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1. Executive Summary

1.1 This pre-application Consultation Report details the early engagement and statutory consultation for the Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection project ('the Proposed Development').

1.2 Specifically, this report provides:

- An account of the statutory consultation, publicity, deadlines set, and activities required under section 61Z of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 ('the 1990 Act') and the Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016 (as amended) ('the Order'), including:
- details of the statutory consultation notifications with specialist consultees, community consultees, landowners and non-statutory consultees (refer to **Chapter 4**).
- details of the statutory publicity including published documents, site notices and statutory press notice and advertising (refer to **Chapter 5**).
- declarations that the relevant notices and publication requirements comply with the Act and Order (refer to **Chapter 6**).
- Details of how the feedback received has been analysed (refer **to Chapter 7**).
- a summary of all issues including confirmation of whether the issues raised have been addressed and, if so, how (refer to **Chapter 8**).
- the particulars of all responses received from persons consulted, including copies of responses from specialist consultees; and the account taken of these (refer to **Chapter 8**).
- **Chapter 9** gives details of all the main issues raised by the non-statutory consultees.
- **Chapter 10** gives a summary of the feedback and how the proposals have changed since the statutory consultation.

Statutory consultation requirements

1.3 The consultation undertaken was fully compliant with the statutory requirements for a Development of National Significance (DNS) pre-application consultation process as set out in the Order and aligns with the consultation plan (attached as **Appendix 1**).

1.4 The statutory consultation took place between 17/3/2025 and 30/4/2025 and consulted on the proposals together with the draft DNS application. The Applicant has sought to address and respond directly to comments and the issues raised are detailed in **Chapters 8** and **9**. In summary, the key issues raised by the consultees, including the community, include:

- Effects of traffic disruption on communities
- Cumulative effects from other projects in the area
- Overgrounding vs undergrounding of route and undergrounding through residential areas
- Wooden pole positions
- Access to bridleways
- Visual impact
- Awareness of the consented wind farm project
- Community Benefits
- Consultation publicity
- Consultation materials
- The impact of undergrounding on potential archaeological features
- To consider the location of any Welsh Water assets crossing the site and include them in the application
- To establish whether any unrecorded public sewers and lateral drains are present on site
- Further information required regarding protected species, ornithology, protected sites, land contamination and flood risk.
- Implementation of the Environmental Statement
- A CEMP including details of lighting during construction
- A Conservation Plan for water vole

1.5 In response to the comments received, the following information has been added to the Application:

- Dwr Cymru-Welsh Water asked the Applicant to consider the location of any Welsh Water assets crossing the site and to include them in the application. Utilities assets are shown in Figure 3, Annex C of the Construction Environment Management Plan. No Welsh Water assets are crossing the site.
- Dwr Cymru-Welsh Water asked the Applicant to establish whether any unrecorded public sewers and lateral drains are present on site. Utilities assets are shown in Figure 3, Annex C of the Construction Environment Management Plan. No sewers or lateral drains have been identified. Chapter 10: Water Resources and Flood Risk considers the surrounding water environment.
- NRW asked the Applicant for further information regarding protected species, ornithology, protected sites, land contamination and flood risk. In response, the Applicant has provided further detail in the following reports:
  - Confidential Appendix 8J: Ornithology Report - Protected Species Results
  - Appendix 8I: Ornithology Report
  - Annex B of Appendix 4A: Land Quality Phase 1 Desk Study (PRA)
  - Annex C of Appendix 4A: Peat and Soil Survey Report
  - Annex D of Appendix 4A: Soil Management Plan
  - Chapter 10: Water Resources and Flood Risk
- NRW asked for a CEMP including details of lighting during construction. In response, the Applicant has added further detail to Appendix 4A: CEMP, Section 5.1 and 5.7.
- NRW asked for a Conservation Plan for water vole. In response, the Applicant has included a Principles of Conservation plan for Water Voles (Appendix 8K).

1.6 A number of technical comments on the Proposed Development and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) were raised by the statutory consultees in relation to archaeology, water assets, ecology, land contamination and flood risk. These have been responded to in the relevant chapters in Volume 1 of the EIA Report (Chapter 2, and Chapter 5-10).

2. Introduction

2.1 This Pre-application Consultation Report and accompanying appendices constitute the statutory consultation report prepared by Grasshopper Communications to support a Development of National Significance (DNS) application for the Proposed Development in the Maesteg area.

2.2 This document meets the requirements set out under sections 5, 7, 8, 9 and 11 of The Order and provides an account of the statutory consultation, publicity, deadlines set, and activities required under section 61Z of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 ('the 1990 Act'). The document includes copies of all relevant notices, declarations of compliance and relevant details of required consultees.

2.3 This Consultation Report includes a summary of all issues raised, confirmation of whether the issues raised have been addressed and, if so, how. It also sets out particulars of the responses received from the persons consulted and the account taken of these responses.

2.4 The Applicant carried out a statutory formal consultation prior to the submission of the planning application.

2.5 This Consultation Report details how the Applicant has complied with the provisions of the Order and associated legislation in relation to its statutory duties for pre-application consultation for the Proposed Development.

The Proposed Development

2.6 The Proposed Development is for a 66kv grid connection running for around 10 km, with 5.1 km being underground cable, and 3.9km being overhead cable. The line would connect the consented Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm to the National Grid network. The line would be situated predominantly within Bridgend CBC, running through the western side of Maesteg, to a connection point southwest of Llangynwyd. The route would start and finish in Neath Port Talbot CBC. The overhead line would consist of wooden H poles at a height of up to 15 m.

Overview of consultation process

2.7 The Applicant gave formal notification to Planning Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) of its intention to submit a DNS application on 4 October 2024. PEDW provided its formal acceptance on 16 October 2024

2.8 The statutory pre-application consultation took place between 17 March 2025 and 30 April 2025, lasting 44 days.

2.9 Information about the proposals was publicly available via a project website, virtual exhibition and three public exhibition drop-in events held in accessible venues in settlements located along the grid connection route. Consultees were encouraged to submit their feedback via email, feedback form (online or hard copies at the exhibitions) or telephone.

Stakeholder mapping and identified consultation zone

2.10 Prior to engaging with stakeholders and the community, a stakeholder mapping report was prepared that identified relevant elected representatives including local ward members and community councils.

2.11 The majority of Site falls within the Caerau, Maesteg West and Llangynwyd wards with the starting point being within the Cymer and Glyncorrwg ward and the end point being in the Margam and Taibach ward.

