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## Technical note: Brechfa Forest West Wind Farm: Written Scheme of Investigation for Intermittent Archaeological Monitoring

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### 1. Summary

- 1.1.1 This technical note details proposals for the intermittent archaeological monitoring for the areas noted below at Brechfa Forest West Wind Farm during the excavation of elements of the proposed site:
- new access road from the A485 to the forest (within the forest area);
  - trackwork upgrades between turbines W13, W17, W18, W19 and W23;
  - construction compound;
  - cable trenching between turbines W13, W17, W18, W19 and W23;
  - substation and electrical compound.
- 1.1.2 It is envisaged that archaeological monitoring will be undertaken intermittently, with the Wessex Archaeology Archaeologist communicating with the on site team to allow for suitable time to mobilise.
- 1.1.3 All works will comply with the standards and practices set out in this approved Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) which is a supplementary statement to previous WSI document (AMEC 2015). The previous WSIs are to be referenced for their full extent of the methodology and will not be duplicated within this document.
- 1.1.4 Full agreement for the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) has been given from Dyfed Archaeological Trust, following previous correspondence (March 2015) where it was highlighted that further assessment was required regarding the change in setting to Scheduled Monuments CM033 a&b and CM034. It has since been clarified (telephone call with Mike Ings (DAT DM) on 19/10/2016) that there will not be a change in the setting due to the surrounding areas continuing to be densely forested.
- 1.1.5 This supplementary statement refines the scope of works for the intermittent archaeological monitoring of soil stripping and has been informed by the results of the evaluation trenching at turbine locations W13, W17, W18, W19 and W23 (Wessex Archaeology 2016). Ten trenches were opened, none of which revealed any significant archaeological remains.
- 1.1.6 This WSI has been approved by the Dyfed Archaeological Trust Development Management (DAT DM) prior to archaeological monitoring work commencing.



## 2. Mitigation Measures

- 2.1.1 The soil stripping on the areas mentioned above is to be undertaken with a tracked machine provided by the client, with a toothless bucket and will be supervised by a Wessex Archaeology competent archaeologist, as stated in the overall Written Scheme of Investigation (AMEC 2015).
- 2.1.2 The Wessex Archaeology archaeologist will supervise the excavation and will ensure that the areas to be monitored are only released for construction once this has been agreed by DAT DM.
- 2.1.3 A meeting(s) and telephone correspondence will be undertaken with the DAT DM during the duration of the archaeological monitoring work and if/where archaeological remains are found this will be recorded and the area agreed by the DAT DM, to be handed over to the excavation company as required.

## 3. Bibliography

AMEC. 2015. *Brechfa Forest West Wind Farm (Requirement 26: Archaeology) Written Scheme of Investigation for Archaeological Mitigation*. Unpublished Technical Report.

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