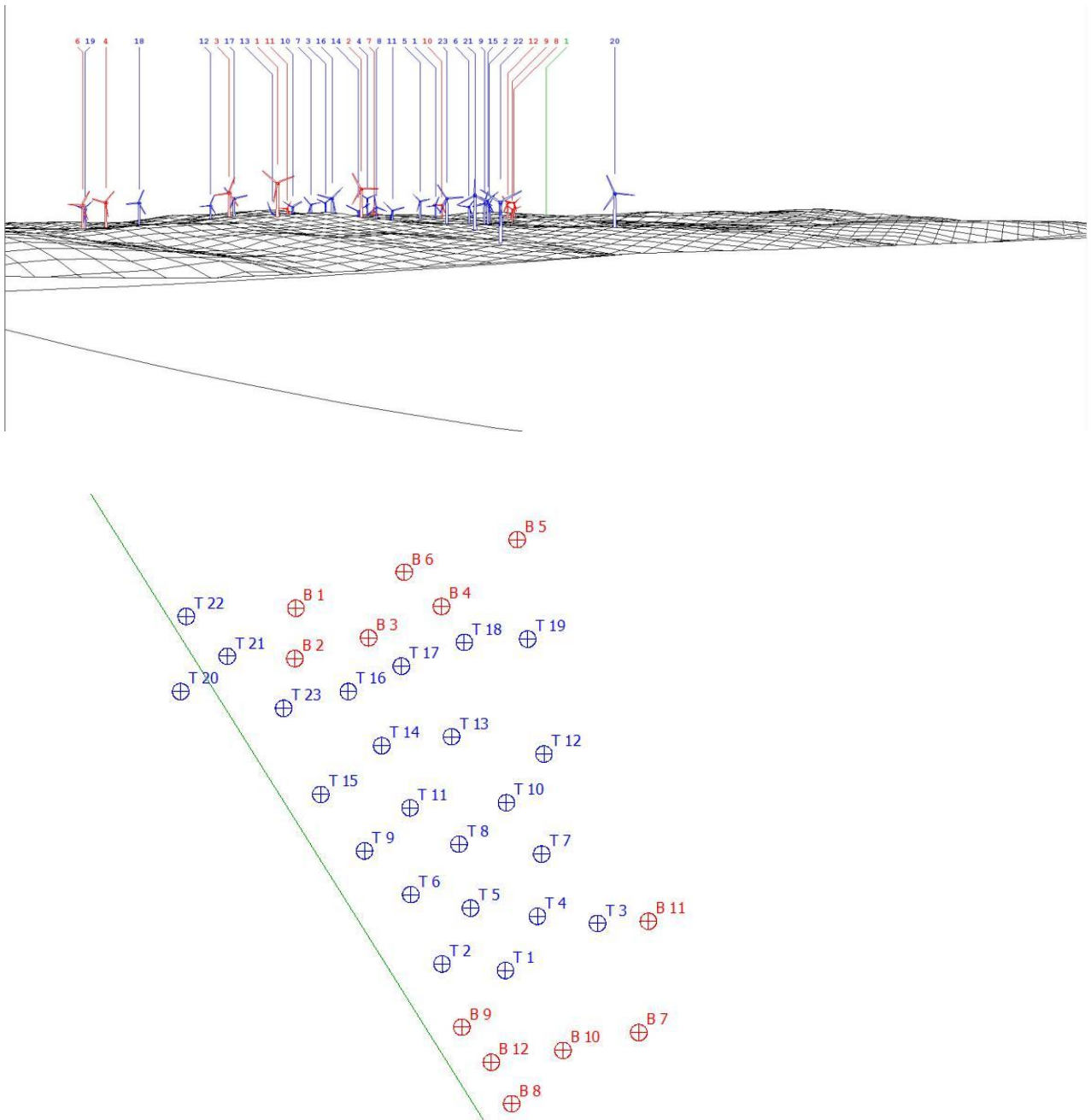
However, in this same spirit of exploring the possibility of improvement, would I be correct in thinking that you would see a cultural heritage advantage were T20 to be removed from the proposal, so as to leave the 'divide' noted above even clearer? If you are able to confirm, I will put the point to our clients; any advantage you and I perceive can only be on cultural heritage grounds and the overall likely effects of any such removal would need to be checked before a final decision could be reached on whether or not to revise the proposal.