2.12 A consultation zone (refer to **Appendix 17**) was drawn up with a 1.5km buffer either side of the proposed grid line, being 3km in total width along the 10km length of the proposed development. Images 1 and 2 below show the location of the site in the context of ward and community council boundaries.

Figure 1: Image of wards with gridline in red and blue

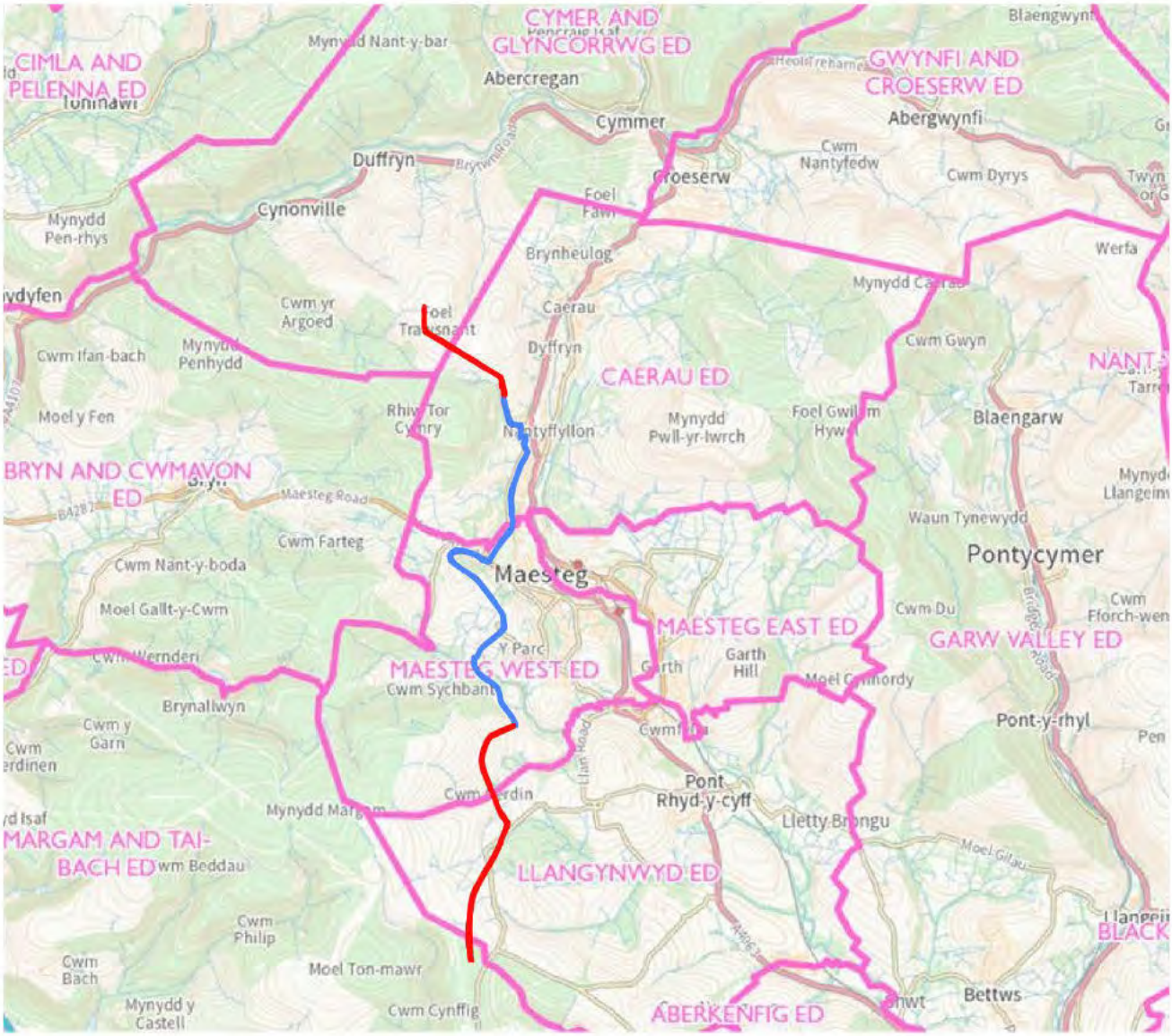
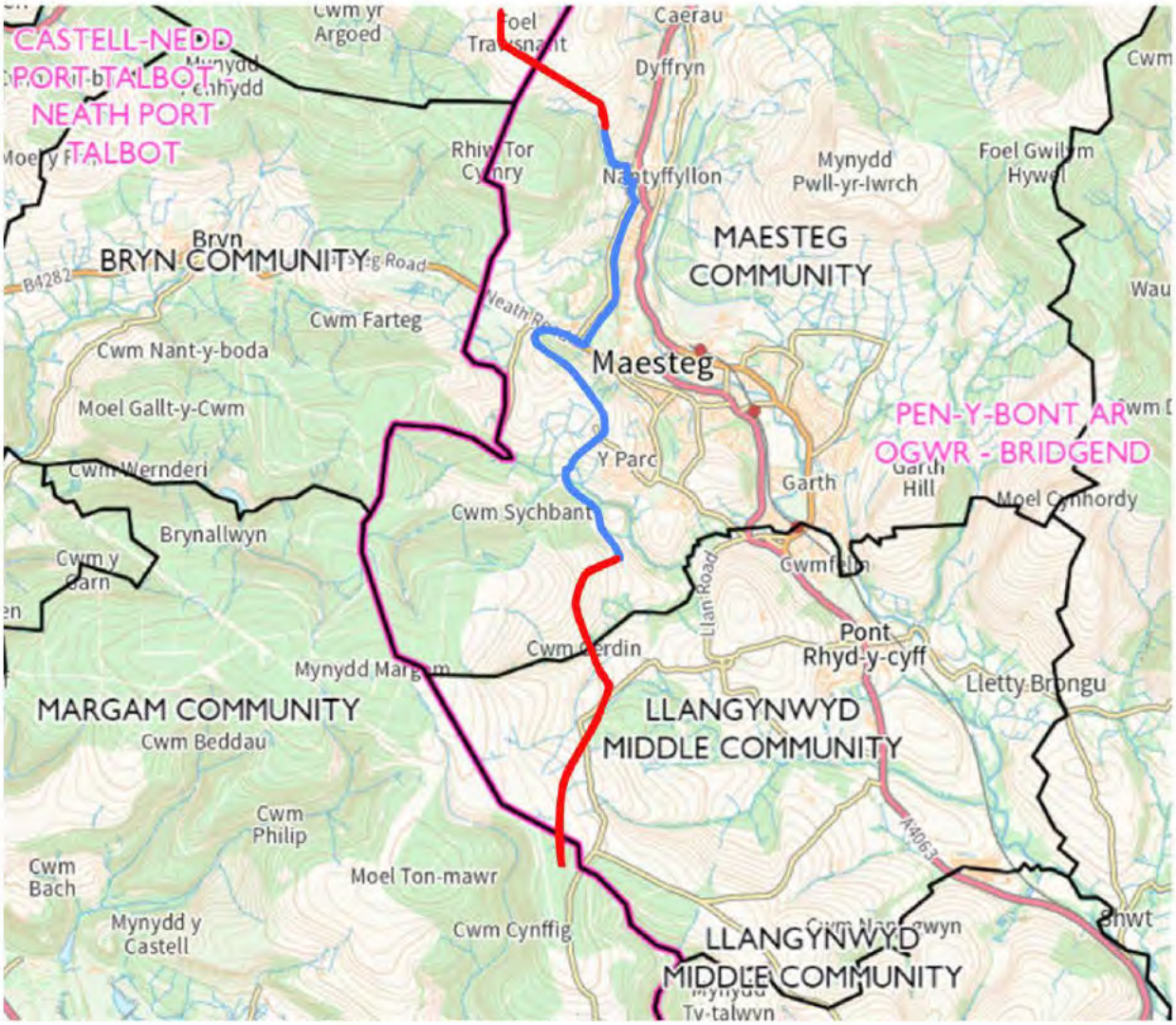


