

Pennant Walters is launching statutory consultation for a wind farm on land to the east of Newbridge and Abercarn.

The proposals are for up to four wind turbines with an indicative height of up to 145m. It is estimated that the wind farm will generate up to 20MW of electricity, which is equivalent to providing enough power to meet the annual electricity needs of approximately 13,135 homes*.

*<https://www.renewableuk.com/page/UKWEDEexplained>

Statutory consultation (Pre-application consultation)

We would like to thank everyone who took part in our early engagement consultation, which took place in March 2023. We received a great deal of useful feedback and have been considering this, alongside the outcome of further technical surveys and assessments to further develop our proposals.

We would now like to invite you to take part in our statutory consultation before we formally submit our application. You can attend one of our public drop-in events and/or an online virtual exhibition on our website.

Public exhibitions

Come and find out more and provide your feedback on the proposals:

Llanfach Community Village Hall, Twyn Road, Abercarn NP11 5LB
Thursday 30 November
2pm – 7pm

Newbridge Memo, High Street, Newbridge NP11 4FH
Friday 1 December
2pm – 7pm



**13,135
HOMES POWERED**
by this proposal



OPPORTUNITIES
for community benefit

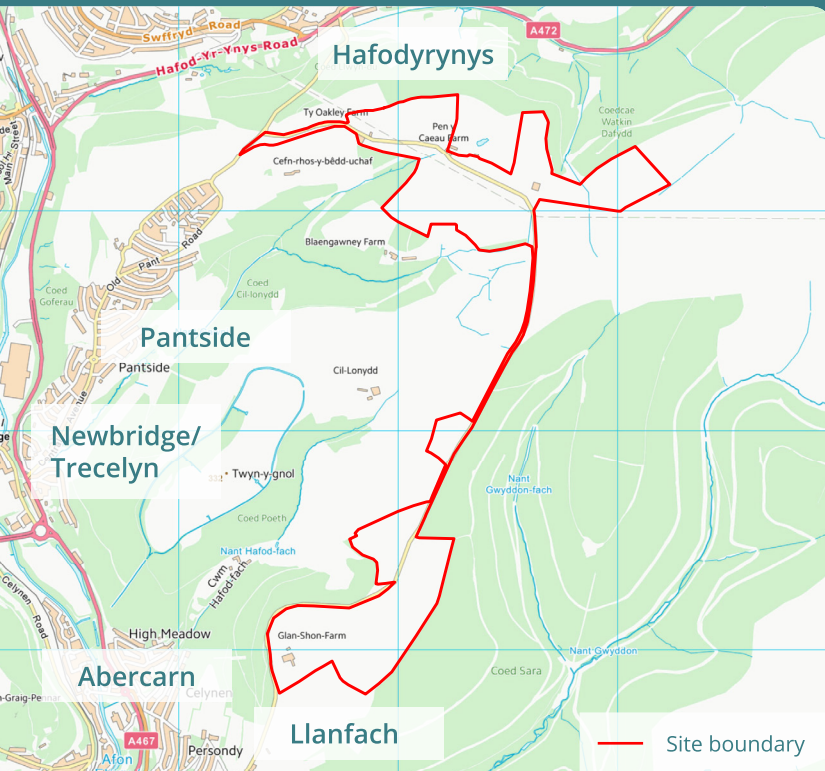


**CONSTRUCTION
JOBS**
and supply chain opportunities

The planning process

This project is deemed a Development of National Significance (DNS), meaning that we will need to apply to PEDW, which will make a recommendation to Welsh Ministers, who will decide whether planning permission should be granted.

As part of the DNS process, we will prepare and submit a pre-application consultation (PAC) report detailing the consultation undertaken and how feedback has been considered for the project. Following our statutory consultation, we will prepare our final application for submission to PEDW, which is anticipated to be in spring 2024.



Our updated proposals

Our previous proposals included up to five wind turbines, but after receiving feedback from our early engagement consultation and following the outcome of further technical assessments, the proposals now include up to four wind turbines with a blade height up to 145m, estimated to produce 4-6MW each.

In summary, the proposals will include:

- » Up to four turbines with a 145m tip height
- » (c.4-6MW per turbine)
- » Transformers housed either within or adjacent to turbines
- » Onsite access tracks
- » A site sub-station building
- » The proposal is to have an operational life of 30 years

The connection to the grid will be on site, meaning that there will not be a connection corridor outside of the three identified land parcels which are shown on the map.

The site shows great potential to help address the Climate Emergency and combating the UK's energy security crisis.

The site has been identified as being suitable for wind power generation by the Welsh Government with it being within a Pre-Assessed Area as set out in Future Wales: The National Plan 2040 document.

About us

Pennant Walters is Wales' largest home-grown renewable energy developer and is part of the Walters Group based in Hirwaun – a local company operating nationally, employing up to 500 people, many of which are based in South Wales.

Since 2002, Pennant Walters has developed, built, and now operates six wind farms and some solar developments in South Wales, producing a total of 127MW. Pennant Walters seeks to develop a long-lasting relationship with all stakeholders including surrounding communities, landowners, local authorities and regulators.

Pennant Walters has considerable experience of developing renewable energy developments in South Wales, and have a strong track record of delivering wind farm projects.

Community benefits

Apart from the obvious carbon reduction and energy sustainability benefits to Wales, there is a significant opportunity to deliver other, more local benefits as a result of this project.

Pennant Walters operates a Community Benefit Fund for each of its wind farm projects. To date, around £5 million has been distributed within South Wales to important local initiatives.

As a locally owned Welsh company, this project will be 'locally owned', however, we have been exploring shared ownership and community ownership opportunities.

Get in touch

We would like to hear your comments on the Trecelyn Wind Farm proposal. You can view the full application and draft environmental statement and associated documents on the project website below.

You can tell us your thoughts by filling out a feedback form online or at the public events.
You can also get in touch with us via:

Email: info@trecelyn-windfarm.co.uk
Freephone: 0800 699 0081
Postal address: FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION (no stamp required).

Deadline for comments is 22 December 2023.