I also attach wireframe material, showing the proposed Bryngydfa turbines (marked in red as 'B') as well as the GL ones (marked in blue as 'T'), along the 'green line of

sight' from the southern barrow RD084 at Rhiw Porthnant towards the RD104 ones at Cae-glas (note that the 'green line' on the plan is only that segment of the long sight-line close to the proposal site, and that its 'far horizon' location at Cae-glas in the wireframe is the green indicator annotated '1'). I believe this might be of help in your consideration of my question.

Best wishes,

Simon Collcutt



From: Mark Walters [mailto:Mark@cpat.org.uk]
Sent: 12 June 2014 11:56
To: Simon Colcutt
Subject: RE: Re. Garreg Lwyd Wind Farm

Dear Simon

Many thanks for sending through your thoughts and the attached plans regarding potential compensation proposals for the indirect impacts to archaeological sites at Garreg Lwyd.

I note with interest the clear distinction between the majority of archaeological sites lying in unimproved grassland while the wind farm is located wholly on improved grassland. Having viewed the layout plan and wireframe T20 is clearly out on its own beyond the tight cluster of other turbines and would visually encroach on the grouping of prehistoric funerary monuments which lie within a more authentic unimproved landscape setting. The logic of preserving this grouping of monuments in their more authentic setting seems perfectly valid and we would therefore support the proposal to remove T20 to enhance the setting of the prehistoric monuments overall, and Cwm Rhos Goch round barrow (PRN 1912) in particular.

Regards

Mark Walters

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From: Simon Collcutt [<mailto:aaa-consult@btconnect.com>]
Sent: 10 June 2014 12:46
To: Trystan Mabbitt (CSP - Development Control)
Subject: Re. Garreg Lwyd Appeal - cultural heritage
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Mabbitt,

I am the cultural heritage expert witness appointed by RES in their Garreg Lwyd Wind Farm appeal (LPA References: P2008/0785 and P2013/0733; PINS References: APP/T/6850/A/13/2209593 and 2209595). I understand from our clients that you have yet to appoint a CH witness. Naturally, I would wish to discuss possible common ground as quickly as possible but, in the first instance, I am writing to let you know that we are going ahead with consultations over possible mitigatory measures (as mentioned in the ES). I am meeting Will Davies (Cadw) on site at 16h00 this Thursday afternoon, to discuss repairs and public access/interpretation at Castell y Blaidd. I wonder whether one of the Council's cultural heritage representatives (whether or not your witness) would like to attend? We will also be proposing to remove trees from un-Scheduled barrows in the vicinity.

Best wishes,

Simon Collcutt

From: Trystan Mabbitt (CSP - Development Control) [<mailto:trystan.mabbitt@powys.gov.uk>]
Sent: 10 June 2014 14:58
To: Simon Collcutt
Subject: RE: Re. Garreg Lwyd Appeal - cultural heritage

Dear Simon,

Thanks for getting in touch regarding the forthcoming appeal.

We are in the process of making final appointments and advised RES at our meeting last week that we'd be passing on the details in due course.

Given the timing of your email and request for a site visit this Thursday I'm afraid the timescales don't allow us to meet with your request. I would therefore be grateful if this could be rearranged with enough notice to allow our witness to attend and discuss the outstanding matters in relation to the scheme.

I look forward to hearing from you in order to arrange this.

Kind regards

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From: Simon Collcutt [mailto:aaa-consult@btconnect.com]
Sent: 10 June 2014 15:21
To: 'Trystan Mabbitt (CSP - Development Control)'
Subject: Re. Garreg Lwyd Appeal - cultural heritage

Dear Trystan,

Please forgive me but I have an instruction to move forward on what could be called 'background' issues, so that all parties will have adequate time to consider any specific proposals which may seem appropriate. Naturally, I want to consult with your witness and I will arrange a site meeting in due course, if he/she so desires. I must stress that I am not seeking any Planning comment from Cadw in this instance; I merely want to discuss the possibility of 'positive' steps concerning Castell y Blaid. I will wait until your witness is ready to ask questions about how you see particular issues weighing, one way or another, in the appeal.

Please do contact me again once you have appointed your witness (or pass on my details for a direct contact).

Best wishes,

Simon Collcutt
