

PRE-APPLICATION
CONSULTATION
REPORT

**NEW PLANT POOL SHED – ABERPERGWM COLLIERY,
GLYNNEATH
AUGUST 2023**



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INTRODUCTION

1.1 In accordance with Part 1A of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016 (“the 2016 Order”), all major developments are required to be subject to pre-application consultation, prior to the Planning Application being validated by the Local Planning Authority.

1.2 The 2016 Order confirms that any ‘Pre-Application Consultation’ exercise would be required to undertake the following steps prior to compiling the PAC Report (Section 2F);

- Publicity before application for Planning Permission (Section 2C);
- Consultation before applying for Planning Permission (Section 2D); and
- Duty to respond to pre-application consultation (Section 2E);

1.3 This PAC Report has been prepared in accordance with Part 1 Section 2F of the 2016 Order and the Amendment Order and demonstrates how the applicant has complied with Section 61Z of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) (“the 1990 Act”) and responded to the Consultation received from any person consulted under Section 61Z (3) or (4) of the 1990 Act.

1.4 In accordance with section 2F(2) and 2G of the Amendment Order this report includes;

- a) a copy of the site notice and a plan showing its locations;
- b) a declaration that the site notice was displayed in accordance with the 2016 Order;
- c) a list of the addresses of adjoining land owners or occupiers;
- d) copies of all notices given to community consultees;
- e) copies of all notices given to specialist consultees;
- f) a summary of all issues raised in response to the statutory publicity, including confirmation of whether the issues raised have been addressed, and, if so, how;
- g) a summary of all issues raised by community and specialist consultees, including confirmation of whether the issues raised have been addressed, and, if so, how;
- h) copies of all responses received from community and specialist consultees.

STATUTORY PUBLICITY BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2.1 In accordance with Section 2C of the 2016 Order and Section 2G of the Amendment Order, Energybuild has undertaken appropriate publicity by way of:

- Displaying a site notice for a period of no less than 28 days from the 4th July to the 1st August 2023 inclusive. A copy of the site notice is contained at Appendix A.
- the Site Notice was displayed in at least one place on or near the development site therefore the provisions of Section 2(C)(1)(a)(i) of the 2016 Order and the Amendment Order have been complied with;
- Giving requisite notice to owners/occupiers of any land adjoining the application site. A list of the identified adjoining land owners and a draft notice is contained in Appendix B.
- Made the full draft planning package available for inspection at Energybuild Ltd's offices from the 4th July until the 1st August 2023 inclusive.

2.2 Any person who wished to make representations about the proposed development must have contacted Energybuild Ltd via email or post by the 1st August 2023.

CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

3.1 In accordance with Section 2D of the 2016 Order and Section 2G of the Amendment Order, Energybuild has undertaken consultation with all community and specialist consultees.

Community Consultees (Schedule 1B)

3.2 The applicant has undertaken consultation with the following community consultees;

Table 1 Community Consultees	
Consultee	
Del Morgan	Parish Councillor / Mayor of Glynneath
Simon Knoyle	Glynneath County Councillor
Hailey Davies	Blaengwrach County Councillor
Amanda Doherty	Cwmgwrach Community Councillor
Menna Mortimer	Cwmgwrach Community Councillor

3.3 A copy of all notices issued to community consultees is contained within Appendix B.

Specialist Consultees (Schedule 1C)

3.4 The applicant has undertaken consultation with the following specialist consultees;

- NRW

3.5 A copy of all notices issued to specialist consultees are contained within Appendix B.

3.6 The above consultees were given notice that the responses were required within 28 days from the receipt of the notice.

RESPONSE TO THE STATUTORY PUBLICITY

4.1 This section provides a summary of the comments received in response to the statutory publicity, with personal data redacted in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Full copies of the responses received can be provided upon request; please note that all personal data will be redacted for data protection purposes in accordance with the GDPR.

