

Evidence from Campaigner on Noise from Windfarm in Parc Cynog.

Original Application for six turbines at 69 metres high at Parc Cynog granted 1 Feb 2000

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

Planning permission for the existing wind farm, now proposed to be extended, was granted planning permission on appeal on 1st February 2000. Permission was granted for six turbines, of which five were built. They have a maximum height, to blade tip, of 69m and a total installed capacity of 3MW. The applicant has indicated that the sixth turbine would not be erected if planning permission is granted for the current proposal.

Planning Officer's report to the Planning Committee at meeting 19 July 2007 for the extension of 6 more turbines at 80 metres overall height at the Parc Cynog site. .

http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/PLAC20070719/REP03_04.HTM

Applications Recommended For Approval

<i>Application No</i>	W/12246	
<i>Application Type</i>	Full Planning	
<i>Proposal & Location</i>	ERECTION AND OPERATION OF 6 WIND TURBINES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING CONTROL BUILDING, ON-SITE ACCESS TRACKS AND UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL CABLING. AT PARC CYNOG FARM, CASTLE LLOYD FARM & WESTMEAD FARM, PENDINE, CARMARTHEN, CARMS	
<i>Applicant</i>	NUON RENEWABLES, 15 CUXHAVEN WAY, LONGROCK, PENZANCE, TR20 8HX	
<i>Case Officer</i>	DAVID POULTER	<i>Date of Registration:</i>
<i>Electoral Ward</i>	LAUGHARNE TOWNSHIP	02 FEB 2006

Extract;

5.3.0 Noise

5.3.1 Noise from wind turbines is a frequently-raised issue. Many wind farm proposal sites are in areas of generally low background noise, particularly at night and anxiety about possible noise levels is a frequently raised issue. **The existing wind farm at Parc Cynog was subject in January 2006 to a Noise Conditions Compliance Survey.** One of the conclusions to the report was that

'residents comments also show that complaints are being made even when the night noise limit is met'.

MINUTES OF THAT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON 19 JULY 2007
<http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/PLAC20070719/MINUTES.HTM>

5. AREA WEST - DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1. RESOLVED that the following planning applications be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the Report/Addendums of the Head of Planning and/or reported at the meeting:-

W/12246	Erection and operation of six wind turbines and associated infrastructure, including control building, on-site access tracks and underground electrical cabling at Parc Cynog Farm, Castle Lloyd Farm, and Westmead Farm, Pendine, Carmarthenshire.
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The Committee received representations objecting to the application in the following terms:

- Unacceptable impact on landscape, particularly views from the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and Tenby area;
- Detrimental to tourism;
- Noise associated with **existing turbines** will be exacerbated;
- Impact on health and safety of local residents;
- Devaluation of , and impact on, nearby properties;
- Better, more cost effective, energy alternatives available;
- Doubts as to whether the proposed development would provide sufficient electricity to meet average demand from

4380 typical UK homes;

- Height of turbines and additional height caused by sweep of blades ;

- Use of 'The Assessment and Rating of Noise from Wind Farms' (ETSU-R-97) published by the Energy Technology Support Unit of the Department of Trade and Industry in 1996 to appraise noise questioned;

The applicant and landowner therupon responded to the issues raised.