

Margam Connection

Pre-application Consultation Summary

Report

November 2025

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

1.1.1 This Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Summary Report has been prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended). It supports a planning application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) for the extension to the existing Margam substation.

1.1.2 In line with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended), the consultation was carried out prior to submission of a planning application to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (NPTCBC).

1.1.3 The proposed scheme involves extending the Margam 275kV substation. This includes the construction of a Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) hall, demolition of the existing control and amenities buildings, and the development of new facilities including a new amenities building. The works will also include earthworks, surface water management, drainage infrastructure, lighting, CCTV, boundary treatment, car parking and ecological improvements such as a wildlife tower and gabion baskets. Additional works include improved internal access roads, a diesel generator and hard standing, a storage building and water tank, a flood defence wall with landscaping and other associated engineering operations.

In accordance with this guidance, this PAC report contains the following:

- A summary of engagement undertaken prior to the PAC.
- A summary of activity undertaken for PAC consultation and how it complies with PAC guidance
- Responses to comments received during PAC consultation undertaken between 11 September 2025 and 9 October 2025.
- A conclusion summarising how the Applicant has had regard to the relevant PAC guidance.

1.1.4 The Welsh Government's Pre-application Community Consultation: Best Practice Guidance for Developers was followed throughout the consultation process and formed the foundation of all engagement. The guidance encourages proactive communication between applicants, local planning authorities and local communities states:

The Welsh Government's evidence gathering process, when preparing the Act, identified that more effort was needed to involve communities in the planning of developments that affect them. Furthermore, that community involvement should occur at a stage when it is meaningful and can influence the scheme, rather than after important decisions have been made. (ref 1.2)

It also advises that:

When done well engagement frontloads the planning process, increases community buy-in, improves the quality of the built environment and creates efficiency and certainty of the planning process for all. (ref 1.2)

As confirmed by Welsh Government's 'Pre-application Community Consultations: Best Practice Guidance for Developers' dated December 2021, the legislative requirement sets out the minimum activity that needs to be undertaken for major developments and encourages developers to go further than the minimum to get the most out of the process.

In terms of the approach to consultation, it is confirmed that NGET has gone beyond the statutory requirements. This has included, ahead of the statutory PAC, ensuring that both the local community and key stakeholders, which includes political and community representatives, had an understanding of the proposals and were able to discuss the project with the project team.

Section 3 of this PAC report provides a full overview of this non-statutory engagement.

The Applicant confirms that it is committed to engaging with the community and key stakeholders including political and community representatives throughout all project phases. This is to ensure that we are transparent, that we develop relationships, and that the project is shaped by considering and responding to comments made.

1.1.5 The statutory 28-day consultation took place between 11 September and 9 October 2025. Notices were displayed at the site, prescribed consultees were notified, and the consultation documents were made available online.

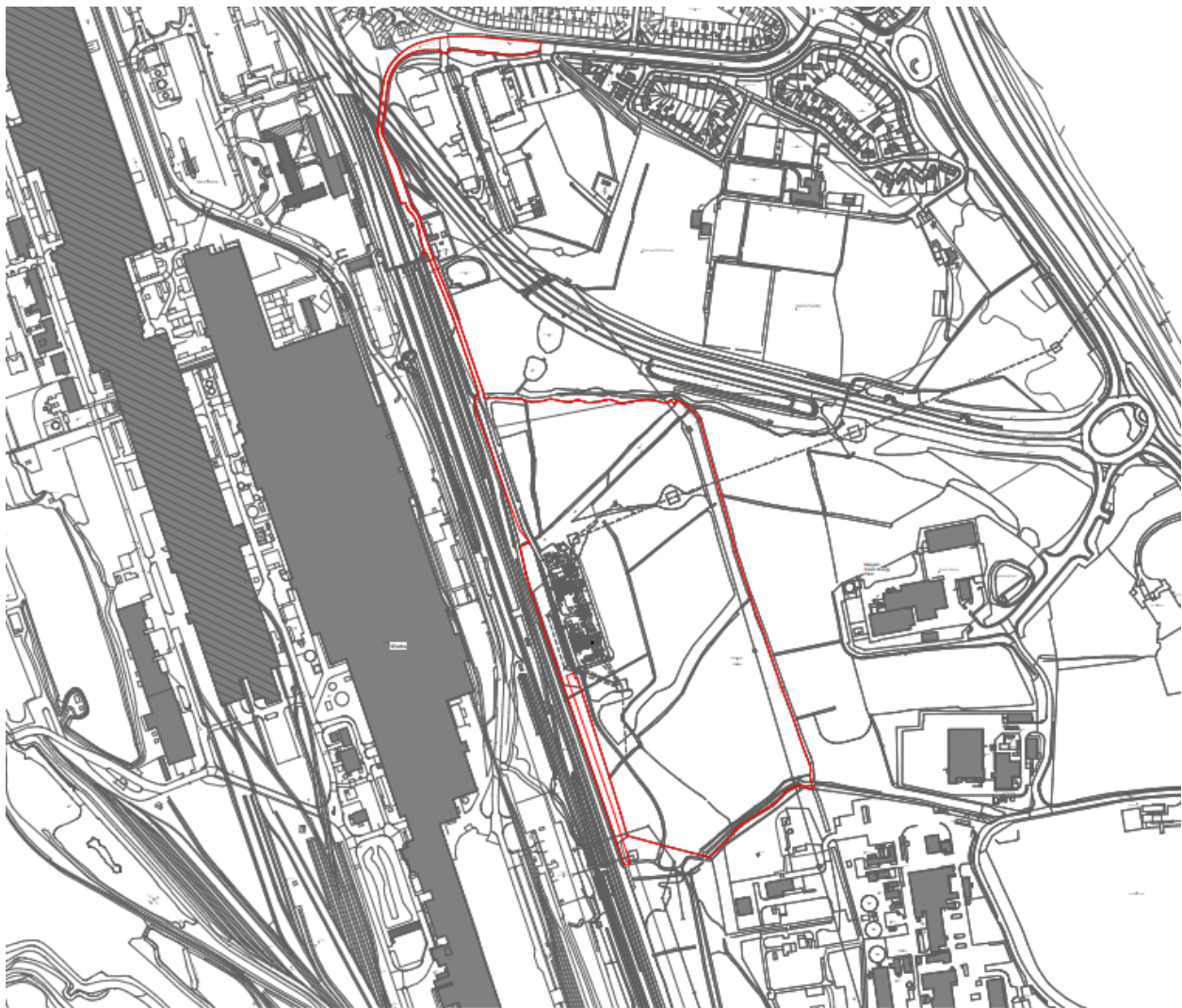


(CGI visualization of proposed works)

1.2 About the Margam Connection Project

1.2.1 The purpose of this proposed development is to provide critical infrastructure requirements to support Tata Steelworks UK's development of an Electric Arc Furnace at their Port Talbot site. It will also strengthen the local transmission network, enabling new sources of energy to connect to our transmission system in the future and helping to meet growing electricity demands. In doing so, the project would play a key role in the production of green steel, creating and securing jobs in the area and ensuring capacity for future energy connections.