4.2 As discussed, the application was publicised as follows;

- A site notice was displayed on/adjacent to the site; and
- Notices were issued to the adjoining land owners.

4.3 1 response was received between the date of issuing the letter and the time of the application submission. The nature of the correspondence received is summarised in the below table;

Consultation Response	Number of Responses
Support	1
Neither object nor support	
Object	1 (although outside of the consultation period)
Total	2

The objection was received outside of the consultation period, but for completeness we have included it within our report. It contained the following points:

1. the notice was only posted in Welsh, which many people in the area cannot read. Why was this done?
2. there are no details regarding the proposed size of this shed - residents said "shed" conjures up the idea of a garden shed, but they doubt this is an accurate size comparison so suggest more appropriate language may be 'warehouse' - but without an idea of scale, this is hard to assess.
3. the scale of the map is such that it gives no idea whatsoever where on the site this "shed" is being proposed e.g. will it be visible from the road?

In response to these points, we can confirm:

The site notice was posted in both Welsh and English at all locations as shown in Appendix A. These notices were checked weekly to ensure they remained in situ for the duration of the consultation period. The site notices made it clear that anyone could get in touch to discuss the application using the contact details provided. Further details relating to the application, notably the exact size and location of the shed could be viewed at Energybuild's offices throughout the consultation period.

RESPONSE OF THE COMMUNITY CONSULTEES

5.1 A response was received from Glynneath Parish Council, detailed as follows;

Parish Councillor

Comment

“Diolch, Neil. Does dim cwestiynau gyda fi am hwn - mae'n ddiddorol iawn. Pob hwyl”

RESPONSE OF SPECIALIST CONSULTEES

None received at the end of the consultation period.

CONCLUSION

8.1 Energybuild Ltd have prepared a PAC Report to demonstrate that appropriate pre-application consultation has been carried out in respect of the proposed plant pool shed at Aberpergwm Colliery.

8.2 This PAC Report is prepared in accordance with Part 1 Section 2F of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016 ("the 2016 Order") and Section 2G of the Planning Applications (Temporary Modifications and Disapplication) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Order 2020 ("the Amendment Order") and demonstrates how the applicant has complied with Section 61Z of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) ("the 1990 Act") and responded to the comments received from any interested party consulted under Section 61Z (3) or (4) of the 1990 Act.

8.3 As required by Sections 2C, 2D and 2E of the 2016 Order and 2G of the Amendment Order, the forthcoming application has been publicised, consulted upon and considered in accordance with the regulations.

8.4 Where appropriate, responses to comments received are provided in addition to details of any amendments to the application package/ proposal arising from the comments received.

8.6 In accordance with Article 2C (4) (3A), the application was not submitted before the end of the period of 14 days beginning with the day on which the last document was issued.

8.7 In accordance with the above, it is considered that the requirements of Part 1 Section 2C, 2D, 2E and 2F of the 2016 Order and Section 2G of the Amendment Order have been satisfied.

Appendix A - Copy of Site Notice and map showing their location

Proposed new plant storage shed- Aberpergwm Colliery, Glynneath

SCHEDULE 1B: PUBLICITY AND CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION NOTICE UNDER ARTICLES 2C AND 2D- Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Notice is given that Energybuild Ltd is intending to apply for planning permission for a new plant storage shed at their site at the Aberpergwm Colliery, Glynneath.

This notice provides the opportunity to comment directly to the Company on the proposals prior to the submission of a planning application to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (NPTCBC). Any subsequent planning application will be publicised by NPTCBC. Comments provided in response to this notice will not prejudice your ability to make representations to NPTCBC on any related planning application. You should note that any comments submitted may be placed on the public file.

The proposed development is at Aberpergwm Colliery, Glynneath, SA11 5AJ The site location is illustrated on the map below.



