

## Wind Energy Capability Statement:

### EXPERTISE IN WIND ENERGY

Figures predict the UK will become Europe's fourth largest wind energy market by 2020, making this a huge area of growth for investors and landowners†. However, investing in wind energy involves more than simple site selection. AB Heritage Limited has extensive experience in providing archaeological services to the wind energy sector. We understand the logistics of such schemes, as well as the local sensitivities. Above all, we understand the need to manage project risk and provide pragmatic solutions to achieve delivery.

Working across the UK, AB Heritage is called on to help clients develop wind farms on a range of different scales. Each scheme has its own unique requirements and we believe in tailoring our service to suit client needs, by openly and honestly advising you on how to achieve your objectives and helping maintain control of your budget.

### HELPING YOU STAY IN CONTROL

AB Heritage understands the importance of reducing unnecessary delays to prevent soaring costs. With this in mind we will always look to assist clients in anticipating the need for archaeological works. This includes advising against cultural heritage works if they bring no benefit to the project; after all, nobody wants to waste effort by concentrating on factors that simply do not apply.

AB Heritage offers in depth archaeological expertise, covering any necessary heritage works. This allows us to help you progress your scheme and, where we identify features of importance, we work towards achieving a positive outcome for all parties.

†Source <http://www.businessgreen.com/bg/news/2099355/report-eu-wind-energy-market-triple-size-decade>



## Our Services Include:

- Early feasibility guidance and options appraisal
- Advice on discharging planning conditions
- Heritage risk management and the provision of design guidance to avoid/ limit heritage risk at source
- Negotiation with local authorities, national heritage agencies and other relevant stakeholders on your behalf to provide a robust scope of works and achieve a suitable and successful outcome
- Advice on the need for, and suitability of, works requested along with their financial and programming implications
- Input into publicity and public relations events, including events at public engagement days, to provide added benefits to schemes related to the cultural heritage works they undertake
- Expert Witness during Planning Applications and at Public Inquiries
- Guidance on work on or within designated sites, including preparation of Scheduled Monument, Listed Building and Conservation Area Consent applications

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## Case Studies:

### Craobh Haven Turbine, Argyll & Bute

Client: Post Scriptum

AB Heritage is currently involved in providing cultural heritage advice as part of a planning application for a two-turbine development within an archaeologically important part of Argyll & Bute.

### Norton Community Wind Farm, Yorkshire

Client: Origin Energy

Origin Energy has selected AB Heritage to produce a Cultural Heritage Environmental Statement, as part of the proposed construction of two wind turbines in South Yorkshire. We are helping our client understand and manage the potential impacts on the significance on the surrounding historic environment.

### Mynydd Portref Wind Farm, Rhondda Cynon Taff

Client: Gifford

AB Heritage developed a Written Scheme of Investigation for an extensive archaeological watching brief to be maintained during initial construction groundworks associated with the construction of the twelve-turbine wind farm.

### Neuadd Goch Wind Farm, Powys

Client: Ramboll

During the development process for a nine-turbine wind farm at Neuadd Goch, Montgomeryshire, AB Heritage was asked to prepare a cultural heritage Environmental Statement chapter and ASIDOHL. Our assessment identified a number of potential impacts, both direct and indirect. Further archaeological evaluation work was proposed in advance of construction work with the development of subsequent mitigation strategies to follow if required.

### Bedlinog Wind Farm, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough

Client: Gifford

AB Heritage prepared a Cultural Heritage Environmental Statement chapter and ASIDOHL report for a three-turbine wind farm development at Bedlinog, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough. Our assessment identified a number of potential direct and indirect impacts. Advance archaeological evaluation work was proposed to enable development of a subsequent mitigation strategy if required.