

Hearing Session 19

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Matters & Issues Agenda

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Procedural Matters**
- 3. Is the Plan consistent with the requirements of national planning policy and other legislation?**
- 4. Has the Plan been informed by robust and credible evidence, particularly in relation to the defined local search areas (wind and solar) and the renewable electricity and thermal contribution?**
 - (a) Why was the Renewable Energy Assessment Update Study (2016) revised?
 - (b) Is the methodology for defining local search areas (wind) clear and robust? and was the inclusion of criteria relating to a 7 km buffer around protected landscapes, strategic search areas and consented wind farm development and the accessibility of the electricity grid appropriate?
 - (c) Is the methodology for defining local search areas (solar) clear and robust?, has land within agricultural land classifications 3b, 4 and 5 been included in the assessment process and why has land within a 500 metre of a residential properties been excluded?
 - (d) Is the data presented in respect of the renewable electricity and thermal contribution robust?
- 5. Does Policy RE1 provide a clear and consistent framework for assessing development proposals?**
 - (a) How do the requirements of Policy RE1 (1i) differ from those of Policy RE 1 (1ii)?
 - (b) How do the requirements of Policy RE1 (2i) differ from those of Policy RE 1 (2ii)?
 - (c) Should the requirements outlined under Policy RE1 (4) be expanded to include Policy DM13 (5) (as outlined in MAC 62)?
 - (d) Are the requirements of Policy RE1 (6) necessary?
 - (e) Should Policy RE1 make provision for local scale and community wind farms?

- (f) Is it necessary to identify 20 local search areas (solar) to deliver the *potential installed capacity by 2026* figure identified in Table RE2 - Renewable Electricity Contribution?

6. **Does the Plan provide an appropriate balance between realising the area's potential for renewable energy production and the protection of the tourist economy, the landscape, public rights of way and the natural and historic environment of Powys?**
7. **Are the proposed local search areas (solar) free from constraint, capable of accommodating solar PV farms and deliverable?**
8. **Does the Plan provide an appropriate monitoring framework for renewable energy?**
9. **Any other matters**

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