You may inspect copies of the proposed application, plans, and other supporting documents at the Energybuild Ltd offices during the following hours:



Opening Times	
Monday	9:00 – 17:00
Tuesday	9:00 – 17:00
Wednesday	9:00 – 17:00
Thursday	9:00 – 17:00
Friday	9:00 – 17:00

Anyone who wishes to make representations regarding this proposed development must write to us at:

info@energybuild.co.uk

or

Energybuild Ltd
Aberpergwm Colliery
Glynneath
SA11 5AJ

Please respond by: 01.08.2023

Signed: Thomas Davies

Date: 04.07.2023


Energybuild
ABERPERGWM COLLIERY

Adeilad storio newydd arfaethedig – Aberpergwm Colliery, Glynneath

ATODLEN 1B: CYHOEDDUSRWYDD AC YMGYNGHORI CYN GWNEUD CAIS AM GYNLLUNIO HYSBYSIAD CANIATÂD O DAN ERTHYGLAU 2C A 2D- Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref Gorchymyn (Gweithdrefn Rheoli Datblygu) (Cymru) 2012

Rhoddir rhybudd bod Energybuild Ltd yn bwriadu gwneud cais am ganiatâd cynllunio ar gyfer sied storio peiriannau newydd ar eu safle yng Nglofa Aberpergwm, Glyn-nedd.

Mae'r hysbysiad hwn yn rhoi'r cyfle i wneud sylwadau'n uniongyrchol i'r Cwmni ar y cynigion cyn cyflwyno cais cynllunio i Gyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot (NPTCBC). Bydd unrhyw gais cynllunio dilynol yn cael ei gyhoeddi gan NPTCBC. Ni fydd sylwadau a ddarperir mewn ymateb i'r hysbysiad hwn yn amharu ar eich gallu i gyflwyno sylwadau i NPTCBC ar unrhyw gais cynllunio cysylltiedig. Dylech nodi y gall unrhyw sylwadau a gyflwynir gael eu rhoi ar y ffeil gyhoeddus.

Mae'r datblygiad arfaethedig yng Nglofa Aberpergwm, Glyn-nedd, SA11 5AJ Dangosir lleoliad y safle ar y map isod.



Gallwch archwilio copïau o'r cais arfaethedig, cynlluniau, a dogfennau ategol eraill yn swyddfeydd Energybuild Ltd yn ystod yr oriau canlynol:

Oraiau Agor:	
Dydd Llun	9:00 – 17:00
Dydd Mawrth	9:00 – 17:00
Dydd Mercher	9:00 – 17:00
Dydd Iau	9:00 – 17:00
Dydd Gwerner	9:00 – 17:00

Rhaid i unrhyw un sy'n dymuno gwneud sylwadau ynghylch y datblygiad arfaethedig hwn ysgrifennu atom yn:

info@energybuild.co.uk

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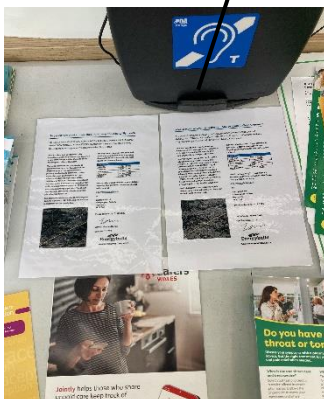
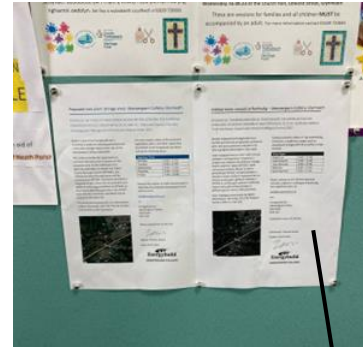
Energybuild Ltd
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Glynneath
SA11 5AJ