Figure 2 - Image of Community councils (pink text) with grid line in red and blue



Audiences

2.13 In line with DNS guidance and best practice, every effort was made to approach all relevant stakeholders, local communities and relevant organisations that may be affected by the Proposed Development. Those contacted included community consultees and technical consultees. A detailed stakeholder mapping report was produced at the start of the consultation which identified the key target stakeholders to engage at different stages of the consultation:

Tier 1 – highest priority key stakeholders to be engaged at early engagement and direct engagement through consultation process.

- **Site Community Councils**

- Maesteg Town Council
- Llangynwyd Middle Community Council

- **Site Local Authority Ward Members**

- Cllr Chris Davies
- Cllr Paul Davies
- Cllr Malcolm James
- Cllr Richard Collins
- Cllr Ross Penhale-Thomas
- Cllr Jeff Jones
- Cllr Rob G. Jones
- Cllr Dennis Keogh
- Cllr Laura Williams

- **Local MP**

- Stephen Kinnock MP

- **Local MS**

- Huw Irranca-Davies MS
- David Rees MS
- Luke Fletcher MS
- Tom Giffard MS
- Dr Altaf Hussain MS
- Sioned Williams MS

Tier 2 – statutory consultees directly engaged throughout statutory consultation process.

- **Specialist consultees**
- **Adjoining landowners**

Tier 3 – wider community consultees directly targeted during statutory consultation.

- **Adjacent community councils –** none of the adjacent community council areas currently have community councils – Bryn, Margam, Cymer and Glyncorrwg.

- **Community venues**

Tier 4 – wider non statutory stakeholders engaged during statutory consultation.

- **Adjacent ward members, MP**
- **Member of the Planning Committee and Cabinet members for the Environment and Planning**
- **Community stakeholders**
- **Interest stakeholders**

Tier 5 – Wider community engaged during statutory consultation.

- **Wider residents, businesses and visitors**

Contact Channels

2.14 The Applicant and Grasshopper Communications established dedicated project channels which were monitored from February 2025 to May 2025, comprising:

- **A freephone information line** – A freephone telephone number, 01656 330844, was available for anyone who wished to contact the project team via phone. The freephone number was staffed Monday to Friday from 09.00 - 17.00
- **A dedicated freepost address** – A freepost address (no stamp required) was hosted at FREEPOST GRASSHOPPER CONSULT enabling respondents to provide written feedback free of charge; and
- **A project email** – consultation@ftgrid.co.uk

Project website

2.15 A project webpage, www.ftgrid.co.uk was set up at the start of the statutory consultation in 2025 to share information about the Proposed Development, host the draft planning application and provide updates on the Proposed Development.

Legislative context

2.16 Due to the presence of an overhead section in this network, the project is classed as a DNS and a planning application will be submitted to PEDW for determination.

2.17 The DNS Procedural Guidance provides the following advice on the importance of early engagement:

> *2.1 It is strongly encouraged that applicants enter into a general dialogue with PEDW about their application and the DNS process in the early stages of project design. These Inception meetings have proven to be of benefit to applicants and improved understanding of the DNS process.*
>
> *2.2. Prior to submission, early engagement with communities, local planning authorities (LPAs), statutory consultees and other interested parties provides an opportunity to overcome any potential issues with the proposal. The ability to amend a scheme following submission of a DNS application is very limited. Consequently, it is important that applicants seek to resolve any issues prior to submission and early engagement with these bodies is strongly encouraged by PEDW.*
>
> *2.3. At an early stage, applicants should consider whether related licenses or consents are required from other bodies, such as Natural Resources Wales (NRW). Applicants should aim to 'twin-track' related consents with their DNS application to avoid delays later in the process. Processing DNS applications would not be delayed by this, but the scheme may be delayed if there is a need to wait for other consents to be approved.*
>
> *2.4. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) processes should also be iterative and considered early on in the development of a DNS project.*

2.18 Following the notification stage, prior to submitting the full DNS application to PEDW, statutory pre-application consultation is required for a minimum of six-weeks (42 days) and must include:

a) Consulting specific community consultees, specialist consultees and any relevant persons (as defined in Article 9 of the Order).

b) Serving written notice on owners or occupiers of land adjoining the Site.

c) Displaying site notices in at least one place, on or near the Site; and

d) Placing a notice in a local newspaper.

2.19 The planning application needs to be accompanied by a consultation report that gives an account of the consultation undertaken, summarises the issues raised, provides a response to representations made and explains how comments have been addressed in the final plans as appropriate.

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

2.20 The aim of the Act is to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, making the public bodies listed in the Act think more about the long-term, work better with people, communities and each other, look to prevent problems, and take a more joined-up approach.

2.21 The Act puts in place seven well-being goals:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language
- A globally responsible Wales.