1.2.2 NGET has a legal obligation to connect customers to our network when a connection is requested.



(National Grid Margam connection redline boundary)

2. Pre-Application consultation (PAC) September – October 2025

2.1 Publicity before applying for planning permission

2.1.1 The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended) (DMPWO) sets out the legislative requirements for carrying out pre-application consultation before the submission of an application for planning permission.

All noted requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended) (DMPWO), were complied with. Those who were identified as being required to receive notice were contacted and received notice in line with the provision. Applicants are required to demonstrate/undertake the following for a minimum of 28 days ahead of submitting the planning application:

- Display site notices (in English and Welsh) for public viewing around the application site to inform residents of the proposals, the consultation taking place and details on how to respond in accordance with Articles 2C and 2D and Schedule 1B of the DMPWO ('Publicity and Consultation before Applying for Planning Permission) - see Notice 1B Appendix 1.
- Serve notices under Articles 2C and 2D in the form set out at Schedule 1B of the DMPWO on owners and/or occupiers of adjoining land and community consultees; – see Notice 1C Appendix 2.
- Information of the proposal was sent to specialist consultees as set out in Schedule 1C under Article 2D – see Appendix 3
- A copy of the draft planning application available for viewing in an accessible place (project website) – see Appendix 4

2.1.2 In accordance with the legislation, notices were issued by email and post to adjoining landowners and occupiers, community consultees, and specialist consultees.

2.1.3 The notices, and their associated covering letters, were issued in Welsh and English. A link was provided to the Applicant's website where the planning application documents were available to view.

2.1.4 Site notices in both English and Welsh were displayed between 11 September and 11 October. See Appendix 2 for a copy of the notice and Appendix 9 for a copy of photographs of the notice on site. Weekly checks were carried out to ensure that the notices remained in place and were legible. Appendix 5 shows the location of the site notices during the pre-application consultation period.

2.2 Raising awareness of the statutory consultation

2.2.1 In accordance with Section 2D of the DMPWO Order 2016, NGET has undertaken consultation with the following stakeholders / groups. This included, but was not limited to:

Community consultees:

- Margam and Taibach Ward Councillors
- Pelenna Community Council
- Port Talbot Ward Councillors

Specialist consultees:

- Neath Port Talbot Council
- The Health and Safety Executive
- The Coal Authority
- Natural Resources Wales
- Mid and West Wales Fire Brigade
- Welsh Government Cabinet Secretaries for Economy, Energy and Planning; Climate Change and Rural Affairs; and Transport

Owners and occupiers of adjacent land

2.2.2 The Applicant identified six owners or occupiers of land adjoining the application site who were required to be consulted in line with pre-application guidance. The Lands team identified these properties which are located around the Applicant's site. A map of the areas identified can be found in Appendix 5.

2.2.3 Before the Pre-Application Consultation was launched, relevant landowners and their agents were notified of the upcoming pre-application consultation process.

2.2.4 On Tuesday 9 September 2025, the Applicant issued a notice and letter to arrive before launch of PAC by the Thursday 11 September 2025. A copy of the notice can be found in Appendix 1.

2.2.5 Further engagement was sought with non-prescribed consultees, these were:

- Members of the Senedd
- Members of Parliament
- Regional Members of the Senedd
- Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council leadership
- Port Talbot Ward Councillors
- Dŵr Cymru (Welsh Water)

2.3 Project contact channels

2.3.1 To support consultation and engagement activities, a range of dedicated contact channels were established.

2.3.2 A project-specific email address (margam@nationalgrid.com) and Freepost postal address (Freepost National Grid substation) were set up for enquiries and feedback.

2.3.3 A Freephone telephone number (0800 024 1437) was also established. Callers were able to contact the project team directly, free of charge, and leave a voice message in Welsh or English. Messages were monitored during office hours (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) and responded to in the callers preferred language.

2.4 Project website

2.4.1 A dedicated bilingual website for the Margam Connection Project (see Appendix 6) was created by NGET. [This is available to view here.](#)

2.4.2 During the consultation period, the website was regularly updated and included the following information:

- Details about the consultation period.
- Information and graphical maps about the Applicant's proposals to extend the substation.
- Digital copies of Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) materials.
- Contact details, including the project email address, freepost and freephone number.
- Details about how feedback could be submitted

2.4.3 PAC documents remained live until the end of the consultation period. The web page was then updated to reflect the close of the statutory consultation period. Details about the plans, including the full suite of documents, remained available on the project website for view.

3. Pre PAC Engagement

3.1 Early stakeholder engagement

3.1.1 On 8 March 2025, the Applicant wrote to Neath Port Talbot Council, the local Members of Senedd (MS) and Member of Parliament (MP) to confirm that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Report had been submitted. Stakeholders were assured they would be kept informed throughout this process and were provided with relevant contact details.

3.1.2 On 31 March 2025, NGET provided an update to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (NPTCBC) on the proposals and offered a meeting to discuss them further. A meeting subsequently took place on 10 June 2025 with the Council Leader, Chief Executive, Corporate Director of Environment and Regeneration, Head of the Planning Department and the Head of Property and Regeneration. During this meeting, the proposals were presented and received positively.

3.2 Public information event

3.2.1 A public information event was held on Thursday 17 July 2025, from 2pm to 8pm, at Margam Community Centre. The venue was chosen for its proximity to the site and its accessibility to residents. Opening hours covered both the afternoon and evening to maximise attendance.

3.2.2 English and Welsh-speaking members of the project team were available at the event. All leaflets, documents and display materials were bilingual. Community benefit surveys were distributed, inviting residents to share views on how the benefit fund could be used.

3.2.3 Members of the Applicant's team, including specialists in land, engineering and consents, were present to answer questions. Display panels and supporting documents provided detailed information on the scheme.



