

Planning and Environment Decisions Wales
Crown Buildings
Cathay Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

Your Ref: DNS/3264571
20th December 2023

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION FOR A DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE (WALES) S62D –
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

We are pleased to submit an application for planning permission for a Development of National Significance on behalf of Y Bryn Wind Farm Ltd for the following development at land at Bryn and Penhydd forests, located between Port Talbot and Maesteg:

“Installation of up to 18 wind turbines with maximum heights ranging between up to 206m, up to 230m, and up to 250m to blade tip, each with foundations, external transformer housings, crane hardstandings and erection area; together with ancillary infrastructure and construction enabling works including substation, control building and compound; energy storage facility; two permanent wind monitoring locations; upgraded and new access tracks and highway junctions; underground cable runs; site signage; borrow pits; temporary construction and storage compounds and laydown areas.” (‘the Development’).

As the scheme comprises an electricity generating station with an installed generating capacity of between 10 and 350 MW, it falls within the definition of a ‘Development of National Significance’ (DNS) under section 3(1)(a) and 4 of the Developments of National Significance (Specified Criteria and Prescribed Secondary Consents) (Wales) Regulations 2016, for the purposes of s62(D) of the Planning (Wales) Act 2014 (“the Wales Act”) (as amended). An official notice of acceptance of the notification, under Article 6 of the 2016 DNS Procedure Order, is submitted as part of this application.

The application is supported by the documents listed on the Core Document list submitted as part of the application.

We can confirm that one hard copy of the application has been sent to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) and one hard copy has been sent to each of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (NPTCBC) and Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC). A copy of certificates served as required under Article 17 is enclosed with this letter, which has been sent to the 5 landowners (as set out in a personal details attachment to the Application Form).

The statutory application fee of £15,350 and Local Impact Report fees of £7,750 x 2 has been paid to PEDW 15th December 2023.

A Statement of Common Ground is being prepared for agreement with NPTCBC and BCBC, and will be submitted in support of the DNS application once completed. It is anticipated that this will be submitted in advance of the application being validated.

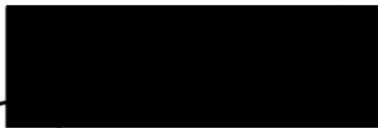
Having regard to the proposals and their prevailing policy context, it has been assessed and concluded that the proposal is acceptable (subject to conditions) in respect of the principle of development as set out in Policy 17 of Future Wales, the criteria set out in Policy 18 of Future Wales, and all other material considerations.

Consequently, it is considered that the development complies with national planning policy and guidance and is in accordance with the development plan and all other material considerations. It can accordingly be concluded that the application should be granted planning permission subject to the imposition of reasonable conditions.

I trust that the enclosed application is acceptable although please let me know if you require any further information or assistance with navigating the documents in terms of validation. I would be pleased to arrange a number of (virtual) meetings if you think this would be beneficial.

For the avoidance of doubt, we do not expect for the application to be picked up and the "relevant period" in terms of Article 15 to commence until the new year now, once PEDW and LPAs offices are back open and receipt of hard copies are confirmed.

Yours sincerely,



Trevor Hunter
Development Project Manager
Coriolis Energy

cc. Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Bridgend County Borough Council

Enc. Core Document List
Article 6 Acceptance of Notification Letter (12th May 2023)
Copy of certificates served as required under Article 17
Application Form

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