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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2014 No. 2441**

**The Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm Order 2014**

**PART 4**

**Miscellaneous and general**

**Removal of human remains**

**32.**—(1) In this article “the specified land” means the land within the limits of deviation.

(2) Before the undertaker carries out any development or works which will or may disturb any human remains in the specified land it shall remove those human remains from the specified land, or cause them to be removed, in accordance with the following provisions of this article.

(3) Before any such remains are removed from the specified land the undertaker must give notice of the intended removal, describing the specified land and stating the general effect of the following provisions of this article, by—

- (a) publishing a notice once in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper circulating in the area of the authorised project, and
- (b) displaying a notice in a conspicuous place on or near to the specified land.

(4) As soon as reasonably practicable after the first publication of a notice under paragraph (3) the undertaker shall send a copy of the notice to Denbighshire County Council and Conwy County Borough Council.

(5) At any time within 56 days after the first publication of a notice under paragraph (3) any person who is a personal representative or relative of any deceased person whose remains are interred in the specified land may give notice in writing to the undertaker of that person’s intention to undertake the removal of the remains.

(6) Where a person has given notice under paragraph (5), and the remains in question can be identified, that person may cause such remains to be—

- (a) removed and re-interred in any burial ground or cemetery in which burials may legally take place, or
- (b) removed to, and cremated in, any crematorium,

and that person must, as soon as reasonably practicable after such re-interment or cremation, provide to the undertaker a certificate for the purpose of enabling compliance with paragraph (11).

(7) If the undertaker is not satisfied that any person giving notice under paragraph (5) is the personal representative or relative as that person claims to be, or that the remains in question can be identified, the question is to be determined on the application of either party in a summary manner by the county court, and the court may make an order specifying who will remove the remains and as to the payment of the costs of the application.

(8) The undertaker shall pay the reasonable expenses of removing and re-interring or cremating the remains of any deceased person under this article.

(9) Subject to paragraph (10), the undertaker must remove any remains in the specified land and cause them to be re-interred in such burial ground or cemetery in which burials may legally take place as the undertaker thinks suitable for the purpose if—

- (a) within the period of 56 days referred to in paragraph (5) no notice under that paragraph has been given to the undertaker in respect of the remains,
- (b) such notice is given and no application is made under paragraph (7) within 56 days after the giving of the notice but the person who gave the notice fails to remove the remains within a further period of 56 days,
- (c) within 56 days after any order is made by the county court under paragraph (7) any person, other than the undertaker, specified in the order fails to remove the remains, or
- (d) it is determined that the remains to which any such notice relates cannot be identified,

and, so far as possible, remains from individual graves must be re-interred in individual containers which are to be identifiable by a record prepared with reference to the original position of burial of the remains that they contain.

(10) If the undertaker is satisfied that any person giving notice under paragraph (5) is the personal representative or relative as that person claims to be and that the remains in question can be identified, but that person does not remove the remains, the undertaker must comply with any reasonable request that person may make in relation to the removal and re-interment or cremation of the remains.

(11) On the re-interment or cremation of any remains under this article—

- (a) a certificate of re-interment or cremation must be sent by the undertaker to the Registrar General by the undertaker giving the date of re-interment or cremation and identifying the place from which the remains were removed and the place in which they were re-interred or cremated; and
- (b) a copy of the certificate of re-interment or cremation and the record mentioned in paragraph (9) shall be sent by the undertaker to Denbighshire County Council and Conwy County Borough Council.

(12) The removal of the remains of any deceased person under this article is to be carried out in accordance with any directions which may be given by the Secretary of State.

(13) Any jurisdiction or function conferred on the county court by this article may be exercised by the district judge of the court.

(14) Section 25 of the Burial Act 1857(1) (bodies not to be removed from burial grounds, save under faculty, without licence of Secretary of State) may not apply to a removal carried out in accordance with this article.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Art. 32 in force at 2.10.2014, see [art. 1](#)

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(1) [1857 c.81](#). There are amendments to this Act which are not relevant to this Order.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to The Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm Order 2014. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- [art. 36\(1A\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2017/1197 art. 4\(2\)](#)