Public Information event



3.2.4 Prior to the public information event, the Applicant sought to ensure that relevant individuals and communities were well informed. Several channels were used to promote the exhibition.

3.2.5 On 4 July, letters were sent by Royal Mail to 739 neighbouring properties. Each letter included an information leaflet containing details of the proposals, a map of the area an invitation to attend the public information event and contact details for the project team. The consultation mailing zone can be found as Appendix 7

3.2.6 On 3 July, emails containing a project overview information leaflet and an invitation to the public information event were sent to key stakeholders, including elected representatives for Margam and Taibach and Port Talbot wards, Neath Port Talbot Council, the MS for Aberavon, regional MSs for South West Wales and MP for Aberafan Maesteg.

3.2.7 The Applicant also updated the Margam Project website on 8 July to advertise the event and provide access to the public information event leaflet.

3.2.8 A press release was issued on 16 July outlining the project proposals and inviting the public to attend. It highlighted the date, time and venue of the event. Coverage followed in outlets including Nation.Cymru [2].



Press release coverage in Nation.Cymru

3.2.9 21 people attended the event,. Attendees included Cllr Laura Williams and Cllr Rob G. Jones for Margam and Taibach, alongside residents and local business owners.

3.2.10 Interest was constructive. Discussions focused on potential power blackouts and whether the proposed substation extension would require additional overhead lines.

4. Response to Pre-Application Consultation

4.1 Response to pre-application consultation – specialist consultees

4.1.1 **10** responses were received from specialist consultees. Copies of all consultation responses are provided in Appendix 10. A summary of the responses and the Applicant's replies are set out below.

Consultee	Consultee summary of responses	Applicant response
Land Quality Advice Service	The consultee raises no objections to the proposal. It accepts the Agricultural Land Quality Consideration report and confirms that no agricultural land classification survey is required. The soil information provided in the Ground Investigation Report is deemed sufficient for soil management purposes. The Peat Management Plan is also accepted, with the Department commending efforts to protect peat carbon stocks. Overall, the applicant is referred to existing standing advice relevant to the proposal.	The Applicant acknowledges the consultee's comments and confirms that an Agricultural Land Classification assessment has been completed and submitted as part of the formal planning application. A detailed Material Management Plan, including the handling of soils, has been submitted alongside a Peat Management Plan.
The Coal Authority	Provided no response	N/A
Health and Safety Executive	The consultee confirms that this proposal does not qualify as a relevant development for consultation with the HSE Land Use Planning Team, as it would not result in a material increase in people within the consultation distance. Therefore, no consultation is required, and the consultee has no comments to make on the application.	The Applicant thanks the consultee for their response and has no further comments.
Welsh Water	The consultee acknowledged the proposal as a windfall site not allocated in the Local Development Plan. There is no public sewerage system in the immediate area, so alternative sewage disposal will be required, or the	The Applicant confirms that foul drainage will discharge to a cesspool. The Applicant also confirms that the SuDS Approval Body (SAB) application has been approved by Neath Port Talbot Council (Ref: S2025/0037).

	developer may requisition a connection to the nearest public sewer around 220 metres away. The consultee has requested the applicant should confirm the presence of any unrecorded public sewers with Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW). Surface water drainage must comply with Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, requiring Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) approval from Neath Port Talbot Council as the SuDS Approval Body. Surface water or land drainage run-off must not connect to the public sewer network under any circumstances. The consultee mentioned the proposal uses an alternative foul drainage system and requested advice to be sought from Natural Resources Wales or the Building Regulations Authority. Additionally, should a mains connection be preferred, the developer must consult DCWW for the necessary consents and agreements. The consultee also raised no issues are anticipated with the wastewater treatment works, and no new potable water connection will be required.	The Applicant acknowledges the consultee's guidance regarding foul and combined systems. The Applicant confirms that a new potable water connection is required, following an assessment identifying insufficient flow in the existing supply and is currently engaging with Welsh Water regarding this.
CADW	The consultee has no objection to the proposed extension of the Margam 275kV substation. The submitted Heritage Statement concludes that the development will not adversely affect the significance or setting of any designated historic assets within 3km of the site, including scheduled monuments and registered parks and gardens. The consultee advises that the applicant should also consult the Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust regarding any potential impacts on undesignated historic assets.	The Applicant acknowledges the consultee's comments and the identified scheduled monuments. These have been cross-referenced against the Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment, which is included within the formal planning application. A check of undesignated historic assets has also been undertaken as part of the Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment.
Councillor Dennis Keogh	Unable to comment due to being a member of NPTCBC Planning Committee.	The Applicant thanks the consultee for their response and has no further comments.
Southern Division, Mid	The consultee has no objection to the proposed development and refers the	The Applicant confirms that an assessment has been undertaken to

and West Wales Fire Brigade	Local Planning Authority to any current standing advice by the Fire Authority about the consultation.	ensure emergency vehicles can access the site. A Fire Safety Strategy has been designed in line with relevant policy requirements and submitted as part of the planning application submission.
Welsh Government Transport	The consultee, as highway authority for the M4 motorway, confirms it would not issue a direction in relation to any future planning application for the proposed development. It is noted that no Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) deliveries are currently proposed; however, should this change, the applicant must notify the authority promptly to allow for further review.	The Applicant has prepared an Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) assessment for the formal application and has engaged extensively with Welsh Government Transport in its development. Swept-path analysis has been completed, including additional assessments for alternative junctions in the event of M4 closures. The assessment includes reference to delivery of equipment such as piling rigs, HDD rigs, and GIS annex module components.
Natural Resources Wales	The consultee acknowledges receipt of the Article 2D notice and has reviewed the submitted documents. They note concerns due to insufficient information currently provided, particularly in relation to contaminated land, flood risk, ecology, and pollution prevention. The consultee advises that additional information should be submitted with the formal planning application to avoid a potential objection. They also recommend that planning conditions are applied for contaminated land and breeding birds, should consent be granted. Contaminated Land The consultee identifies the need for submission of the referenced Geotechnical Desk Study alongside the existing Ground Investigation Report. They request a suite of standard contaminated land conditions, including risk assessment, remediation, verification, controls on unexpected contamination, and controls on piling to protect groundwater. Flood Risk The consultee notes the site lies within Flood Zones 2 and 3 and references	Contaminated Land The Applicant confirms the submission of the Geotechnical Desk Study: Margam FEED report as part of the formal planning application. A Piling Method Statement, addressing pollution and groundwater protection, has also been submitted. A hydrogeological assessment and additional contaminated land surveys were completed following feedback from Neath Port Talbot Council Officers in relation to pre commencement conditions. Flood Risk The Applicant has written to all landowners affected by flood displacement matters and continues to engage with both NRW and Neath Port Talbot Council. The Flood Consequence Assessment submitted aligns with Welsh Government guidance regarding site vulnerability. Ecology The Applicant acknowledges comments on protected species. The Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) has been updated to include required mitigation measures for great crested newts and water voles. Bat surveys have been submitted with the formal application and the Water Vole Management Plan

