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Norman, Sue and I met with Chris Jackson Project Manager of RES-Group - the company proposing the Wind Farm project on Mynydd Maen.

*I'm grateful for the following notes on the meeting which have been prepared by Norman:-*

Chris explained that it was now proposed that 13 turbines would be erected instead of the 15 originally proposed, the plan he had showed these as being located on the northern part of the Mynydd Maen ridge extending south just beyond the telecommunication masts and the gas pumping station. As no planning application has been submitted Chris wasn't able to give us a copy of the plan showing the location of the turbines.

He told us as if the development went ahead the area of land taken up by the turbines and associated infrastructure would no longer be common land and that the law requires that an alternative area of land of similar character and size would need to be provided. The size of the area required would be between 40 and 50 hectares.

Consequently they were now looking for land which could be registered as common land. This land must be contiguous to the existing common and cannot be fenced off from it.

Chris told us that the area of land around Twmbarlwm, owned by the Llanarth Estate, and shown on the attached plan, was an area being considered. The Estate was in agreement in principle as was the tenant grazing the land, Howard Vicary.

He told us that if this was agreed an area of land including the Scheduled Ancient Monument could be left out of the Common Land designation and could be fenced off to protect it. The exact area would need to be discussed in detail as things progress.

We raised the following with Chris:

- the Sward Management Plan that was being prepared by Gwent Wildlife Trust to manage Twmbarlwm to prevent wildfires and flagged up our concern as to how this proposal would affect this;
- the works that had just been completed under the Adventure Triangle project, especially the dry stone wall and how the proposal would affect this;
- the fact that the fencing we had put in had reduced the problems caused by illegal off road activities. The removal of this could well result in the off road problems returning;
- that we would oppose any proposal that would detrimentally affect Twmbarlwm.
- Chris accepted our concerns but seemed to think that they could be resolved.
- We agreed that we would provide Chris with a copy of the Sward Management Plan and told him that this would be discussed by the Society. He promised that he would keep us involved as things progressed.