2.22 The Future Generations Act enshrines these goals in law, ensuring that all public bodies work towards achieving all of them. The legislation sets out the five ways of working to meet the well-being goals:

- **Long term** – considering the importance of balancing short-term needs with the needs to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs.
- **Integration** - considering how the Proposed Development may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on the Proposed Development's objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.
- **Involvement** - involving people with an interest in the Proposed Development and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area the Proposed Development's affects.
- **Collaboration** – acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the body itself).
- **Prevention** - acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse.

The Applicant is committed to helping deliver these wellbeing outcomes.

Wales Principles of Public Engagement

2.23 It will be important to ensure that the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)'s National Principles for Public Engagement in Wales[1] are reflected in the consultation strategy for the Proposed Development. The strategy is designed to deliver a well-planned programme making sure that all stakeholders and residents affected by the Proposed Development are involved in a timely and appropriate way.

2.24 The pre-application consultation process must consult with those stakeholders detailed in section 61Z of the 1990 Act and the Order.

Welsh language

2.25 The Applicant is committed to promoting Welsh language and culture. Welsh is treated as an equal language to English for community and stakeholder engagement. All key consultation materials were produced in Welsh and English.

Consultation Requirements

2.26 This Consultation Report includes the following as required by section 11(2) of the Order as set out in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Statutory Consultation Requirements

Requirement	Location
• a copy of the notice referred to in article 8(1)(a)(i); • Article 8(1)(a)(i) requires a site notice to be displayed on or near to the land to which the proposed application relates for not less than 42 days.	**Appendix 2:** Schedule 1 Statutory Notice under articles 8 and 9(2) - Site Notice **Appendix 3**: Site notice map and placement evidence
• a declaration that the notice referred to in article 8(1)(a)(i) was displayed in accordance with the requirements of that article;	**Appendix 4:** Declaration of Compliance with the Act / Order

[1] https://thirdsectorsupport.wales/resources/national-principles-for-public-engagement-in-wales/

• a list of the addresses of the persons who were given notice of the proposed application in accordance with article 8(1)(a)(ii) and a copy of the notice given to such persons. • 8(1)(a)(ii) requires written notice of the proposed application to owners or occupiers of land adjoining the Proposed Development Site.	**Appendix 5:** List of adjacent owner / occupiers (Confidential) **Appendix 2:** Schedule 1 Statutory Notice under articles 8 and 9(2) - Site Notice
• a copy of the publication referred to in article 8(1)(a)(iii). (notice in a local newspaper);	**Appendix 6:** Statutory notice in the press
• a declaration that the Applicant has complied with the publication requirements in article 8(1)(b). • Article 8(1)(b) requiring publication of draft application plans and documents on a website for not less than 42 days;	**Appendix 4:** Declaration of Compliance with Act / Order **Appendix 7:** List of application plans and documents on website
• copies of all notices given to community consultees, relevant persons and specialist consultees in accordance with articles 9(2) and 9(3);	**Appendix 8:** Schedule 2 9(3) notice (Specialist Consultees) **Appendix 2:** Schedule1 8&9(2) notice (Community Consultees, relevant persons and landowners)
• a summary of all issues raised by any person notified of the proposed application in accordance with section 61Z(3) of the 1990 Act and articles 8 and 9(2), including confirmation of whether the issues raised have been addressed and, if so, how.	**Chapters 8 and 9**
• copies of all responses received from specialist consultees with an	**Chapter 8**

explanation of the account taken of each response	**Appendix 9:** Copies of Specialist Consultee responses received

3. Early engagement

3.1 Prior to the launch of the statutory consultation in 2025, key political stakeholders were sent an email on 22 November 2024 and invited to a meeting to inform them about the Proposed Development. These included:

- Stephen Kinnock MP
- Huw Irranca-Davies MS
- David Rees MS
- Luke Fletcher MS
- Tom Giffard MS
- Dr Altaf Hussain MS
- Sioned Williams MS
- Cllr Chris Davies
- Cllr Paul Davies
- Cllr Malcolm James
- Cllr Richard Collins
- Cllr Ross Penhale-Thomas
- Cllr Jeff Jones
- Cllr Rob G. Jones
- Cllr Dennis Keogh
- Cllr Laura Williams
- Maesteg Town Council
- Llangynwyd Middle Community Council

3.2 Responses were received, and meetings set up with the following to provide an overview on the Proposed Development, key environmental considerations, community benefit and the programme for submission of a DNS application:

- Huw Irranca-Davies MS for Ogmore on 3 February 2025
- Maesteg Town Council on 4 February 2025
- Cllr L Williams and Cllr R.G Jones, Margam and Taibach ward, on 19 February 2025
- An online briefing arranged for Llangynwyd Middle Community Council on 19 February 2025 was cancelled by the clerk due to technical issues in the chamber. Council members opted to attend the drop-in event in Llangynwyd instead.

3.3 In these meetings the Applicant presented an overview of the proposals including details of the scheme, environmental considerations, construction and the draft programme to submission with details on the planned consultation, looking at venues, consultation zone, and timeline. Following the presentation there was an opportunity for questions and answers.

3.4 Key issues raised during the early engagement:

- A third consultation event was requested for Llangynwyd to cover the southern part of the grid connection.
- The potential impact on views in the Llangynwyd Conservation Area.
- The potential impact on St Illtyd's pilgrimage route and other historic landmarks in the area.
- The potential impact of overhead lines on the visual amenity of the rural setting.
- The timeline for completing the undergrounding works and its impact on traffic flow.
- The potential for opportunities to tie in with other renewable projects needing to connect to the grid in order to minimise disruption.
- Community Benefits
- The reason for the grid connection location being to the southwest of Llangynwyd
- Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm clarification on consented status, scheme details, lifespan, decommissioning and recyclability.

- Locally produced energy for local businesses.
- Transportation of wooden poles for the overhead line sections.
- The efficiency of wind farms.
- Road repairs.
- New jobs.

3.5 The early engagement feedback was reviewed and considered and in response, for the statutory consultation, a third public exhibition drop-in event was arranged for Llangynwyd.

4.Statutory consultation – statutory consultees

4.1 Article 9 of the Order states that the Applicant must consult with Specialist consultees (Schedule 2 notices), Community Consultees and Relevant Persons (Schedule 1 notices). The statutory consultation on the Proposed Development launched on Monday 17 March 2025 and closed on Wednesday 30 April 2025, giving consultees 44 days (over the statutory 42 days) to respond to the consultation.

4.2 This chapter of the report details those identified as Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 consultees for the Proposed Development, why they were classified as such, and how they were consulted.

