



A SEVERN BARRAGE OR WHAT?

Options for Renewable Energy from the Severn Estuary

A Public Forum at Holland House Hotel, Cardiff
6:00pm, Wednesday, 8th April 2009

This Public Forum coincides with the Government's public consultation on the first phase of its feasibility study into whether a power project using the vast natural tidal resource of the Severn Estuary could be supported and if so on what terms. This would be a major undertaking with long term consequences for South Wales, possibly for hundreds of years. Five alternative schemes have been short listed. The purpose of this Forum is to provide an independent platform and the necessary information to allow all interested people to form their opinions and to convey them to government, both through this meeting and directly. The consultation closes on 23rd April, 2009.

PROGRAMME

- 18:00 Welcome
Eric Albone, FRSA, RSA and British Science Association
Rudi Plaut, CBE, FRSA
- 18:05 Overview of Severn Tidal Power Options
James Colcombe, Severn Tidal Power SEA Study Manager, Parsons Brinckerhoff
- 18:20 Severn Barrage and Other Options: Hydro-environmental Impact
Roger Falconer, FRSA, Halcrow Professor of Water Management, School of Engineering, Cardiff University
- 18:35 Tidal power in the Severn: can we maximise output while minimising risks and impacts?
Morgan Parry, Head of WWF Cymru
- 18:50 Severn Tidal Power - The Environmental Unknowns
Michael Evans, Policy and Strategy Manager - Climate Change, Environment Agency Wales
- 19:05 Economic Benefits of the Severn Barrage
Brian Morgan, Professor of Entrepreneurship, University of Wales Institute Cardiff
- 19:20 Coffee/Tea Break
- 19:40 Question Time Discussion
- 20:30 End – followed by Buffet Dinner

NOTE: 17:00 - 17:45 Optional visit to large physical model of the Severn Estuary (with Barrage), located in Cardiff University's School of Engineering. The model is on display, just over the road from the venue (opposite O'Brien's coffee shop), and delegates will be shown the model by Professor Falconer. Tea will be provided.

Contact for further information, Prof Roger Falconer FRSA, falconerra@cardiff.ac.uk, 02920 874280

Outcomes from this Forum will be forwarded to the Consultation. Participants will also be encouraged to submit their own views direct to the Consultation. Full details are available on http://severntidalpowerconsultation.decc.gov.uk_study_overview. A copy of the Severn Tidal Power Consultation Document can also be obtained free on charge on-line or phone: 0845 015 0010.

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