

Item 12 Development Committee 4th March 2026

Good afternoon Councillor Carrigan

I am writing you on behalf of [REDACTED] a local wildlife group based in Todmorden, who are the part of the Peatland Alliance, a group of local environmental organisations who are very concerned about the threat to the blanket bog and peatland habitats on Walshaw Moor which are threatened by CEP's proposals for a major windfarm on the moor. We want to ensure that the forthcoming public consultation for the proposal is carried out properly.

We would be grateful if you could contact Calderdale Council and request them to tell Calderdale Energy Park, the developer, that their statutory consultation plan, also known as a Statement of Community Consultation, should:

1. Include Preliminary Environmental Information, since this will be included in the Statutory Consultation and so should be recorded in the Statement of Community Consultation.
2. State that the statutory consultation should run for 12 weeks. The proposed 6 week consultation is too short – that was a pretty common experience with the non- statutory consultation last year.
3. Delay the statutory consultation start date until after the May 7th all-out Council elections. Councils will be unable to respond beforehand because of the sensitive pre-election period. Afterwards Councils will be inducting new Councillors and forming all the decision making committees and will be unable to respond until this process is complete.

Kind regards

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