Specialist consultees

4.3 The Order requires consultation with 'specialist consultees', which are defined by reference to the categories set out in Schedule 5.

4.4 With reference to Schedule 5 of the Order and considering the parameters of the Proposed Development, the following organisations were identified as specialist consultees:

- The Health and Safety Executive
- Bridgend County Borough Council Planning Department
- Bridgend County Borough Council Highways
- Transport for Wales
- Dwr Cymru Welsh Water
- Welsh Government – Transport Directorate
- NRW
- The Canal River Trust
- CADW
- South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
- Coal Authority
- Heneb – Gwent Archaeology
- The Theatres Trust
- Network Rail
- Welsh Government Agricultural Division
- Control of Major Accident Hazards
- Office for Nuclear Regulation
- National Grid
- Sports Wales

4.5 The specialist consultees received a Schedule 2 notice (Specialist Consultees) Notice (attached as **Appendix 8**), newsletter, and notification email on Monday,

17 March 2025 and consultees were given until Wednesday, 30 April 2025 to respond.

Community consultees

4.6 Article 2 of the Order defines the Community Consultees as:

- Each county or county borough councillor representing an electoral ward in which the land to which the proposed application relates is situated; and
- Each community council in whose area the land to which the proposed application relates is situated. The Site is located predominantly in Bridgend CBC with the start and end points in Neath Port Talbot CBC. It goes through Maesteg Town Council and Llangynwyd Middle Community Council areas.

4.7 The following were identified as community consultees:

Table 2 – Community Consultees

Name	Representing
All members	Maesteg Town Council
All members	Llangynwyd Middle Community Council
Cllr Chris Davies, Cllr Paul Davies	Caerau Ward
Cllr Malcolm James	Llangynwyd Ward
Cllr Richard Collins, Cllr Ross Penhale-Thomas	Maesteg West Ward
Cllr Jeff Jones	Glyncorrwg Ward

Cllr Rob G. Jones, Cllr Dennis Keogh, Cllr Laura Williams	Margam and Taibach

4.8 The above community consultees received a Schedule 1 Statutory Notice under articles 8 and 9(2) (attached as **Appendix 2**), a newsletter (attached as **Appendix 10**) and notification email on Monday, 17 March 2025 and consultees were given until Wednesday, 30 April 2025 to respond.

Relevant persons

4.9 Article 9 of the Order requires that 'relevant persons' be consulted through the statutory pre-application consultation process. Relevant persons are those who would be responsible for determining any secondary consents that are made with the application for the Proposed Development.

4.10 There are no secondary consents for this proposal and therefore no relevant persons.

Adjoining owner / occupiers

4.11 As required under Article 8(1)(a)(ii) of the Order, newsletters and statutory notices were sent out to owners or occupiers of land adjoining the land to which the Proposed Development relates.

4.12 A total of 11 adjoining owner / occupiers were identified on land adjoining the Site to comply with Article 11(2)(c) (attached as **Appendix 5:** List of adjoining owners/occupiers (confidential)).

4.13 The above adjoining owners / occupiers received a Schedule 1 Statutory Notice under articles 8 and 9(2) (attached as **Appendix 2**), a newsletter (attached as **Appendix 10**) and notification letter on Monday 17 March 2025. They were given until Wednesday 30 April to respond.

Non-statutory consultees

4.14 The following Members of the Senedd and Parliament were informed about the consultation and received a newsletter due to their and their constituents' interest:

- Stephen Kinnock MP (Aberafan Maesteg Constituency MP)
- Huw Irranca-Davies MS (Ogmore Constituency MS)
- David Rees MS (Aberavon Constituency)
- Luke Fletcher MS (Regional MS)
- Tom Giffard MS (Regional MS)
- Dr Altaf Hussain MS (Regional MS)
- Sioned Williams MS (Regional MS)

4.15 Following an in-depth stakeholder mapping exercise, 104 stakeholders received a notification email and newsletter on the launch of the statutory consultation on Monday 17 March 2025. A list of non-statutory stakeholders is attached as **Appendix 11**. These included key organisations such as:

- Bat Conservation Trust
- Glamorgan Bat Group
- RSPB Cymru
- Bridgend Local Nature Partnership
- Farmers' Union Wales
- NFU Cymru
- Campaign to Protect Rural Wales
- RenewableUK Cymru
- Open Spaces Society
- Bridgend and District Ramblers
- Countryside Alliance Wales
- The British Horse Society
- Sustrans
- Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO)
- Wales Biodiversity Partnership
- Wildlife Trust South & West Wales
- Cynnal Cymru (Sustain Wales)

5.Statutory publicity

5.1 The statutory consultation on the Proposed Development took place between Monday, 17 March 2025 and Wednesday, 30 April 2025.

5.2 Section 61Z(3) of the Act requires the Applicant to publicise any Proposed Development in any such manner as the Applicant reasonably considers likely to bring it to the attention of a majority of the persons who own or occupy premises in the vicinity of the land. The publicity must:

- Set out how the Applicant may be contacted by persons wishing to comment on the Proposed Development; and
- Give such information about the proposed timetable for the consultation as is sufficient to ensure that persons wishing to comment on the Proposed Development may do so in good time.

5.3 In this case, the Applicant advertised a consultation period running from Monday, 17 March 2025 to Wednesday, 30 April 2025. The formal consultation lasted for 44 days.

5.4 In accordance with Article 8 of the Order the Applicant:

- Displayed 11 bilingual site notices on or near the Site from Monday, 17 March 2025 for a minimum of 42 days (see paragraphs 5.7 to 5.8 below).
- Served written notice on owners or occupiers of land adjoining the Site (see Paragraph 4.12 – 4.14 above).
- Published all documents on the project website for a period of not less than 42 days (see paragraph 5.9 below).
- Published a bilingual notice in the Western Mail on Monday, 17 March 2025 (see paragraph 5.12 below).

Site notices

5.5 In accordance with Section 8(1)(a)(i) of the Order, which requires the display of a site notice in at least one place on or near the land to which the Proposed Development relates, 11 site notices were put up on Monday, 17 March 2025 and were taken down after the close of consultation, from Thursday, 1 May 2025.

5.6 A copy of the bilingual site notice is attached as **Appendix 2** and a map showing the locations of the site notices and evidence of their display is provided in **Appendix 3**. The site notices were checked on a bi-weekly basis to ensure that they were erected throughout the consultation period in light of Article 8(4) of the Order.