Ymatebwch erbyn: 01.08.2023

Llofnodwyd: Thomas Davies

Dyddiad: 04.07.2023

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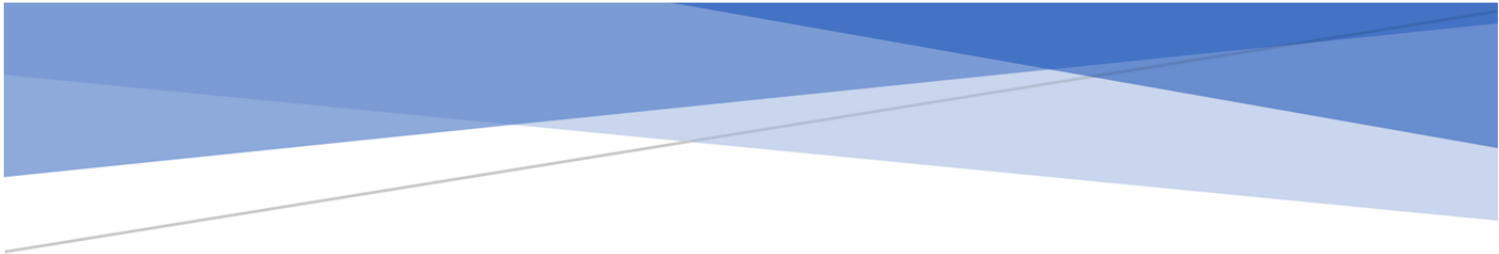
Appendix B - List of the addresses of adjoining landowners and/or occupiers

There are no neighbouring residential properties.

Notices have been issued to the owners of the ground surrounding the Colliery.

Adjoining landowners	
Name	Address
Aberpergwm Estate	C/O 26 Walter Road, Swansea, SA1 5NN

Appendix C - Copy of all notices issued to community consultees (Schedule 1B) and specialist consultees (Schedule 1C)



ABERPERGWM COLLIERY

REPORT ON POSITION OF PRE- APPLICATION COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

JULY 2023
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INTRODUCTION

Energybuild Ltd. is based in the Neath Valley, South Wales. We produce, process, and sell high quality anthracite products which are used mainly as a water filtration medium and for high quality carbon products which are used for the manufacture of carbon electrodes and carbon paste for battery manufacture etc. The mine has been in operation for over 30 years. It currently employs 180 direct employees; this number will expand very shortly with the employment of a further 10 people. Of this number 18 are electrical and mechanical engineering apprentices. We also engage a 10 full time contractors on site. The site benefits from a full planning consent (P2014/0729) and full mining license until 2039.

The Anthracite product is mined from a deep drift mine, the entrance of which is situated on the Aberpergwm Mine site itself. The coal production is by means of a board and pillar mechanized techniques utilizing state of the art mining equipment. We currently produce in excess of 2000 tons of product per week. This figure is again set to increase shortly with the onset of an extensive underground development/expansion program.

Also contained on site is a 400 tons per hour capacity, dense medium Anthracite processing plant which has the sophistication to refine the very specialist grade of products that is required by the specialist markets which we serve. To accompany the processing plant the site holds all the ancillary equipment and services required to pursue the undertaking e.g., product loading facilities, weighbridges, grading, and screening equipment etc. Please refer to plan Reference **AC/PPS/523/V1**

We produce Specialist anthracites for the following markets.

- Water Purification
- Activated Carbon
- Metal Processing and Reduction
- Industrial Colorants
- Carbon Powders
- Carbon Electrodes
- Cement Production

LOCATION AND SITE DESCRIPTION

Energybuild's Aberpergwm Colliery site is located to the South West of the village of Glynneath and to the North of the village of Blaengwrach/Cwmgwrach in the Neath Valley. It is accessed via the B4242 highway which the site is located adjacent to.

The business site is defined by the Planning Consent Boundary (consent number P20014/0729) as granted by Neath Port Talbot Borough Council in October 2018. All ongoing undertakings are carried on within this consented boundary and area. Please refer to Plans Reference, **AC/PPSLOC/523/V1** and **AC/PPS/523/V1**

Operations carried on at the site consist of the mining of Anthracite mineral from the underground drift mine, processing of the mined product into saleable product and subsequent sale and distribution of the products to various customers.

