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## **CPRW Pembrokeshire objects to the latest 135m wind turbine proposal in the Angle Peninsula**

Under the new system of determinations by PEDW (Planning and Environmental Decisions Wales) the Pembrokeshire Branch of CPRW has objected to the latest in a long-running saga of proposals to erect three large wind turbines near Rhoscrowther in the Angle Peninsula, on the edge of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park.

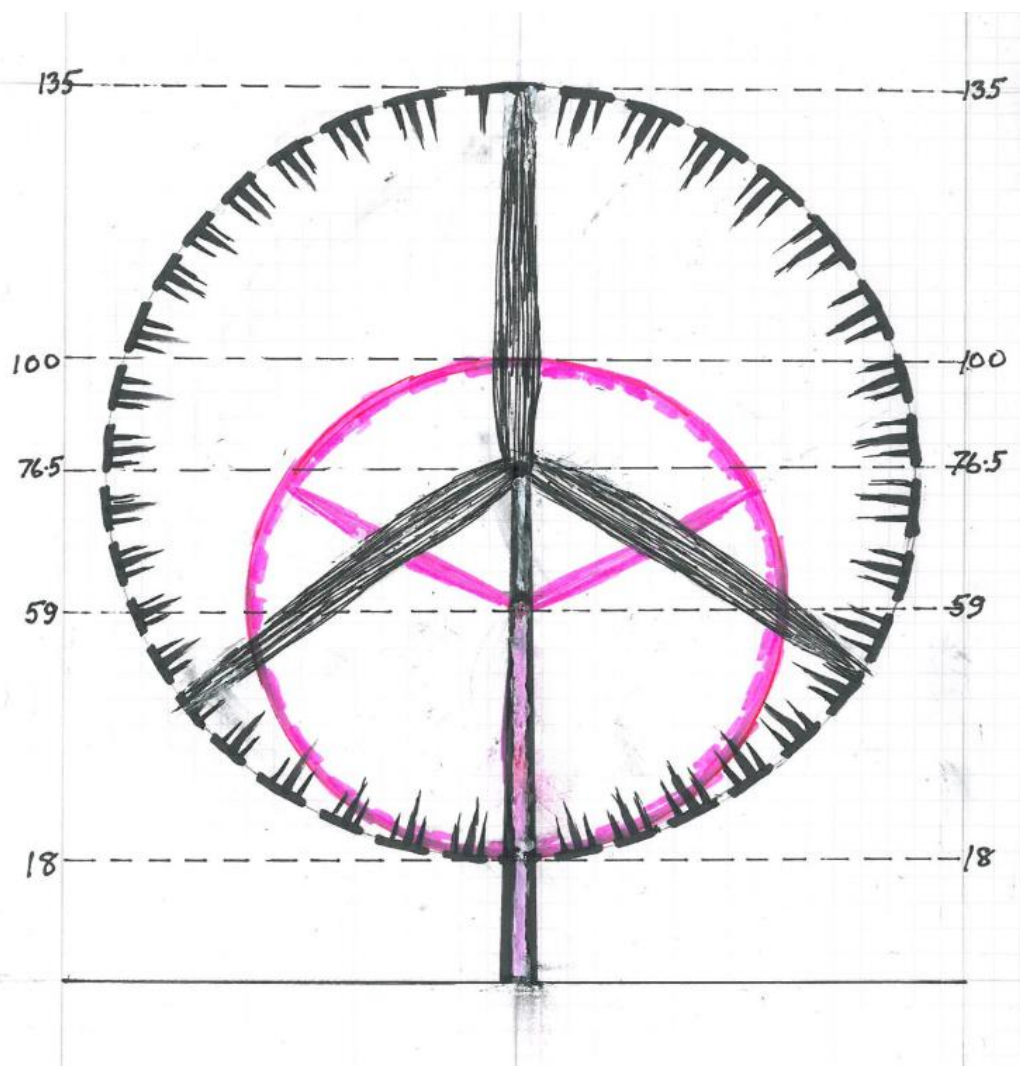
CPRW's detailed objection ([click here](#)) catalogues an extraordinary sequence of 15 various proposals, appeals and decisions on or near the site, all of which ultimately resulted in refusal of consent. The fundamental reason was that wind turbines were out of character with the landscape and visual qualities within and adjacent to this narrow National Park which has - and needs - the highest level of protection. Decision-makers found that the proposals were explicitly not justified by the location and characteristics of the nearby oil refinery which was only permitted by its unique Act of Parliament in 1962.

The most recent Public Inquiry in 2018 dismissed an appeal for 5 x 100m 2.5MW capacity turbines. The current proposal redesigns this to 3, more powerful, 4.3MW machines yet barely increases the total generating capacity - 12.9MW rather than 12.5MW. However, in the process it significantly increases the tip height of each from 100m to 135m, and more than doubles its blade-swept area from 5281m<sup>2</sup> to 10,751m<sup>2</sup>. As a result, the total blade-sweep from the 3 turbines has gone up by 22% - from 26,405m<sup>2</sup> in the original 5-turbine scheme to 32,254m<sup>2</sup>.

The additional impact of the proposed turbines is even greater than these statistics suggest because both the previous 100m and the present 135m turbines have blades which at their lowest point sail only 18m above ground.

	Tip (m)	Hub (m)	Blade (m)	Hub minus blade = height above ground
Previous proposal	100	59.0	41.0	18.0
<b>Current proposal</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>76.5</b>	<b>58.5</b>	<b>18.0</b>

This means, as shown in the sketch below, that the proposed extra blade-sweep (in black) is both higher and wider than that of the original machines (in pink), thus increasing the visual intrusion in this nationally important landscape compared to the project dismissed at the last Public Inquiry.



Despite the evidence above, the conclusions of the viewpoint assessment by the applicants' consultant generally maintain that there is a reduced magnitude of effect and a reduced impact on views. CPRW disputes this and argues that the adverse impacts of the proposal are greater than claimed, and should also be judged in relation to the long catalogue of damaging projects on this site which have all been definitively dismissed.

The relevant Policies 17 and 18 in the Welsh Government's Future Wales: The National Plan 2040 do not lend any support to this proposal and contain a policy commitment to protect nationally-designated areas and their settings from such damaging development.

**CPRW submits that the Application should be refused [again] .**



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