

Env & SD Committee
Welsh Government
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
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Dear Committee,

CALL FOR WRITTEN EVIDENCE: M4

Thank you for inviting me to give evidence to the Committee.

On reading the draft transcript, I feel that I may have inadvertently given a statement that gives a misleading impression of my original intention;

The section I am referring to is Section 273 of the transcript.

“Mr Byrne: We have not been involved in conversations between the Welsh Government and NRW, but, certainly from our point of view, we have not seen NRW express strongly to the Welsh Government that this really should be a no-go area. We would like to see it, as an independent body, express its concern, which has been expressed privately to us, that this is a horrendous scheme. We have not seen that being made public.”

My intention was to state that ‘from our conversations with NRW we are aware of their concerns of the scheme (on designated sites, hydrology etc). We believe that the public consultation process would/will benefit knowing NRW concerns’. The term ‘horrendous scheme’ was my own interpretation of such concerns not their words.

I would be grateful if you could receive this letter as a message to the Committee, and that it could be published as an explanatory note for the Committee’s meeting on 20th November.

Yours sincerely,



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