The backdrop to the site consists of mainly broadleaved woodland and scrub. A haul road passes through the site and winds up the top of the Hirfynydd mountain, which lies to the North of the Aberpergwm site where a waste repository for mine waste is located.

The village of Glynneath lies to the East of the and the village of Cwmgwrach/Blaengwrach lies to the South of the site. The site is well screened from the locality by broadleaved woodland area and scrub.

The proposed new Plant Pool Shed is totally located within the operational site boundary and is in effect totally concealed by other pre-existing site structures and earth bunds. (P2014/0729). The site is fully operational and is currently being upgraded to meet the needs of the expanding enterprise.

ABERPERGWM MINE PLANNING HISTORY

The following table summarises the Planning Permissions granted in respect of Aberpergwm Mine.	
REF	TITLE
P2003/1498	Vary condition 1 of planning permission 2/3/96/0065 extension of time to 30 th September 2013.
P2003/1500	Vary condition 1 of planning permission 2/3/93/0268/03 extension of time to 30 th September 2013.
P2007/1309	Variation of condition 23 of planning application p2003/1500, to extend the hours of working at the Aberpergwm colliery lower surface area
P2007/1422	Construction of a new access drift. Works to include a portal underground tunnel and access from the existing colliery surface to the new drift.
P2008/0414	Retention of extension to existing substation together with a control room & engineers office.
P2008/0494	The retention of ancillary operations associated with Aberpergwm colliery, these being water treatment facilities and an explosives magazine and the incorporation of the land on which they are located into Aberpergwm colliery planning permission.
P2008/1290	Retention and completion of electrical substation
P2009/0429	Extension of underground planning boundary
P2010/0498	Mine surface development to provide coal preparation, coal storage, coal handling and sales, welfare, and bathing facilities together with car parking, internal haul road, wheel wash and weighbridges, ancillary infrastructure and surface water control, attenuation, and pollution prevention measures plus permission to increase the number and capacity of coal haulage vehicles per day and alterations to existing access
P2010/1128	Retrospective application for the retention of a temporary car park with security cabin, boundary fencing, bunds, and floodlighting, plus an un-controlled

	pedestrian crossing over b4242, temporary footpath and footbridge over the Neath canal for a period of 24 months
11/0481/10	For a temporary period of six months only, the importation of coal from Aberpergwm mine near Glynneath, and the use of the existing coal preparation plant, overland conveyor, the dispatch of coal products by road and rail via the existing railhead and the return of washed mine reject material to Aberpergwm mine by road
P2011/0116	Proposed workshop under condition 13 of planning application P2003/1500
P2011/0708	Retrospective application for the storage of mining equipment, diversion of access track, relocation of an explosives store/security alarm cabin and slope stabilisation work. Planning application for a fan house substation building and cable duct
P2011/0852	Retention and completion of electricity substation with associated access, enclosures and plant

In September 2013, a number of Section 73 Applications were submitted to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to extend the life of Aberpergwm Colliery for a further five years (until 2018). A summary of the applications submitted is provided below.	
REF	TITLE
P2013/875	Vary condition 1 (time limits) of planning permission p2003/1498 - extension of time until 30th September 2013
P2013/876	Vary condition 1 (time limits) of planning permission p2003/1500 - extension of time until 30th September 2013
P2013/877	Vary condition 1 (time limits) of planning permission p2007/1422 - extension of time until 30th September 2013
P2013/878	Vary condition 1 (time limits) of planning permission p2008/0494 - extension of time until 30th September 2013
P2013/879	Vary condition 1 (time limits) of planning permission p2009/0429 - extension of time until 30th September 2013