	previous technical reviews of the Flood Consequences Assessment (FCA). They highlight that flood displacement above tolerances has been identified, and that agreement with affected landowners will be required where mitigation cannot remove increased flood risk elsewhere. They also state that the vulnerability classification should be confirmed with the Local Planning Authority. No tidal flood risk is noted, and the primary risk is fluvial. Ecology The consultee has reviewed ecological submissions and notes the loss of priority habitat. They recognise surveys undertaken and engagement with the LPA ecologist. Updates are requested to the CEMP to include measures for otter, water vole, and great crested newt safeguards. Final bat survey results must be submitted. They request submission of the updated Water Vole Management Plan and confirmation that ecological references are updated to Welsh sources. A breeding bird protection condition is requested. The consultee agrees with conclusions relating to SSSI and SAC/Ramsar screening, noting no likely significant effect. They support off-site compensatory habitat proposals subject to appropriate licensing and request submission of additional information relating to great crested newts at the off-site enhancement area. Peat The consultee notes that peat will be affected and refers agreement of peat proposals to the Local Planning Authority. Pollution Prevention and Drainage The consultee is largely satisfied with the CEMP but requests inclusion of an oil interceptor in surface water systems	approved under the Water Vole Licence has been incorporated. The Applicant acknowledges comments on wintering and breeding birds and has update the CEMP to align with Wales-specific requirements. The Applicant also acknowledges comments provided by the consultee with regard to fish. In relation to the proposed Condition 5, the wording is intended to manage potential adverse impacts on breeding birds, particularly those listed under Schedule 1 (i.e. Cetti's Warblers which have been recorded within the Site). Earlier in the response from the consultee, it is acknowledged that much of the habitat removal work has already been completed under Permitted Development (PD) rights. Prior to the commencement of the PD works a Precautionary Method of Works was put in place, and subsequently followed, by the Contractor (LoR) and their ecologists (RSK). The PMW was submitted to the Local Authority before the commencement of the PD works and included specific measures to protect breeding birds, including Cetti's warbler. No further significant clearance is anticipated. Any remaining works will be completed under ecological supervision to ensure species protection. The Applicant continues to engage with Natural Resource Wales regarding SSSI considerations team regarding SSSI consents where works are in or near designated areas. Great crested newt survey results have been submitted and appended to the Habitat Management Plan, as these were not part of the pre-application submission. Peat The Applicant acknowledges comments regarding peat. Welsh Government has
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	and confirms a concrete pad is required beneath the generator. They acknowledge discussions regarding discharge consents and abstraction licences. A cesspool is accepted due to location constraints but must be correctly installed and maintained. Other Matters The consultee advises that further permits and licences may be required and notes their advice may change should additional information be submitted. They provide general guidance to the applicant on contaminated land, waste handling, abstraction and SuDS approvals.	reviewed the Peat Management Plan and confirmed it is clear and compliant with policy expectations. Pollution Prevention and Drainage The Applicant has updated the CEMP following consultee comments. Additional measures relating to potential spills and environmental protection have been included. The Applicant does not consider an oil interceptor necessary given the enhanced protection measures. The Design and Access Statement has been updated to address this. There is minimal risk of spillage and the diesel generator is double skinned and will sit on a concrete pad. The proposal includes a treatment train that supports the index needed in terms of risk. The SAB approval in which reviews the surface water management and treatment have been approved on the basis sufficient treatment train is provided and agrees with the mitigation index applied for the development. Additional measures relating to potential spills and environmental protection have been included within the CEMP. The applicant does not consider an oil interceptor necessary given the above. The Applicant also acknowledges the importance of correct installation and maintenance of the cesspool. Other Matters The Applicant acknowledges the consultee's advisory notes.
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Neath Port Talbot Highways	The consultee has no objection to the proposal. The consultee has raised concern that the Sustainable Drainage Approval Body (SAB) application has not yet been determined. They also mention no interference, alteration, or diversion of any ditch, stream, culvert, or watercourse within or adjacent to the site shall take place without prior consultation and written agreement from the Lead Local Flood Authority. The consultee commented on the need for adequate measures to be implemented to ensure that the drainage of adjoining land is not disrupted. They also raised the applicant should maintain effective site drainage throughout the construction period to prevent any negative impact on surrounding land drainage systems. The consultee note proposals must seek to maximise walking and cycling accessibility as per Planning Policy Wales, Edition 11 and Future Wales – the National Plan 2040.	The Applicant confirms approval has been granted by the Sustainable Drainage Approval Body (SAB), and that all relevant Ordinary Watercourse Consents (OWCs) have been approved by the Lead Local Planning Authority.
Network Rail	The consultee has no objection in principle to the proposed development but, due to its proximity to operational railway land, it requires several asset protection measures. The consultee has requested the Applicant to engage with their Asset Protection team at least three months before starting works and may need to enter into a Basic Asset Protection Agreement. Key requirements include installing and maintaining a secure boundary fence, preventing any drainage or groundworks that could affect railway land, maintaining a minimum two-metre clearance from the railway boundary, ensuring lighting does not interfere with signalling, and providing suitable vehicle barriers where necessary. These measures are essential to safeguard the safety and integrity of railway infrastructure.	The Applicant has surveyed the existing fence line and confirms there is no impact resulting from the proposal. The Applicant notes that the nearest excavation works relate to the flood wall, located over 10 meters from the consultee's boundary. Guidance on foundations, site layout, and lighting has been considered and the proposal is compliant. The Applicant notes that the proposed access road will not affect the consultee's land as it is not adjacent.

