

PREFACE ITEM

APPLICATION NO. NA/14/0011

APPLICANT(S) NAME: G2 Energy Renewable Developments Ltd

PROPOSAL: Erect a single 500 kw wind turbine (blade tip height 102m) with associated track, crane hardstanding, substation and temporary construction compound

LOCATION: Land To The South (0.15m) Of Cefn Fforest Farm Twyngarreg Treharris

The application is for the construction and operation of a single wind turbine with an anticipated installed capacity of 500kw. The proposed wind turbine would be 102 metres in height to the tip of the blade and other infrastructure integral to the construction and/or operation of the turbine. The site is located approximately 150m to the south of Cefn Fforest Farm, Twyngarreg, Treharris and is located in Merthyr County Borough. The application is supported by a number of documents including a landscape and visual impact assessment and other information.

The application site is some 2.2km from the administrative boundary of Caerphilly County Borough with the community of Nelson some 2.5km away and Gelligaer is some 3.8km away.

CCBC's Landscape Architect has been consulted on the proposal and it is considered that the site is visually distant from this county borough, such that there would be no detrimental visual impact from this single wind turbine. The turbine would only be visible from high points within the County Borough such as Gelligear Common and no sensitive receptors such as dwellings or leisure/tourism facilities would be unduly affected.

The proposal has also been considered by this Council's Head of Public Protection and it is considered that the site lies too far away for impacts such as noise or flicker to have an effect on residents of this County Borough. It is for Merthyr County Borough Council to determine whether it has any impacts on the residents within its administrative boundary and their consideration should take into account any cumulative impact from this proposal and the solar farm which was recently approved at Hendai Farm, Heol Adam, Gelligaer.

It is therefore recommended that CCBC offers no objections in view of the distance that lies between it and the application site.

RECOMMENDATION: That Merthyr County Borough Council be advised that this Council has no objections to the scheme.