P2013/880	Vary condition 1 (time limits) of planning permission p2011/0708 - extension of time until 30th September 2013
P2013/881	Vary condition 1 (time limits) of planning permission p2012/0995 - extension of time until 30th September 2013
P2014/0729	Application for an extension to and reconfiguration of the underground coal workings; Creation of a mine waste repository with the retention and improvement of the associated haul road (to dispose of mine waste and discard from coal preparation at the mine) and the delivery of further peat habitat mitigation works; Mine Surface development, including - regularisation and time extension of existing minerelated operations and mine surface development, consolidation of existing planning permissions and planning controls, construction of infrastructure/buildings, formation of materials storage and stocking areas, drainage works, and landscaping. (Further information received 10 July 2018)

THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Energybuild propose to construct a plant pool storage shed. The new building will be constructed in the same pattern and appearance as all other structures on site. The extension building itself is a steel framed to B.S.5950 – industrial Specification – CE Marked to Execution Class 2. The building details are shown in the table below and on **Plan REF. AC/PPSDET/523V1**.

PROPOSED PLANT POOL SHED					
HEIGHT M	12.303	WIDTH M	30	LENGTH M	70
FLOOR AREA M²	2100				
STANCHIONS		610 X 305 X 149 Kg/M AT 11 SETTINGS AT 6.818M SPACINGS			
RAFTERS		610 X 305 X 149Kg/M			
CLADDING		0.7 mm 1000/32PLASTIC COATED BOX PROFILE			
CLADDING COLOUR		JUNIPER GREEN			
FOUNDATION DETAIL	BUILDING CONSTRUCTED ON PRE-EXISTING H/C BASE. BUILDING FRAMES SET ON 1.2M X 1.2M X 1.2 POCKETED BASES				

Due in the main to the planned expansion of the underground mining operation which necessitates the installation of new and sophisticated mining machinery, additional dry storage space is critically required for plant consignment stock items and sensitive electrical equipment. Also, materials which are currently stored around the site and in distributed shipping containers will be transferred to the plant pool shed when complete. This will allow for a much cleaner and more organised site appearance in addition to the security and stable storage conditions which the new shed will provide.

The building will be constructed on a pre-existing compacted base which was previously designed for the purpose. Concrete pockets 2000 x 2000mm will be formed to support the shed stanchions. This will obviate the need for any excavation works. The concrete base specifications are shown on Plan K14572.

The building will be manufactured off site by a specialist manufacturer and transported to site for erection. It is scheduled that the total erection including the provision of external cladding will take no longer than seven days.

CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS

NOISE

The planned construction period for the building is relatively brief at a maximum of seven days and will be carried out between the hours of 08:00 and 15:00. The building foundation has already been constructed as a part of a previous development and will not include any excavation works or the use of heavy machinery.

The construction area is located behind, in relation to the local community, an earth attenuation bund which will again facilitate the attenuation of noise.

Consequently, it is considered that noise generated will not present any adverse impact on the local communities or site adjacent environs.

When constructed the building will serve to supplement the attenuating effects of other site structures together with existing site earth bunds and tree screen in the suppression of general site noise.

Additionally, the building will concentrate some storage related vehicle movements to within the building structure.

The site operates a comprehensive noise management policy which allows for the proactive investigation and the instigation of corrective measures in relation of any potential nuisance noise source.

DUST

The Company operates a comprehensive dust suppression policy and is constantly vigilant in its observations of changing weather conditions and site operations. The site is also equipped with a sophisticated dust suppression system, the use of water bowsers is also available to supplement this should the need arise.

The generation of dust or other form of emission is not considered to present a problem during the construction phase of operational phase of the development due in the main to its brevity and the lack of requirement for any heavy excavation works. Weather conditions and emissions are observed daily and recorded in a book provided for the purpose. Any complaints that may arise will also be recorded in the book.

VISIBILITY

The building itself is totally obscured from any viewpoints external to the site by other existing and consented structures, trees and vegetation, and to the northeast by a large noise attenuation bund. It is not visible from any footpath, bridleway or highway.

