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CgMs Windfarm Projects

Cambrian Renewable Energy Ltd

Myndd y Betws Wind Farm, Carmarthenshire, Wales

CgMs advised on cultural heritage matters in relation to the public inquiry. Evidence given on behalf of the appellant with particular focus on the impact of the turbines upon 8x SAMs and 14x listed buildings in the vicinity of the site. The appeal was upheld and consent granted in June 2009.

Coriolis Energy LLP

Spaldington Wind Farm, Yorkshire

CgMs is preparing built heritage elements of ES in association with RSK for a 5-6 turbine scheme.

Ongar Hill Wind Farm, Norfolk

CgMs is preparing the historic environment chapter for an 11 turbine scheme

Cornwall Light and Power

Goonhilly Wind Farm, Cornwall

CgMs prepared an ES chapter considering the potential effects on cultural heritage resulting from the proposed re-power wind farm turbines at Goonhilly, Cornwall. The scheme was granted planning permission and is under construction.

Cheverton Down Wind Farm, Isle of Wight

CgMs prepared an ES chapter on cultural heritage encompassing archaeology and built heritage. This included the implementation of an archaeological evaluation comprising of geophysical survey and trenching of the turbine locations. A 3 turbine scheme was previously approved at the site but not fully implemented. Following refusal of planning permission, a reduced height scheme was proposed and CgMs prepared the historic environment section of a Regulation 19 SEI submission. CgMs is preparing expert witness proofs for a public inquiry in 2011.

Denzell Downs, Cornwall

CgMs is advising on historic environment matters of a proposed 5 turbine scheme.

Coronation Power/PMSS

Bickham Moor Wind Farm, Devon

CgMs undertook a geophysical survey of the locations of 4 proposed turbines, access tracks and construction compound which revealed archaeological remains of only limited interest. The Local Planning Authority insisted on pre-determination evaluation trenching which CgMs disputed the need for. Following the refusal of planning permission the client decided not to contend the appeal on archaeological grounds and consequently, CgMs managed the trenching of the turbine locations and access tracks. This failed to reveal any archaeological remains following which the LPA withdrew its archaeological objections and agreed that no further work at all was required.

Enertrag UK Ltd

Guestwick Wind Farm, Norfolk

CgMs was asked to provide a witness Statement regarding the definition and extent of the 'setting' of a listed building. This was requested as part of a judicial review process following the dispute of an Inspector's decision by Enertrag UK. CgMs had no prior involvement in the case. The outcome was unsuccessful.

Baumber Wind Farm, Lincolnshire

CgMs undertook an ES Chapter on cultural heritage for a newly proposed wind farm in Lincolnshire. This has included the implementation of an archaeological evaluation of the turbine locations which established that proposals have minimal archaeological impacts.

Tivetshall St Mary Wind Farm, Norfolk

CgMs prepared an ES Chapter on cultural heritage which included the implementation of an

archaeological geophysical survey of the turbine locations & access roads which established that proposals have minimal archaeological impacts with the exception of one turbine which is being relocated so as to avoid important remains of a Roman villa revealed by the survey.

Npower Renewables

Middlemoor Wind Farm, Northumberland

CgMs provided expert witness at appeal on cultural heritage matters. The environmental statement was prepared by Entec, but CgMs reviewed the material and concluded that the proposed wind farm would not harm the historic environment and as such were happy to defend the scheme at appeal. The appeal was granted.

Brechfa Forest, Carmarthenshire

CgMs have prepared the historic environment sections for ESs of a proposed 12 turbine and a 28 turbine scheme. Outcome of the applications are awaited.

Toft Hill Wind Farm, Northumberland

In 2008 CgMs gave expert witness evidence at a public inquiry on a 7 turbine scheme in Northumberland.

Cotton Wind Farm, Cambridgeshire

CgMs prepared a cultural heritage chapter for an Environment Statement. Baseline studies were carried out and impacts on cultural heritage assets within a defined area assessed. This included the implementation of an archaeological evaluation of the turbine locations which established that proposals have minimal archaeological impacts. A key focus was Toseland Hall, the Grade II* listed building which fell approx 1km from a turbine location. Following refusal of permission, CgMs provided expert witness evidence at the subsequent public inquiry the outcome of which is awaited.

Nun Wood Wind Farm, Castle Ashby, Bedfordshire

CgMs was initially bought on to carry out an Assessment of impact on Castle Ashby (grade I listed house and parkland). We identified an impact and they moved the turbines. We are now preparing the ES chapter - Built Heritage for 12 turbines. Issues include listed buildings closest to the turbines and historic landscape character.

Bradwell Wind Farm, Bradwell on Sea, Essex

CgMs prepared a cultural heritage chapter for an Environment Statement. This included a geophysical survey of an area of high archaeological potential and the trenching of proposed turbine locations. This resulted in a minor revision to the

location of 1 turbine to avoid potentially sensitive remains. CgMs provided expert witness on a case which majored on the impact of turbines on a Grade I listed church. The appeal was won and the Inspector found in favour of CgMs' assessment of the church's setting. The appeal was subsequently quashed on a technicality linked to one of the conditions by High Court. CgMs provided expert witness evidence for the second inquiry which was upheld by the Inspector.

Earls Hall Farm, Clacton on Sea, Essex

CgMs undertook an archaeological desk based assessment and an archaeological evaluation of the proposed turbine locations of a 4 turbine scheme. This established that archaeology was a non issue in all but one turbine location at which Roman remains were recorded which will require excavation ahead of construction.

Kildrummy, Aberdeenshire

CgMs are currently advising on action required to discharge archaeological conditions attached the planning consent for this scheme.

Lindhurst, Notts

CgMs prepared a cultural heritage chapter for an Environment Statement for a 5 turbine scheme. Key issues were impact on the setting of SAMs in nearby valley and distant listed buildings.

Nuon Renewables

Harrington Wind Farm, Northamptonshire

CgMs prepared an initial scoping report and an ES chapter on Cultural Heritage for a 7 turbine scheme in Northamptonshire. This included a geophysical survey and trenching of proposed turbine locations which established that there were no archaeological reasons to re-site any of the turbines although due to the presence of prehistoric settlement remains, a programme of excavation may be required ahead of construction. The key issue was the impact on the setting of the nationally important but non-scheduled remains of a Cold War nuclear missile launch site. Although recommended for approval at committee, the scheme was refused planning permission on grounds of impact on the missile remains. CgMs provided expert witness evidence at the subsequent appeal, which was dismissed by the Inspector.

Swinford Wind Farm, Leicestershire

CgMs prepared a report on the setting of Stanford Hall and Stanford Park, a listed building and registered park near Lutterworth in Leicestershire to support an ES prepared by another firm following comments from English Heritage. Evidence was subsequently given at appeal with particular focus on the impact on the setting of Stanford Hall, Stanford Park and

a scheduled ancient monument. The build up to this included the undertaking of a geophysical survey which enabled the impact on below ground archaeological remains to be to become a non-contentious issue. The Secretary of State upheld the appeal. CgMs is working with Nuon to discharge archaeological conditions ahead of construction commencing.

Broadview Energy

Bicton, Cambridgeshire

CgMs have prepared the historic environment section of an ES for a 4 turbine scheme. This included undertaking an archaeological evaluation of the scheme which revealed the remains of an Iron Age settlement and remains of firing ranges of the WWII airfield. The outcome of the planning application is awaited.

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