



Pennant Walters Ltd

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# Mynydd Llanhilleth Wind Farm

## Draft Environmental Statement

Appendix 16A – Letter from SLR on behalf of Peakman, Tir  
Pentwys Quarry



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**RE: Mynydd Llanhilleth DNS: Pennant Walters  
Secondary Aggregates Extraction Tir Pentwys: Peakman Ltd**

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I refer to your e mail dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and accompanying 'Acceptance Notice' in relation to a proposal by Pennant Walters for the establishment of a wind turbine farm at Mynydd Llanhilleth, east of Brynithel and Llanhilleth and west of Talywain, Pontypool.

As an 'interested person' representing Peakman Ltd, we have been invited to submit any comments by a deadline of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024, and I hope that the comments set out below are of assistance.

By way of introduction, our client's primary interest relates to a former opencast tip at Tir Pentwys which is identified in the adopted Torfaen and Blaenau Gwent LDP's as a 'preferred area' for the extraction of sandstone as a secondary aggregate (ref Policy M3 of the Torfaen LDP and Policy M4 of the Blaenau Gwent LDP). However, our client also has wider landownership interest, including part of the Mynydd Llanhilleth proposed wind farm area.

We are in the process of undertaking an environmental impact assessment of a proposed secondary aggregate scheme relating to the eastern area of the Torfaen Policy M3 allocation. The scheme has also been promoted as a 'Candidate Site' as part of the review of the Torfaen LDP (Candidate Site Plan attached).

The EIA is based upon EIA scoping opinions issued by Torfaen Council in January 2023 and Blaenau Gwent Council in February 2023. In summary, the scheme will involve the extraction of some 4.5m tonnes of Pennant Sandstone over a period of some 20 – 25 years, with reject material from the current tip to be used to reprofile and restore the site.

Importantly, and of relevance to the Mynydd Llanhilleth wind farm, it is proposed that access would be obtained via an existing concrete road (to be upgraded) which served the former opencast site, with access from the eastern side of the Tir Pentwys site along that road to the junction with the C Class public highway between Aberbeeg and Talywain. Junction improvements would be undertaken at the C class road to provide a new crossroads (although details have not yet been finalised). The access road would then continue northwards to a junction with the B4246 Blaenavon Road from where the aggregate products would travel to the A465 for onwards distribution.

The 'concrete road' referred to is proposed to also serve as the access to the Mynydd Llanhilleth wind farm turbine locations 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, where the schematic locations of turbines 3, 5 and 6 are in relative proximity to the road which would be used by the Tir Pentwys

traffic. In addition, the proposed junction improvement at the C class road would lie in relative proximity to the schematic position of turbine 3.

However, the key purpose of this letter is to confirm that we have been in discussions with Pennant Walters regarding the wind farm and secondary aggregate schemes and we are comfortable that the respective companies can work together to ensure that in the event that both schemes are permitted, then arrangements will be made on the ground to ensure that they can co-exist without conflict. We will continue dialogue with Pennant Walters in this regard.

I hope that this is of assistance, but we would be happy to provide further information or comment if required.

