

Environmental Statement: Technical Appendix 8.9 – Email From Welsh Chough Project

ES TA 8.9

Development of National Significance

Alaw Môn Solar Farm

Land west of the B5112, 415m south of Llyn Alaw, 500m east of Llantrisant and 1.5km west of Llannerch-y-Medd, Anglesey

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From: Adrienne Stratford <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 7 July, 2021 9:19 AM
To: Guy Miller <[REDACTED]>
Cc: 'Robert Styles' <[REDACTED]>; Tony Cross <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Alaw Mon Solar Farm - Chough Data (Confidential)

Hello Guy,

I've run all these 1 km squares through my filters and can confirm, as expected, that we have no records of choughs feeding on the area within the outlined boundary for the proposal, South of Llyn Alaw. As I mentioned, we have very few records from the "interior" of Anglesey, away from Parys Mountain + Llyn Traffwl.

Cautionary note: Although this data set covers at least 20 years for much of North Wales, it is not (+ could not possibly be) systematic over such a large area, meaning that an absence of records cannot be taken to prove a lack of chough usage. However, if this area were used at all regularly by choughs + by more than a passing bird or two, I'm pretty sure it would have come to our attention before now.

Hope that helps.

With best wishes,

Adrienne

The Cross & Stratford Welsh Chough Project is a long-running study of choughs in mid + North Wales by Tony Cross + myself, during which more than 6,000 individuals have been colour-ringed over the past 30 years, with life histories recorded for many of these birds, shedding light on their movements, social + nesting behaviour, longevity etc.

From: Guy Miller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 06 July 2021 18:43
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Robert Styles <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Alaw Mon Solar Farm – Chough Data (Confidential)

Dear Adrienne

It was good to speak to you earlier. As mentioned, we are currently providing ecological advice for an Environmental Impact Assessment for a solar farm project in central Anglesey, near Llyn Alaw.

Patrick Lindley at NRW has recommended that we contact you to determine whether you hold any chough records for the area. I have attached a site location plan, as discussed. Below are the 1km grid squares that are either within or that intersect the site boundary. I have provided them in two formats to help facilitate the database search.

	x	y		1km grid square
SH	36	83		SH3683
SH	37	83		SH3783
SH	37	84		SH3784
SH	38	82		SH3882
SH	38	83		SH3883
SH	38	84		SH3884
SH	39	83		SH3983
SH	39	84		SH3984

SH	39	85		SH3985
SH	40	83		SH4083
SH	40	84		SH4084

I really appreciate your offer to check the database against these grid squares. As mentioned, it would be useful to get the data back as soon as is possible, as we are in the process of putting a report together.

Kind regards

Guy

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