Published documents

5.7 As required under Article 8(1)(b) of the Order, a bilingual website was set up on Monday, 17 March 2025 for the statutory consultation launch to provide information about the Site, Proposed Development, an interactive Site map, virtual exhibition, the draft planning application, supporting documents feedback mechanisms and contact details so local residents and stakeholders could find out more and comment on the Proposed Development: https://ftgrid.co.uk/ A list of all the planning documents that were available to view on the website is attached as **Appendix 7**.

5.8 As well as hosting the draft planning application and virtual exhibition, the website also encouraged respondents to feedback with comments using the online feedback form, email address or telephone number.

5.9 **643** views were recorded on the website during the statutory consultation, 631 to the English version and 13 to the Welsh version. These views were made by a total of 237 users. Due to privacy consent settings, the actual number may be higher.

Statutory press notice and advertising

Statutory notice in local press

5.10 In accordance with Article 8(1)(a)(iii) of the Order, a bilingual notice was published in the Western Mail daily newspaper, which covers the locality of the Site, on Monday 17 March 2025 (attached as **Appendix 6**).

Other publicity

5.11 This section provides a summary of the communications and engagement activity during statutory consultation. A variety of consultation tools and communication channels were used to encourage participation in the consultation and ensure the consultation was as inclusive as possible for stakeholders and the local community.

Newsletter

5.12 Hard copies of a bilingual newsletter introducing the Proposed Development was posted to 6,517 properties within the consultation zone and a digital version was emailed to a further 120 identified stakeholders (including elected representatives, community, and interest groups). The justification for this consultation zone is explained in paragraph 2.10 above.

5.13 The newsletter gave an overview of the Site, the Proposed Development, feedback mechanisms and contact details (attached as **Appendix 10**).

Feedback form

5.14 An online feedback form was produced to gather feedback during the statutory consultation. This was made available in English and Welsh on the project website at the start of the consultation.

5.15 Hard copies were available at the face-to-face events and returned to the project team using the Grasshopper Freepost address.

5.16 A copy of the feedback form is attached as **Appendix 12.**

Press release

5.17 A press release was sent to local media to inform the public about the statutory consultation and invite them to the consultation events. (this is attached as **Appendix 14**).

Social Media

5.18 Local stakeholders shared the consultation launch information on local social media platforms to publicise the exhibition drop-in events. There were 9 posts in total across 5 public Facebook pages. These pages were: Maesteg Hub, Llangynwyd Hub, Llangynwyd Village Hall, Garth Hub and Cllr Martin Hughes. The posts appeared on 17 March (4), 20 March, 10 April (4). A summary of this is attached as **Appendix 14**.

Public exhibition drop in events

5.19 Due to the linear geographical nature of the Proposed Development, the Applicant held three public exhibition drop-in events in three different venues, covering the length of the Proposed Development. St David's Church was selected due to its location in Maesteg town centre with good footfall, transport links and ample public parking nearby. Nantyffyllon RFC was selected for its proximity to the northern part of the connection and for its onsite parking and accessible facilities. Llangynwyd Village Hall was selected for its proximity to the south-western section of the proposal and for its onsite parking and accessible facilities.

5.20 The following drop in events took place

Table 3 – public exhibition drop-in events:

Date	Time	Venue	Attendees
Thursday 10 April 2025	11am-2pm	St David's Church, Castle Street, Maesteg, CF34 9BL	20
Thursday 10 April 2025	4-7pm	Nantyffyllon RFC, Nant Y Ffyrling, Maesteg, CF34 0BU	12
Friday 11 April 2025	11am – 2pm	Llangynwyd Village Hall, Bridgend Rd, Llangynwyd, CF34 9SW	17

5.21 The events were publicised on the day by placing posters in prominent positions outside each venue.

5.22 Materials available at the events included the draft application documents with appendices and figures available via laptop and displayed on a large screen, hard copies of the newsletter and feedback form, plus an O.S map of the area to complement the plans displayed in the exhibition.

5.23 There were fifteen bilingual exhibition boards with the following information:

- **Welcome** – introducing the Site, giving key facts about the Proposed Development and key facts about the project it will connect to the grid.
- An **overview of Pennant Walters Ltd** – location and number of employees along with information on operational renewable energy projects and their combined generating level.
- **Background on the consented Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm** – explains why this proposed grid scheme is needed to connect the wind farm to the network.

- **The Proposed Development** – line voltage, Under Ground Cable and Over Head Line design, length of line and OHL/UGC sections breakdown, wooden pole dimensions.
- **Grid Connection Masterplan** – including the wind farm boundary, the proposed grid connection with OHL & UGC indicated, a description of the 3 sections (OHL-UGC-OHL) key public buildings, highways and historic buildings indicated.
- **Grid Connection Masterplan, Ecology** constraints, indicating open access land, special landscape areas and country parks.
- **Grid Connection Masterplan, Historic environment** constraints, indicating listed buildings, historic landscape, scheduled monuments, registered parks and gardens.
- **The environment 1** – grade of land, ancient woodland
- **The environment 2** – ecology surveys, biological net gain
- **Assessments** overview
- **Transport and access** – deliveries traffic, roadwork timings, CMP
- **Managing local impacts** – roadwork information, traffic management measures, timeline for construction
- **Landscape and visual impact** – wooden poles information compared to steel pylons
- **The planning process, next steps, indicative timeline**
- **Have your say, contact details**

5.24 The boards were produced and displayed in English and Welsh at each of the venues and were available to download as a PDF from the project website. The exhibition boards are attached as **Appendix 16.**