LIGHTING

It is not proposed to provide any lighting sources which are external to the building.

ECOLOGY

The proposed shed erecting site has already been prepared in relation to groundworks by virtue of past activities and relative planning consents. The area is currently utilised as a materials and scrap storage area and consequently is constantly in use by site vehicles.

There are no ponds or other water features in the vicinity. cursory checks have indicated no adverse impacts to ecology by virtue of construction or material clearance operations.

DRAINAGE

The building will be incorporated into the existing site drainage water treatment system. The drainage infrastructure is in fact mostly already constructed and in place by virtue of Consent (P2014/0729) Please refer to Plan Ref. **AC/PPS/523/V1**

TRANSPORT

Delivery to site of the shed construction materials will take no more than five 20 tonne trucks. Truck arrivals will be delivered at the intensity of one truck a day during the construction phase. These vehicle movements are well within the parameters of consent (P2014/0729).

PRE-APPLICATION AND ON-GOING COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The scope and nature of the consultation plan is befitting to the nature and magnitude of the development being proposed. The statutory 28 day consultation period will begin on the 4th July 2023

The consultation strategy will contain the following elements.

- The requisite notices have been placed at the following locations in the near communities:
 - Site entrance
 - Manor Drive, Glynneath
 - Vale of Neath Pharmacy
 - Lamppost adjacent to Glynneath Swimming Pool
 - Glynneath Library
 - High Street roundabout between Blaengwrach and Cwmgwrach
 - on site notice boards and within the weighbridge

The notices will be displayed in both Welsh and English. Copies of the notices are appended to this document.

- Copies of the draft planning application will be on display at the mine offices for all interested stakeholders to view for the requisite period. Its presence and times for its viewing are displayed on the consultation notices.
- Copies of the draft planning application together with the consultation strategy have been sent to the local County and Parish Councillors for consideration and response should the wish to comment.
- Records of all consultations with interested personnel will be recorded and submitted to the local planning Authority as part of the Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report
- Preliminary discussions have been held with certain Councillors and dignitaries. The discussion of the development has been placed on the agenda for the forth coming Company Liaison Committee Meeting. The discussions will be minuted and the minutes will be published within the PAC report.

CONCLUSION

Energybuild proposes to construct a Plant Pool Shed. The new building and dimensions are shown in the preceding paragraphs and on **Plan Ref. AC/PPSDET/523V1**

The new plant pool shed will be in the character and outward appearance of the existing comparable site structures. It will be coloured Juniper green to match other site structures and blend with the existing back drop of trees.

The construction phase will take no longer than seven days, this will be facilitated by the previous construction of ground works and foundations.

The building is not considered intrusive to the public in any way. It is well screened, not visible from any footpath or bridleway. The structure will provide valuable and secure storage space for the various equipment used for the underground mining operation it will contain and also contribute to providing a cleaner and safer working environment.

The construction of the building holds the additional following benefits to the local communities and public in general.

1. It will form a barrier and assist with the attenuation of site noise.
2. It will serve as containment for equipment and machinery which currently is stored in the open and distributed around the site, giving a tidier and more organised appearance.
3. The construction of the storage shed will facilitate the efficient and safe operation of the undertaking and thus play its part in securing the employment of the 200 persons who are employed there.

INCLUSIONS

PLAN REF. AC/PPS/523/V1

PLAN REF. AC/PPSLOC/523/V1

PLAN REF. AC/PPSDET/523V1

DOCUMENT REF. K14572

SITE NOTICES

Appendix D - Responses received from consultees

Response 1

From: Del Morgan <clr.del.morgan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 1:50 PM
To: Neil Price <neil.price@energybuild.co.uk>
Subject: Re: Aberpergwm Colliery

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organisation. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

Diolch, Neil. Does dim cwestiynau gyda fi am hwn - mae'n ddiddorol iawn. Pob hwyl,

Del.