4.2 General responses to pre-application

4.2.1 The Applicant received **2** from community feedback. The summaries of the response can be seen below:

Community Consultee	Summary of response	Applicant response
Community Consultee 1	The respondent supports the project provided it doesn't disrupt electricity supply, increase bills, or harm the local environment. They stress the need for clear communication about any incidents and for maintaining ecological balance, including protecting all forms of wildlife.	The Applicant confirms that the proposal will not disrupt local energy supplies. Ecological surveys and proposals for protection and mitigation are submitted as part of the formal planning application.
Community Consultee 2	A Margam resident notes frequent power cuts in the area and asks whether the new project will help resolve this issue.	The Applicant acknowledges the concerns raised about power cuts in the Margam area. The proposed substation is designed to enhance capacity and resilience within the national transmission network but it will not directly affect local distribution systems. Therefore, while the project supports wider network reliability, it will not resolve existing localised power supply issues in Margam.

5. Documents Alternations

5.1 List of planning application documentation updated following PAC

- Design and Access Statement
- Planning Statement
- Additional Ecological Surveys (Invertebrate and Bats) - Technical Reports updated and updated to EclA and LHMP (latter in relation to inverts)
- Updated GIS Hall plans to include the translucent panels
- Written Scheme Investigation for Archaeology
- Risk Assessment for Proposed Foundation Technique produced by LoR supersedes the Piling Method Statement
- Updated Margam Burrows Habitat Management Plan
- Reconfigured the Net Benefit for Biodiversity offsite area
- Updated drainage information to align with SAB approval and OWC approval
- Updated Landscape Design, EclA, LHMP to reflect updated Drainage information

- Material Management Plan
- Construction Method Statement
- AIL Assessment

6. Conclusion

6.1 NGET confirms that it has fully complied with statutory requirements for the pre-application consultation. Engagement with the community and key stakeholders has been constructive, with feedback shaping the Applicant's approach ahead of the formal planning submission.

NGET remains committed to ongoing engagement with the community, its representatives, and other key throughout the project. This commitment ensures transparency, fosters positive relationships, and helps to shape the project by considering and responding to feedback received.

Pre-application Consultation Summary Report Appendices

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Appendix 6 – Pre-Application Consultation Project website

Appendix 7 - Non-statutory consultation mailing zone

Appendix 3 – Pre-Application Consultation specialist consultee email and letter

Appendix 8 - Email to non-prescribed consultee

Appendix 10 – Copy of Specialist Consultee full responses

Appendix 1 – Pre-Application Consultation Notice 1B

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended)

**PUBLICITY AND CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION NOTICE
UNDER ARTICLES 2C AND 2D**

(to be served on owners and/or occupiers of adjoining land and community consultees; and displayed by site notice on or near the location of the proposed development)

Purpose of this notice: this notice provides the opportunity to comment directly to the developer on a proposed development prior to the submission of a planning application to the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council planning authority. Any subsequent planning application will be publicised by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council; any comments provided in response to this notice will not prejudice your ability to make representations to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council on any related planning application. You should note that any comments submitted may be placed on the public file.

Proposed development at land to the east of the existing National Grid Margam Substation, Margam, Port Talbot SA13 2NF.

I give notice that National Grid Electricity Transmission is intending to apply for planning permission to: for the extension of the Margam 275kV substation including the erection of a gas insulated switchgear hall (GIS hall) and the demolition of the existing control and amenities buildings to enable the erection of a new amenities building. Works to include earthworks, surface water management and drainage infrastructure, lighting, CCTV, boundary treatment, car parking, ecological improvements including a wildlife tower and gabion baskets, improved internal access roads, a backup diesel generator, storage and decontamination buildings, water storage tank, diesel generator, flood defence wall including flood gates and the excavation of peat and reburial within the site boundary together with appropriate landscaping and other associated engineering operations.

You may inspect copies of:

the proposed application;

the plans; and

other supporting documents

online at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/margam-substation> and computer facilities are available to view this information online at Talbach Community Library 5 Commercial Rd, Talbach, Port Talbot SA13 1LN between the hours of 10am to 3pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and between 10am to 1:00pm on Saturdays.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this proposed development must write to the applicant at [FREEPOST National Grid Substation] or [margam@nationalgrid.com]

by [23:59 Thursday 9 October]

Luke Jones
11/09/2025

Gorchymyn Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Gweithdrefn Rheoli Datblygu) (Cymru) 2012 (fel y'i diwygwyd)

**CYHOEDDUSRWYDD AC YMGYNGHORI CYN GWNEUD CAIS AM HYSBYSIAD CANIATÂD CYNLLUNIO O DAN
ERTHYGLAU 2C A 2D**

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neu ger lleoliad y datblygiad arfaethedig)

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Datblygiad arfaethedig ar dir i'r dwyrain o Is-orsaf Margam bresennol y Grid Cenedlaethol, Margam, Port Talbot SA13 2NF.

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generadur diesel, wal amddiffyn rhag llifogydd gan gynnwys gatiau llifogydd a chloddio mawn ac allgladdu o fewn ffin y safle
ynghyd â thirionio priodol a gweithrediadau peirianeg cysylltiedig eraill.

Gallwch archwilio copïau o:

y cais arfaethedig;

y cynlluniau; a

dogfennau ategol eraill

ar-lein ar <https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/margam-substation> a Mae cyfeusterau cyfrifiadurol ar gael i weld y wybodaeth hon ar-lein yn Llyfrgell Gymunedol Talbach, 5 Commercial
Rd, Talbach, Port Talbot SA13 1LN rhwng 10yb a 3yp ar ddydd Llun, dydd Mawrth a dydd Iau a rhwng 10yb a 1:00yp ar ddydd
Sadwrn.

Rhaid i unrhyw un sy'n dymuno gwneud sylwadau am y datblygiad arfaethedig hwn ysgrifennu at yr ymgelsydd yn [FREEPOST
National Grid Substation] neu [margam@nationalgrid.com]

erbyn 23:59 ddydd Llun 29 Medi

Luke
24/06/2025

Jones

Appendix 2 – Pre-Application Consultation Notice 1C

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended)

CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 2D

(to be served on specialist consultees, as defined by article 2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended))

Purpose of this notice: this notice comprises a formal request for a pre-application consultation response under article 2D of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended).

Proposed development at National Grid Margam Substation, Margam, Port Talbot SA13 2NF.

I give notice that National Grid Electricity Transmission

is intending to apply for planning permission for the extension of the Margam 275kV substation including the erection of a gas insulated switchgear hall (GIS hall) and the demolition of the existing control and amenities buildings to enable the erection of a new amenities building. Works to include earthworks, surface water management and drainage infrastructure, lighting, CCTV, boundary treatment, car parking, ecological improvements including a wildlife tower and gabion baskets, improved internal access roads, a backup diesel generator, storage and decontamination buildings, water storage tank, diesel generator, flood defence wall including flood gates and the excavation of peat and reburial within the site boundary together with appropriate landscaping and other associated engineering operations.

