

# Save Our Cardiff Reservoirs Walk

In the table below WPD = Western Power Distribution, the electricity company owned by the American multinational 'Philadelphia Power and Light (PPL)'. PPL had a net income in 2011 of \$1,512,000,000.

The campaign to save the reservoirs is run by the Reservoir Action Group (RAG). Further details on the information outlined below is on the RAG website <http://reservoir-action-group.blogspot.co.uk/>

The items highlighted in yellow relate to WPD's planning applications. All their planning applications are virtually identical, they propose to permanently drain the reservoir and cover the site with over 300 houses and flats.



Reservoir Action Group

## Timeline

| Date                  | Event  |
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| December 2001         | Reservoir Action Group formed.   |
| December 2002         | WPD submit first Planning Application to build over 300 houses on Llanishen reservoir. This was later withdrawn by WPD.  |
| Between 2002 and 2006 | WPD submit second Planning Application which is rejected by Cardiff County Council.<br>WPD submit third Planning Application which is rejected by Cardiff County Council.  |
| December 2004         | Public access to Llanishen Reservoir blocked by WPD<br><a href="http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/tm_objectid=15027191&amp;method=full&amp;siteid=50082&amp;headline=gates-closed-at-reservoir-name_page.html">http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/tm_objectid=15027191&amp;method=full&amp;siteid=50082&amp;headline=gates-closed-at-reservoir-name_page.html</a> |
| 2005                  | Countryside Council for Wales designate SSSI status to the embankments of Llanishen and Lisvane Reservoirs for their grassland fungi.  |
| March 2005            | WPD complete the removal of public access to Llanishen reservoir by erecting a steel fence around the majority of the reservoir perimeter.   |
| February 2006         | Countryside Council for Wales (CCW) confirm the Site of Special Scientific Interest for grassland fungi on the Llanishen and Lisvane reservoir embankments. the grassy slopes were found to be home to 29 species of waxcap fungi, qualifying the site as one of international importance.   |
| May 2006              | WPD submit a fourth planning application. This is similar to the third application with the exception that all the housing (still 324 units) will be placed inside the boundaries of Llanishen reservoir.  |
| October 2006          | Following an appeal by WPD against Cardiff Council's rejection a Public Inquiry into WPD's second Planning Application commences.  |
| 24/12/2006            | Keepers Cottage burns down.  |
| 2007                  | WPD demolish houses adjacent to Keepers Cottage where they would like to have an access road to their development.   |
| January 2007          | High Court upholds SSSI status for the reservoirs after WPD appeal Countryside Council for Wales' designation of the reservoir embankments as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for grassland fungi.  |
| June 2007             | Public Inquiry RAG's application for the Meadows to be registered as a Village   |

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|                | Green begins in June then is adjourned in July by the Inspector after the Council introduced potentially important, previously uncirculated, material.          |
| August 2007    | Planning Inspector Mr Alwyn Nixon recommends rejecting WPD's second Planning Application.   |
| October 2007   | Cardiff Council reject WPD's fourth Planning Application.   |
| February 2008  | Village Green Enquiry resumes.  |
| May 2008       | Following an appeal by WPD against Cardiff Council's rejection a Public Inquiry into WPD's fourth Planning Application commences.                               |
| May 2008       | Cardiff Council has won a court case which prevents WPD from terminating the Council's tenancy of the Sailing Centre at Llanishen Reservoir.                    |
| July 2008      | Inspector turns down separate 'Town Green' application on a legal technicality.   |
| September 2008 | Public Inquiry into WPD's fourth Planning Application completed.  |
| April 2009     | Planning Inspector Mr Richard Poppleton recommends approving WPD's fourth Planning Application.   |
| April 2009     | Welsh Assembly Minister rejects Planning Inspector's recommendation.  |
| May 2009       | WPD appeal listing in a judicial review in the High Court.  |
| July 2009      | CADW list Llanishen Reservoir dam wall.   |
| September 2009 | WPD successfully challenge Welsh Assembly Minister's decision to reject their fourth Planning Application. High Court instruct Minister to review her decision. |
| February 2010  | Court of Appeal confirms CADW listing.  |
| September 2010 | WPD Drain reservoir. They are yet to refill it which is a legal obligation.   |
| June 2011      | As the dam wall has been listed after the WPD fourth Planning Application was submitted a further Public Inquiry is set up. This was completed in June 2011.    |
| 2012           | Awaiting publication of planning inspector's report into WPD's fourth planning application.   |