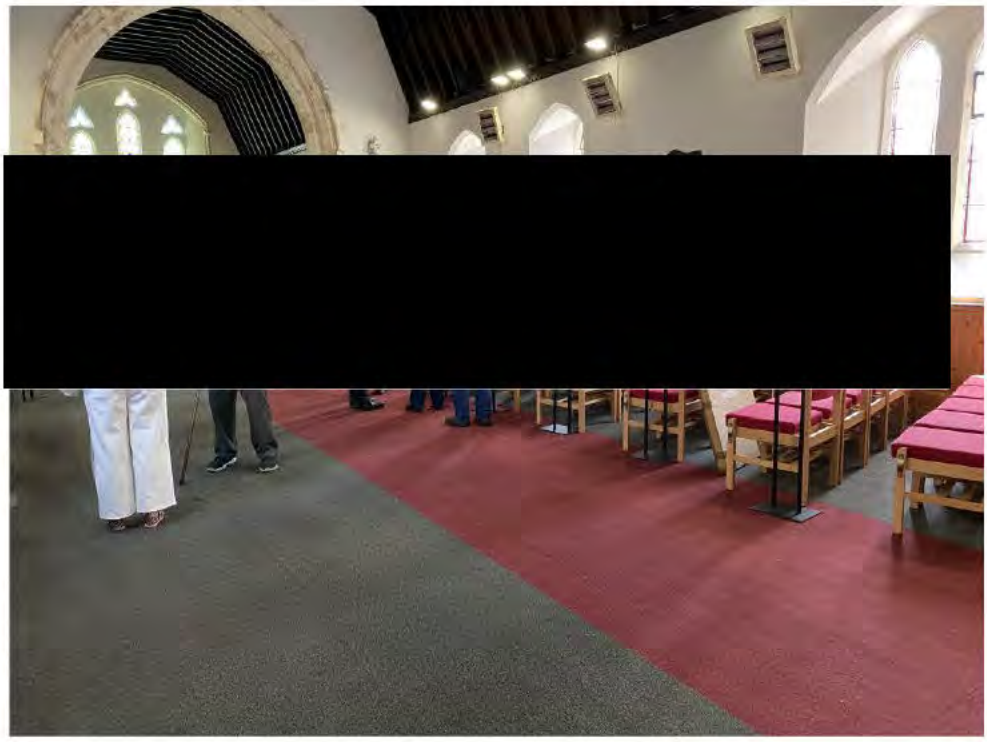
5.25 In addition to the exhibition boards, feedback forms with freepost envelopes and newsletters were available at the events.

5.26 In addition to asking attendees to provide feedback, the project team engaged in a number of conversations during the consultation events. Key themes of feedback collected conversationally at the events included:

- Effects of traffic disruption on communities
- Principle of development

- Cumulative effects from other projects in the area
- Overgrounding vs undergrounding of route and avoiding routing through Maesteg due to travel disruption
- Landowner queries over wooden pole positions
- Equestrian queries over access to bridleways
- Visual impact
- Awareness of the consented wind farm project
- Community Benefits

Figure 3 – Event 1



St David's Church

Figure 4 – Event 2



Nantyffyllon RFC

Figure 5 – Event 3



Llangynwyd Village Hall

6.Declaration of Compliance with Act/Order

6.1 Article 11(2)(b) of the Order requires a declaration that the Applicant has complied with the Site display requirements set out in article 8(1)(a)(i). Article 8(1)(a)(i) requires the Site notices to be displayed around the Site to which the Proposed Development relates for a period no less than 42 days. Sections 5.7-5.8 of this report confirm the Site display arrangements and that these requirements have been satisfied.

6.2 Article 11(2)(e) of the Order requires a declaration that the Applicant has complied with the publication requirements in article 8(1)(b).

6.3 Article 8(1)(b) sets out the information that must be provided on a website for a period in excess of 42 days, starting from the date when formal notice is given. The relevant information that must be published on the website include:

- A completed draft of the DNS application form
- Site Location Plan
- Other plans, drawings and information to describe the development
- A copy of the Acceptance Letter from PEDW
- Design and Access Statement
- Environmental Statement.
- A written statement about any secondary consents connected with the proposed application, together with the draft application form and documents associated with such consents.

6.4 Appendix 7 provides a list of the documents made available on the website and **Appendix 4** sets out the Applicant's Declaration of Compliance with the Act/Order.

7.Number of responses, by type

7.1 This section details the number of responses received during the statutory consultation period.

Specialist consultee responses

7.2 Responses were provided by the following specialist consultees who received a Schedule 2 notice (refer to **Appendix 9:** Copies of specialist consultee responses):

Table 4 – Specialist consultees who responded to the consultation

Organisation name	Date
LQAS Welsh Government Agricultural Division	17/03/2025
Health & Safety Executive	20/03/2025
Theatres Trust	28/03/2025
Welsh Government Transport	29/04/2025
CADW	29/04/2025
Welsh Water/Dwr Cymru	30/04/2025
NRW Southeast Planning	07/05/2025

7.3 The following specialist consultees did not respond to the statutory consultation:

- Heneb
- Coal Authority
- Network Rail
- South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
- Bridgend CBC Highways
- Control of Major Accident Hazards
- Office for Nuclear Regulation
- National Grid
- Canal and river trust
- Sports Wales

Schedule 1: Community consultees responses

7.4 Responses were provided by the following community consultees who received a Schedule 1 notice (refer to **Appendix 16:** Copy of the community consultee responses):

Table 5 - Community consultees responses

Organisation name	Date
Cllr Philip Jenkins, member of Maesteg Town Council and neighbouring ward member for Maesteg East	20/3/2025

Adjoining owner and occupier responses

7.5 No consultation responses were received from adjoining owner / occupiers

Relevant persons responses

7.6 Since there were no Secondary Consents, no consultation responses were received from Relevant persons.

Enquiries during the statutory consultation

7.7 A total of 22 email enquiries were received during the statutory consultation with:

- 7 emails giving feedback on consultation from specialist consultees
- 6 emails giving feedback on consultation from other stakeholders
- 1 email with queries on the Proposed Development
- 3 emails about the consented wind farm
- 2 emails about consultation organisation
- 3 emails about consultation information

7.8 Responses received by email were logged and analysed as part of the wider analysis of feedback detailed in **Chapter 9.**

Feedback forms

7.9 During the statutory consultation, 9 feedback forms were completed online or returned using the freepost address.

Analysis process

7.10 All responses from non-statutory consultees were analysed using a tagging system. Each comment from the stakeholder was tagged to a parent issue and sub issue and a negative/ positive/ neutral sentiment attached.

