

Councillor X

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Dear Councillor

### **Maerdy Windfarm**

Further to my letter at the beginning of October advising of the planning application for the Maerdy Windfarm I am writing with a brief update on activities surrounding the proposal which may be of interest.

### **Public Exhibitions**

We have organised public exhibitions of the Maerdy Windfarm proposal to take place as follows:

- Oak Tree Hall, Cemetery Road, Treorchy -Sat 18th Nov, 11am-8pm
- Maerdy Community Centre - Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11am-8pm
- Llwydcoed Community Hall - Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11am-8pm

The objective is to provide a drop-in facility where people can call in to view visualisations, inspect the Environmental Statement and generally get any more information about the proposals that they require.

Please could we invite you to attend any of the public exhibitions. If a private exhibition organised for Councillors would be helpful, please do let us know. Please accept my apologies for the short notice in this letter. The exhibitions were publicised in the Rhondda Leader however a couple of weeks ago.

### **Community Benefit Programme Consultation**

As well as a general notice in the press we have written to over 230 local community groups to invite their opinions on the Community Benefit Programme, in particular the structure of community funds. We would like final proposals on the fund to reflect the opinion and aspirations of the local community as closely as possible. We hope to feed back responses in a summary report to the Council in due course.

## Public Information

The project website ([www.maerdywindfarm.co.uk](http://www.maerdywindfarm.co.uk)) that was used during the public consultation on the windfarm last year has been updated with the final proposals. All the planning documentation: Environmental Statements, Non-technical summaries, Welsh language versions, etc. can be downloaded from the website. Hard paper copies of the non-technical summary are also available on request.

The photomontages are also available to view from the website and have been posted in a format that people can view easily on line. There is also a facility for people to request a bespoke wireframe diagram of the view from their own house or elsewhere.

Access to information on the windfarm proposal has been publicised through leaflets, a copy of which is enclosed. The leaflets notify the website, exhibitions, availability of hard copies of the ES summary, as well as publicising the consultation on the community benefit programme. To distribute as widely as possible information on the visibility of the windfarm, a summary of the photomontages from across the area has also been included on the leaflet.

The leaflet has been distributed to cover the zone of visual influence of the windfarm. The leaflet is an insert in the Rhondda Leader Newspaper this week and door deliveries have been made in Cwmdare and Llwydcoed. A total of 18,000 leaflets will have been distributed. An advertisement has also been placed in the Rhondda Leader, Pontypridd Observer and Cynon Valley Leader to ensure notice to the wider community in the area.

Our objective is that through the various different routes available: website, exhibitions, libraries, paper reports, etc., anyone who is interested can gather the information they need on the windfarm easily.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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