A copy of the proposed application plans; and other supporting documents can be viewed online at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/margam-substation>

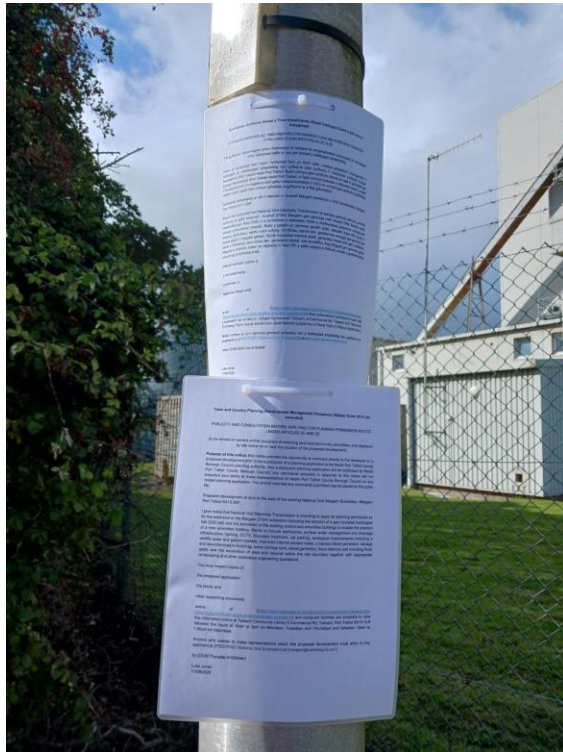
In accordance with the requirements of article 2E of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended) a consultation response must be sent to margam@nationalgrid.com by 9 October 2025.

Signed: Luke Jones

Date: 11/09/2025

Appendix 3 - Pre-Application Consultation Site Notice – on site

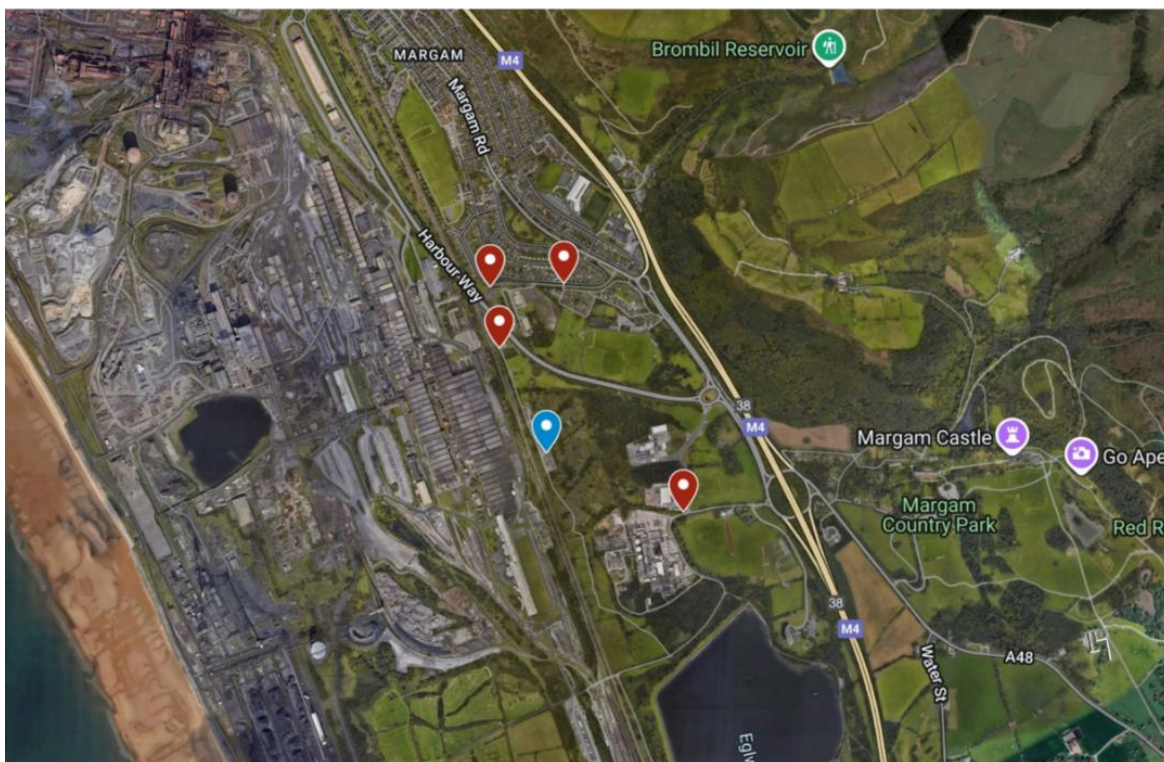




Appendix 4 – Location of site notices during the Pre-application consultation

Key

-  Notice sites
-  Margam substation



Appendix 5 - Draft planning application available on the website

Document Library

Notices

- Notice 1B
- Notice 1C

Agricultural

- Agricultural Land Quality Consideration(ALQC)
- Outline Soil Management Plan (oSMP)

Air Quality

- Air Quality Assessment

Arboricultural

- Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA)

Carbon

- Carbon Technical Note

Construction and environmental management plans

- Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)
- Construction Logistics Plan (CLP)
- Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP)
- Waste Management Plan (WMP)

Ecology

- EcIA Supporting Cover Letter
- Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA)
- Habitat Management Plan (Margam Burrows)
- Landscape and Habitat Man Plan (LHMP)
- Shadow Habitat Regulations Assessment (sHRA)
- Botanical Survey Report
- Breeding Bird Survey Report
- Great Crested Newt Survey Report (GCN)
- Bat Survey Interim Report
- Interim Invertebrate Survey Report
- Reptile Survey Report
- Water Vole and Otter Report
- Wintering Birds survey Report

EMF

- EMF Assessment

Fire Strategy

- Fire Safety Strategy

Flood Risk and Drainage

- Drainage Report
- Flood Consequence Assessment
- Hydrogeological Assessment

Ground Investigation

- Coal Mining Risk Assessment
- Margam Ground Investigation Report

Heritage

- Historic Environment Desk Based Assessment (Heritage Statement)