Your Sincerely,

**SLR Consulting Limited**

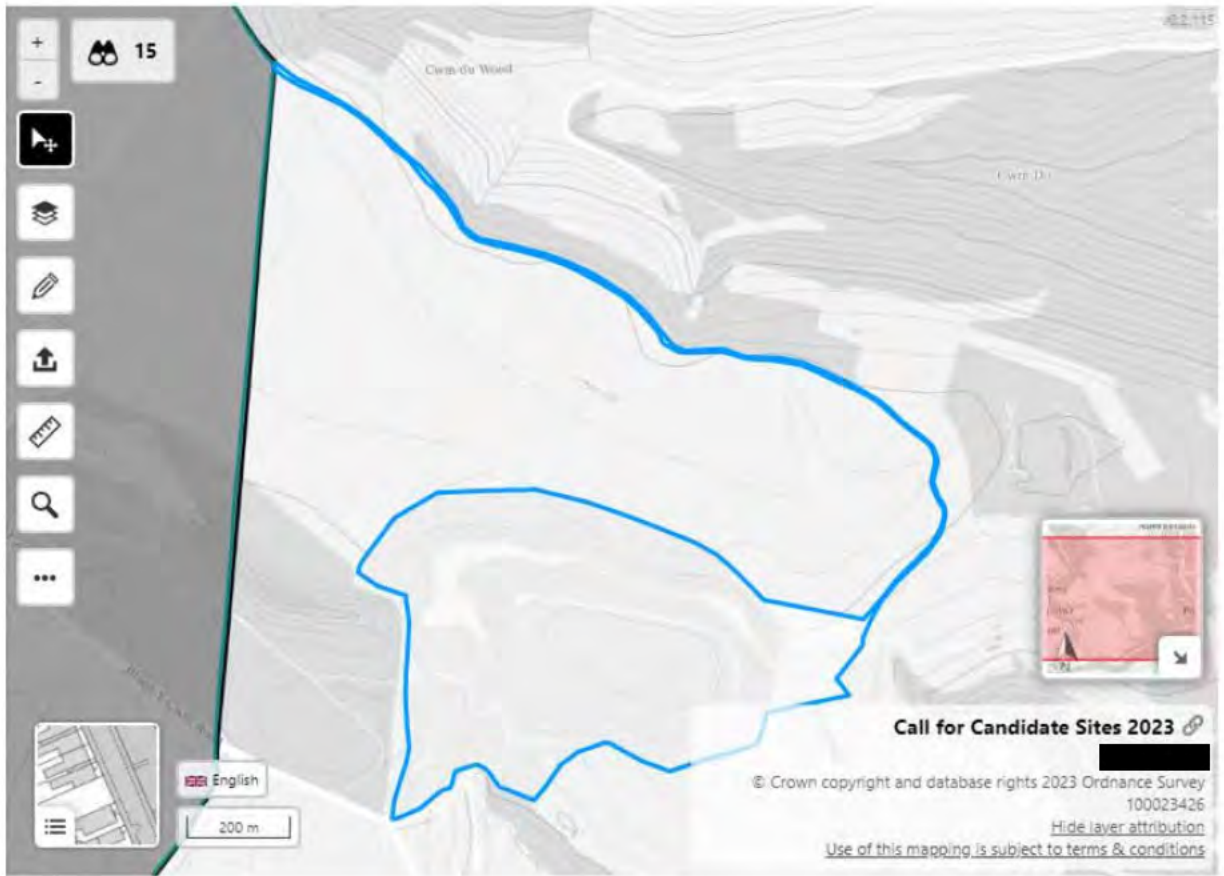


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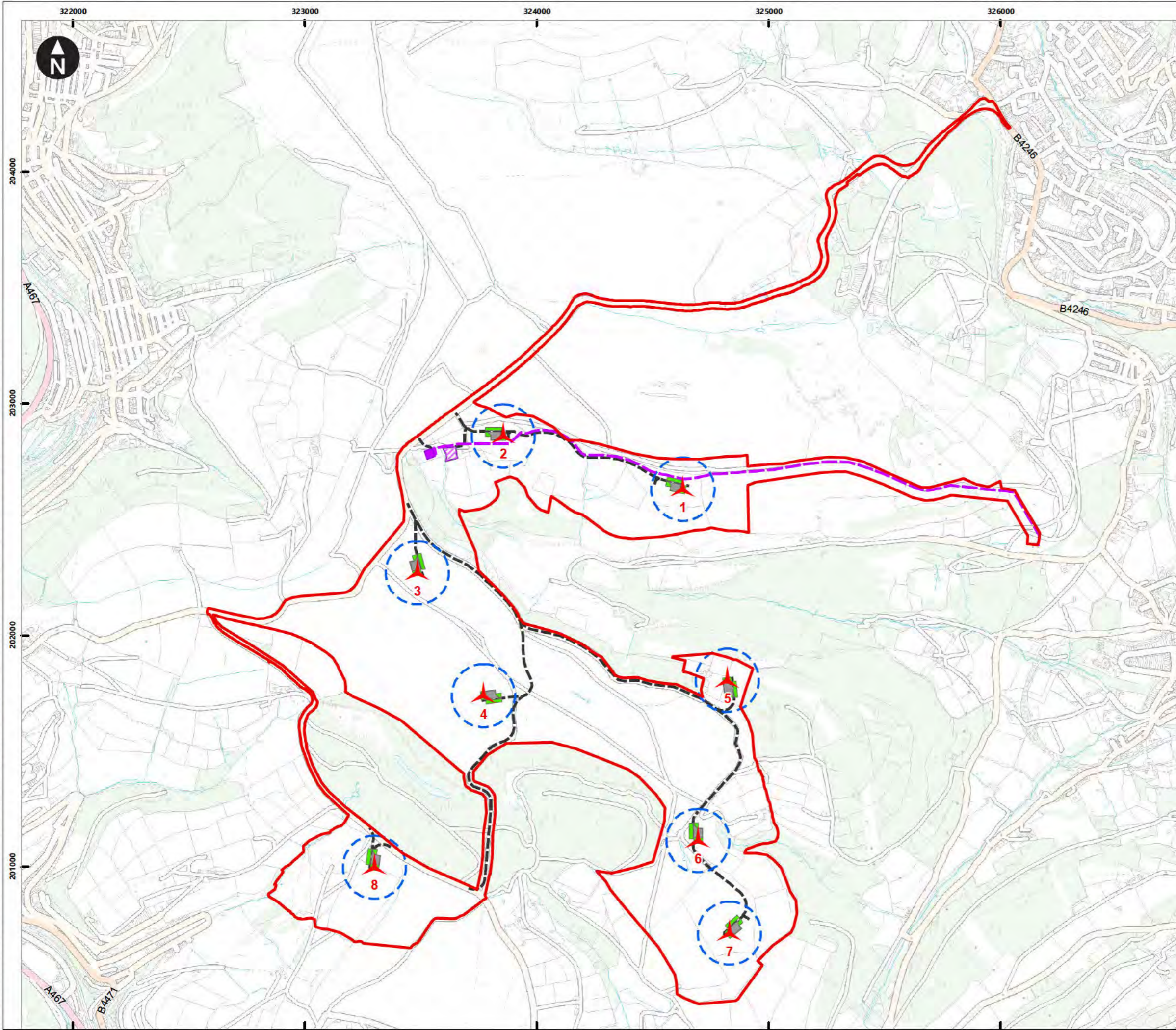
Attachments Torfaen Replacement LDP Tir Pentwys Candidate Site  
Mynydd Llanhilleth Wind Farm Site Layout

cc Meryl Lewis Pennant Walters  
Bernard Llewellyn Peakman Ltd









- Key
- Site boundary
  - Turbine location
  - Grid connection
  - Crane pad
  - Crane pad storage
  - Substation
  - Construction compound
  - Access track
  - Rotor (136mD)

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Scale at A3: 1:16,000  
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Figure 1.2  
Overall site layout

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