Response 2

Received via email:

To whom it concerns,

We have received complaints from local residents that you posted up a Schedule 1B notice regarding a new plant storage shed on your site at the Aberpergwm Colliery, Glynneath.

These complaints concern 3 points:

4. the notice was only posted in Welsh, which many people in the area cannot read. Why was this done?
5. there are no details regarding the proposed size of this shed - residents said "shed" conjures up the idea of a garden shed, but they doubt this is an accurate size comparison so suggest more appropriate language may be 'warehouse' - but without an idea of scale, this is hard to assess.
6. the scale of the map is such that it gives no idea whatsoever where on the site this "shed" is being proposed e.g. will it be visible from the road?

I trust that this feedback to your consultation will be included in your planning application even though it is technically 3 days outside the consultation deadline. I've CC'd Planning at NPT.

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Regards,

Coal Action Network

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Appendix E - Copy of minutes from Community Liaison Committee meeting – 9th August 2023

MINUTES OF LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING – 9TH AUGUST 2023

Attendees

Neil Price (NP) – Energybuild Ltd
Ruby Davies (RD)– Energybuild Ltd
Cllr. Del Morgan (DM) - Glynneath Town Council
Cllr. Simon Knoyle (SK) – Glynneath
Dai Jones – Blaengwrach Community

Apologies

Thomas Davies (TD)– Energybuild Ltd
Rhidian Davies (RD) – Energybuild Ltd
Richard Atkins (RA) – Energybuild Ltd
Simon Thomas (ST) – Energybuild Ltd
Ffion Williams (FW) – Carmarthenshire County Council
Thomas Boothroyd (TB) – Carmarthenshire County Council
Cllr. Menna Mortimer (MM) - Cwmgwrach
Linda Mogford Evans (LME) – BCC Clerk
Cllr. Janet Gregory (JG) – Glynneath Town Council
Cllr. Hayley Davies (HD) –Blaengwrach and Glynneath West

Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting read and agreed
No matters arising

Company Report

ABERPERGWM COLLIERY MONTHLY OUTPUT FOR 2023					
MONTH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL	MONTHLY AVERAGE
ROM	14057	16321	8619	38997	12999
CLEAN COAL	5386	6330	3292	15008	5003
SALES	8665	8829	9812	27306	9102

NP confirmed 9 new apprentices will start on site in November, making 24 in total
Currently 210 employees

Puracite, who produce filter media products has recently been purchased by Energybuild. We are looking to expand this part of the business with a potential relocation from their current site in Ammanford to the Aberpergwm yard in due course.

Environmental Report

Energybuild has used its Permitted Development Rights (as confirmed with NPTCBC) to construct an earth bund along the eastern site boundary to limit the noise impact of the site. There have been no noise complaints since its creation. As part of the earth bund, we have also created a series of ephemeral ponds and wildlife areas as well as a bat house.

2 x bowzers and water sprays are utilized in dry weather to prevent dust blowing from the site. Use of the haul road is also stopped when conditions dictate. No dust complaints have been received in the period.

Health and Safety

There have been no accidents in the period which have resulted in lost time.

Planning Matters

Decision awaited on the variation of a condition relating to the surfacing of the yard at the drift entrance. Retrospective application for the extension to the existing stored building is ongoing.

Consultation period for the new Plant Pool Building ended 2nd August, consultation notices provided to all members of the liaison committee and site notices placed in various locations in the locality. Pre-application consultation report to be submitted as part of the application.

Tip restoration scheme to be submitted in October as part of the planning conditions

NP updated everyone on the position regarding the VAM grant application. A decision is still awaited, we will update the committee members should we be successful in obtaining the grant.

Any Other Business

SK asked whether it was possible to have an diagrammatic breakdown of the mine workforce showing where they reside – RD to look into this and produce for next meeting.

Date of next meeting

November 2023 date to be confirmed nearer the time