

**Content of an email from Andrew Lee-Jones of Herefordshire Council / Amey to Clive Skelton regarding the meeting held in Eardisley School on 31st March at 7pm to inform Eardisley, Whitney and Winforton Residents about the proposal to transport wind turbine components through Eardisley**

There are ongoing discussions and proposals to build a number of wind farms in Mid Wales. All decisions upon this will fall to Welsh Authorities and the National Assembly, however preparation works are ongoing to establish suppliers, suitable supply routes etc. As part of this work, a supply route is being investigated to enable the transport of the windmill units from Newport docks into Mid Wales, part of which has been identified as being along the A438, A4111 and A44 from Rhydspence via Eardisley and Kington back into Wales. The loads will be classed as 'abnormal', in the fact that vehicles transporting the blades will be in excess of 30m long whilst those transporting the tower and generators will be in excess of 4m wide.

In acknowledging the effect of such movements upon the County's highway network it is proposed to undertake trial runs to establish whether the route is suitable and what infrastructure changes may be required. Being aware of the road network, especially through Eardisley, I suggest holding the meeting to inform the Parish Council and residents of the proposed trial runs so that all are aware of the situation, and hopefully be willing to cooperate to enable a full review of conditions to take place.

I must stress that these will only be trial runs and there will be the ability to 'close' the vehicles should a problem be encountered. I understand that it is unlikely that whichever route is nominated, actual loads will not take place for at least two years.

Accordingly we are arranging for representatives from Scottish Power and Colletts, who will be undertaking the trial to attend together with Police and several officers from Amey on behalf of Herefordshire Council.