Landscape and Visual

- Figure L7 - Landscape Mitigation Area Planting Plan
- Figure L8 - Landscape and Habitat Strategy Plan
- Figure L9 - Landscape Plan
- Margam SuDS and Ditch Indicative Sections and Specification
- Margam Substation Landscape Visual Appraisal Addendum
- Margam Substation Landscape Visual Appraisal

Lighting Assessment

- Margam Lighting Technical Note

Noise

- Construction Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment
- Operational Noise Impact Assessment

Peat Management

- Peat Management Plan

Piling Method

- Piling Method Appraisal

Planning Application Drawings

- Margam - Existing General Arrangement Elevations
- Margam Amenities Building - Existing and Proposed Demolition
- Margam Amenities Building - Fire Strategy Plan
- Margam Amenities Building - Level 00 General Arrangement Proposed Floor Plan
- Margam Amenities Building - Proposed Elevations and Materials
- Margam Amenities Building - Proposed General Arrangement Sections
- Margam Drainage Attenuation Details
- Margam Drainage Layout
- Margam Fencing Details
- Margam GIS Hall - Proposed Floor Plan - GIA & GEA Plans
- Margam GIS Hall - Demolition Site Plan
- Margam GIS Hall - Existing Context Elevations
- Margam GIS Hall - Existing Site Plan
- Margam GIS Hall - Fire Strategy Level 00
- Margam GIS Hall - Level 00 General Arrangement
- Margam GIS Hall - Level 01 General Arrangement
- Margam GIS Hall - Location Plan
- Margam GIS Hall - Proposed Context Elevations
- Margam GIS Hall - Proposed General Arrangement Elevations
- Margam GIS Hall - Proposed General Arrangement Sections
- Margam GIS Hall - Proposed Materials
- Margam GIS Hall - Proposed Site Plan
- Margam GIS Hall - Roof Plan General Arrangement
- Margam GIS Hall - Water Tank
- Margam Swept Path Analysis Layout Sheet 01 of 02
- Margam Swept Path Analysis Layout Sheet 02 of 02

Planning and Design and Access Statement

- Application form for Margam Substation
- Design and Access Statement (DAS) Margam
- Green Infrastructure Statement
- Planning Statement

Siting Study

- Port Talbot Connection - Siting Study

Sustainability

- Sustainability Statement

Transport Assessment

- Transport Statement

Appendix 6 – Pre-Application Consultation Project website



[Home](#) > [National Grid Electricity Transmission](#) > [Network and Infrastructure](#) > [Infrastructure projects](#)

Margam Connection

We are proposing an extension to the existing substation at Margam, along with an underground cable route. This will support the electrification of Tata Steel's new electric arc furnace and provide capacity for future connections. In doing so, it would play a key role in securing jobs in the area and supporting the creation of green steel.

We have a legal obligation to connect customers to our network when a connection is requested.

Community impact

We always plan to complete any work with the minimum of disturbance to the local community and businesses near to our sites.

The substation extension will be on land already owned by National Grid so any construction work would be within this area. This substation will be connected to one on Tata steel land via an underground cable.

We have completed numerous surveys and assessments onsite details of which will be available in our planning application to Neath Port Talbot Council.

Contact us

For further information or to ask a question, please contact us by email at margam@nationalgrid.com, or call **0800 024 1437**.

Cysylltiad Margam

Rydym yn cynnig estyniad i'r is-orsaf bresennol ym Margam, ynghyd â llwybr cebi tanddaearol. Bydd hyn yn cefnogi trydaneiddio ffwrnais arc trydan newydd Tata Steel ac yn darparu capasiti ar gyfer cysylltiadau yn y dyfodol. Wrth wneud hynny, byddai'n chwarae rhan allweddol wrth sicrhau swyddi yn yr ardal a chefnogi creu dur gwyrdd.

Mae gennym ymrwymiad gyfreithiol i gysylltu cwsmeriaid â'n rhwydwaith pan ofynnir am gysylltiad.

Effaith cymunedol

Rydym bob amser yn bwriadu cwblhau unrhyw waith gyda chyn lleied o aflonyddwch â phosibl i'r gymuned leol a busnesau sy'n agos at ein safleoedd.

Bydd estyniad yr is-orsaf ar dir sydd eisoes yn eiddo i'r Grid Cenedlaethol felly byddai unrhyw waith adeiladu o fewn yr ardal hon. Bydd yr is-orsaf hon wedi'i chysylltu ag un ar dir Tata Steel trwy gebl tanddaearol.

Rydym wedi cwblhau nifer o arolygon ac asesniadau ar y safle a bydd manyllon amdanynt ar gael yn ein cais cynllunio i Gyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot.

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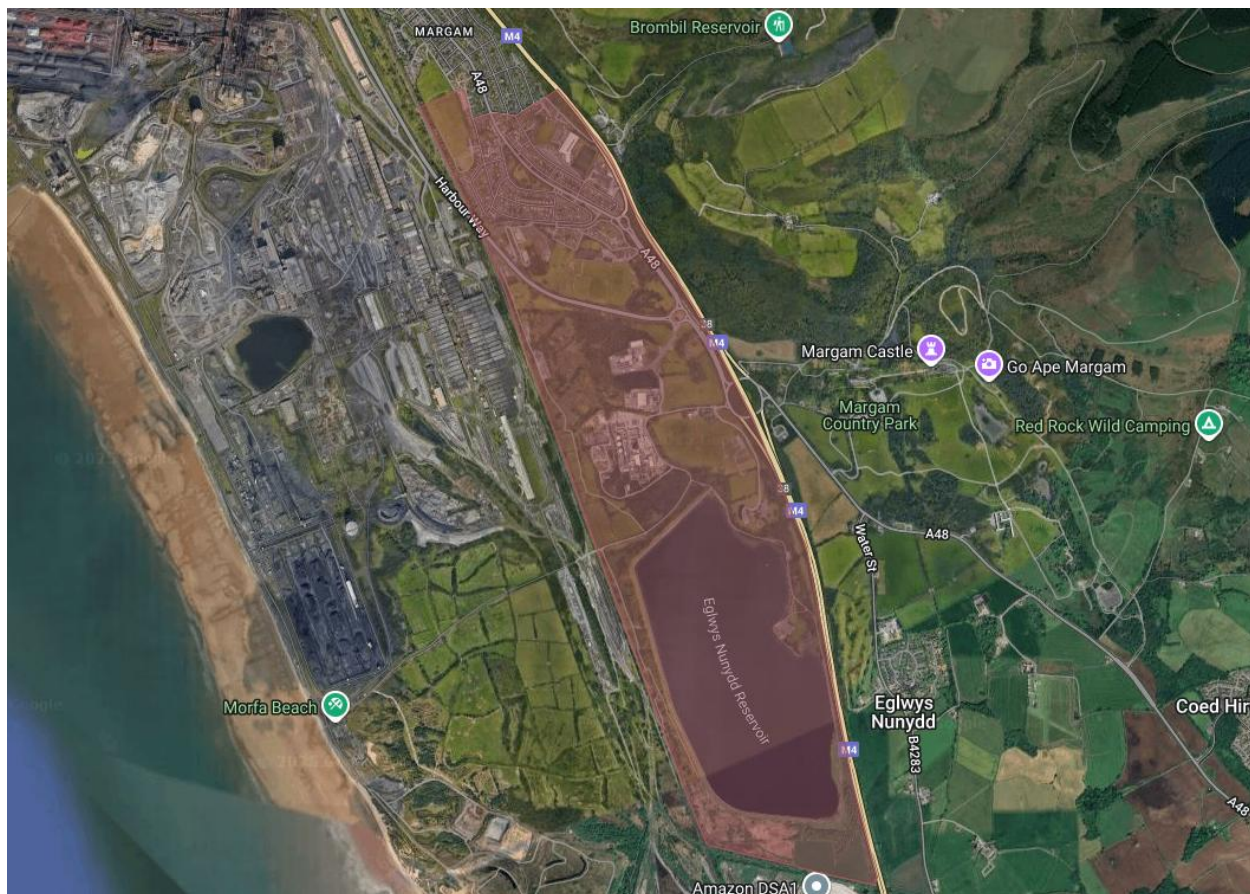
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Appendix 7 - Non-statutory consultation mailing zone



