

## **Tirgwynt Wind Farm: Delivery Route FAQs**

Here we answer some of the questions you may have regarding the wind farm. If you have any other questions not covered here, please get in contact directly using details on the website.

### **How often and when will the convoys pass through?**

There will be one convoy per day, up to 6 days a week, which is expected to travel through Welshpool between 12 noon and 2 pm. If it is deemed safe to do so by police and the haulier we may add a second convoy to travel through Welshpool after 7pm during daylight hours. Please check the website for changes and updates to the schedule.

### **How much of a traffic delay will the convoys cause?**

We have invested in upgrading and improving many local roads to increase the number of passing places. There will likely be very little delay caused by the convoy, if any at all.

### **What parking restrictions will be in place in Welshpool?**

There is at present no need for additional parking restrictions; however any vehicles which are parked illegally and obstructing the highway on double yellow lines, or double parked, may be removed by the police in advance of the convoy passing through the town.

### **What happens if an emergency vehicle such as an ambulance or fire engine needs to get through?**

The convoy will have a police escort which is there to deal with situations like this and they have the powers to control the traffic. It will be in radio contact with the emergency services and will ensure emergency vehicles get priority.

### **Why can't you bring the convoys through at night?**

This is a safety issue for both the hauliers and the police, who have advised us that, particularly for the safety of the motorcycle escort team, deliveries can take place during daylight hours only.

### **How will you ensure the safety of other road users while the convoy is passing through?**

Safety is our primary concern, and Awel Newydd Cyf is working with our contractors, the relevant highway authorities, the Police and the community to ensure this. The use of a police escort shall ensure safety of the public and we are carrying out a test run in advance to identify any potential problems. The police escort officers will have the powers to control the traffic to ensure the convoy passes through without endangering other road users.

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### **Why have you chosen this delivery route?**

The delivery routes along the larger trunk road network and restrictions for delivering the turbine components are determined by the Strategic Traffic Management Plan (STMP) for mid-Wales which was agreed in August 2012 in consultation with the Welsh Government, developers at the time and RenewableUK Cymru.

### **Once construction is complete, how many vehicle movements will the wind farm generate?**

Very few. These would be normal-sized vehicles associated with maintenance at the wind farm. In the unlikely event of an engineering problem requiring replacement parts to be delivered, we would undertake the same safety measures and ensure the community is notified in advance.

### **What happens if traffic delays on other parts of the route mean the convoys can't stick to the schedule?**

If there is a substantial delay beyond the target window or a cancellation of a delivery, we will publish this information on our website and notify the relevant town and community councils.

### **How can I find out what times the convoys will be passing through my area?**

Please check this page on the website, which shows the full route and expected times of travel through key areas. Additional notices will be put in local papers and on notice boards along the route between Pant and the wind farm.

### **Why can't you deliver the components by helicopter?**

The longest component is a turbine blade which is 45m long, whilst the heaviest is the nacelle and weighs up to 70 tonnes; it's not technically feasible for reasons of aerodynamics to deliver to this site by helicopter.

### **How do you know the road structures are strong enough for the turbine delivery vehicles?**

A series of assessments and calculations by our structural engineers have been done along the route and all the structures have been considered by Powys County Council and the trunk road agency. If there are any locations which require further strengthening or other mitigation measures, we will be carrying this work out at our cost. We have already carried out road widening works at key points on the route which will be permanent.

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### **How fast do the turbine delivery vehicles travel?**

The delivery vehicles can travel in line with the national speed limits of the roads for vehicles of their size, although they may be slower when negotiating junctions, and their speed will be controlled by the police escorting team.