Appendix 8 – Formal Pre-application consultation letter

Name Surname
Address line one
Address line two
City
Postcode

Date

Dear

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The Project is considered a 'major development' for the purposes of article 2(B)(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended). As such, in accordance with section 61Z(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) National Grid is required to carry out pre-application consultation on the proposed planning application prior to it being submitted to Neath Port Talbot Council.

Pre-application consultation

National Grid is contacting you because you are [an owner or occupier of land adjoining the land to which the proposed application relates] [a community consultee] [a specialist consultee] under the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended).

Please find enclosed the statutory notice, which is being sent to you as [an owner or occupier of land adjoining the land to which the proposed application relates] [a community consultee] [a specialist consultee] informing you of our consultation.

You can find more information about the project, including the draft planning application and supporting documents and plans on the project web page at:

<https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/margam-substation>

Responding to the consultation

The consultation is open from 11 September to 9 October 2025. Responses to this consultation can be submitted in the following ways:

By email to margam@nationalgrid.com

By post to FREEPOST National Grid substation (no further stamp or address needed)

All responses to the consultation must be received by **23:59 on 9 October 2025**.

All comments received during the consultation will be taken into consideration before National Grid finalises and submits the full planning application for the Project to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for determination.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with us on 0800 024 1437.

Yours faithfully

Richard Gott

Project Director
National Grid Margam Connection Project

Enw Cyfenw
Llinell un y cyfeiriad
Llinell dau y cyfeiriad
Dinas
Cod post

Dyddiad

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Richard Gott

Project Director
National Grid Margam Connection Project

Appendix 9 - Email to non-prescribed consultee

Dear xxxxxx

We are writing to you to update you on the National Grid Margam Connection Project.

The Margam Connection Project will support the electrification of Tata Steel's electric arc furnace and provide capacity for future connections. To achieve this, we are proposing to extend the existing Margam substation and connect it to a new substation on the Tata Steel site via an underground cable.

We are pleased to let you know we are undertaking our statutory pre-application consultation from **11 September to 9 October 2025**. The consultation is being undertaken in accordance with the Planning (Wales) Act 2015 and we have notified all of the prescribed consultees, as required.

The consultation is to give local community and specialist consultees the opportunity to review application documents and provide feedback, before we make our planning application to Neath Port Talbot Council.

This is an important step in the development of our proposals and we are looking forward to receiving feedback from consultees.

For further details on our proposals and the application documents, please visit our website <https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/margam-substation>.

Following this consultation we'll review the feedback we receive, finalise our application, and submit it to Neath Port Talbot Council for consideration.

If you have any questions, or would like further details, please contact us by email at margam@nationalgrid.com or call **0800 024 1437**.

Kind regards

National Grid Margam Connection Project

Annwyl xxxxxx

Rydym yn ysgrifennu atoch i roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf i chi am Brosiect Cysylltiad Margam National Grid.

Bydd Prosiect Cysylltu Margam yn cefnogi trydaneiddio ffwrnais arc trydan Tata Steel ac yn darparu capasiti ar gyfer cysylltiadau yn y dyfodol. I gyflawni hyn, rydym yn cynnig ymestyn is-orsaf bresennol Margam a'i chysylltu ag is-orsaf newydd ar safle Tata Steel trwy gebl tanddaearol.

Rydym yn falch o roi gwybod i chi ein bod yn cynnal ein hymgyngoriad cyn-ymgeisio statudol o **11 Medi i 9 Hydref 2025**. Cynhelir yr ymgynghoriad yn unol â Deddf Cynllunio (Cymru) 2015 ac rydym wedi hysbysu'r holl ymgynghoreion penodedig, yn ôl yr angen.

Mae'r ymgynghoriad i roi cyfle i'r gymuned leol ac ymgynghoreion arbenigol adolygu dogfennau'r cais a rhoi adborth, cyn i ni wneud ein cais cynllunio i Gyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot.

Mae hwn yn gam pwysig yn natblygiad ein cynigion ac rydym yn edrych ymlaen at dderbyn adborth gan ymgynghoreion.

Am ragor o fanylion am ein cynigion a dogfennau'r cais, ewch i'n gwefan

<https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/margam-substation>.

Yn dilyn yr ymgynghoriad hwn, byddwn yn adolygu'r adborth a dderbyniwn, yn cwblhau ein cais, ac yn ei gyflwyno i Gyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot i'w ystyried.

Os oes gennych unrhyw gwestiynau, neu os hoffech gael rhagor o fanylion, cysylltwch â ni drwy e-bost yn margam@nationalgrid.com neu ffoniwch **0800 024 1437**.

Cofion cynnes

Prosiect Cysylltiad Margam National Grid