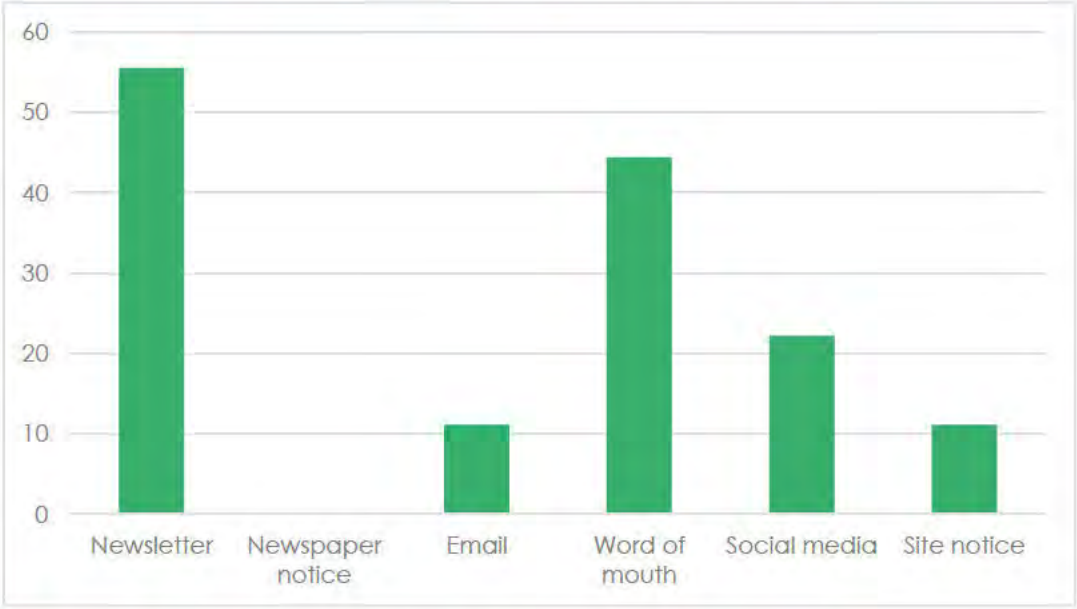
Feedback form analysis

7.11 For those non-statutory stakeholders who did complete the feedback form, the following data analysis has been completed:

- **How did you hear about this consultation?**

100% of respondents answered this question (refer to figure XX below). Of those responding, over half heard about the consultation through the newsletter, over 40% heard through word of mouth, and over 20% heard about it through social media. Only 11% heard about the consultation through the site notice.

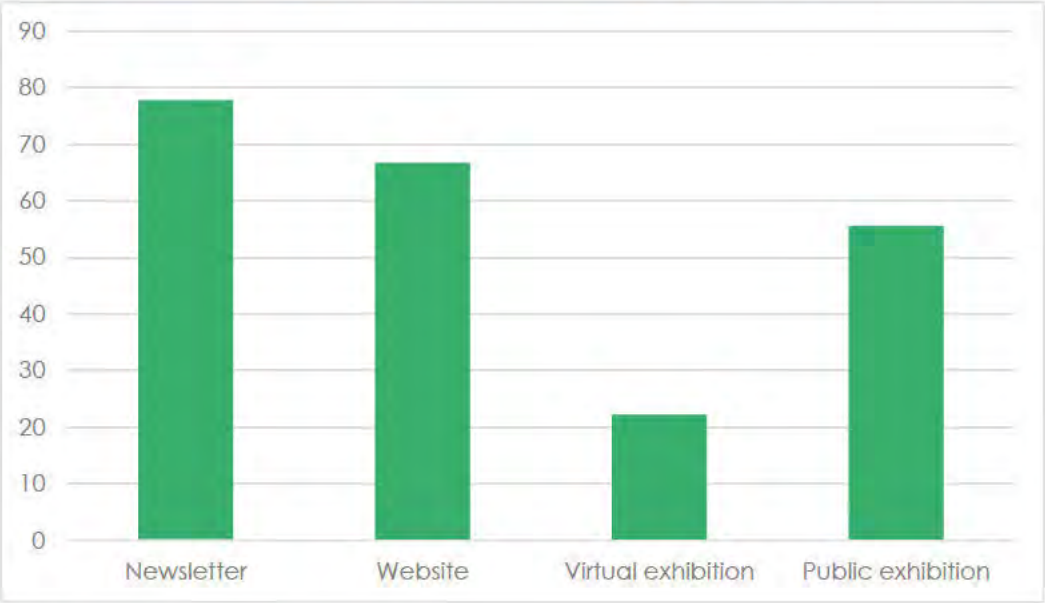
Figure 6: How the percentage of respondents found out about the consultation



- **Which of the consultation materials have you used?**

Over 70% of respondents used the newsletter, over 60% the website, over 50% attended the public exhibition drop-in events and over 20% viewed the virtual exhibition.

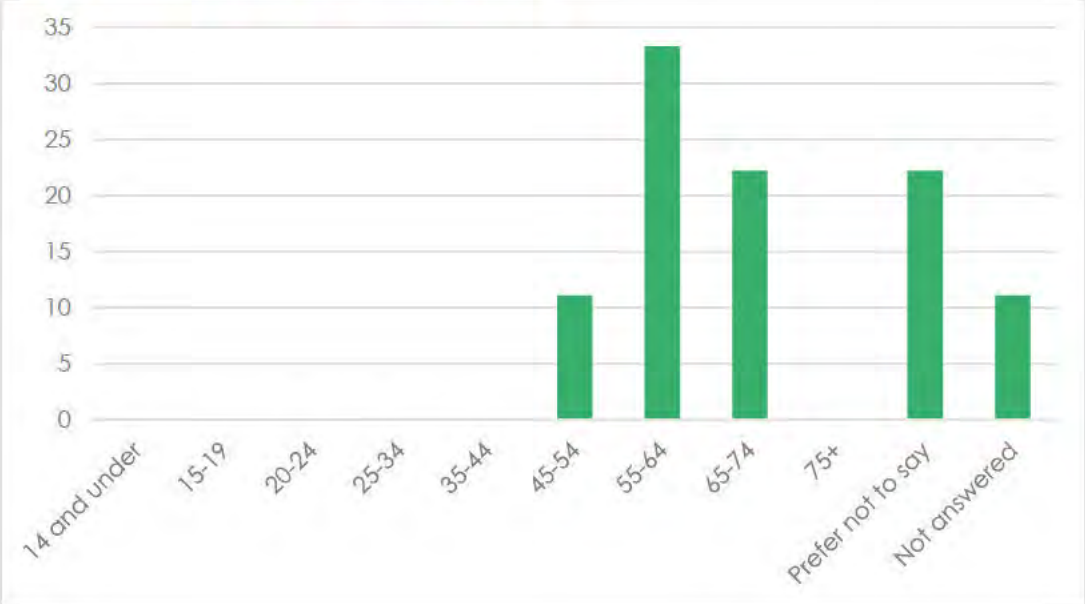
Figure 7: Percentage of respondents' use of consultation materials



- **Equalities monitoring: Age**

Of the responses received in the feedback form, 33% of respondents were aged 55-64, 22% were 65-74 years, 11% were aged 45-54 whilst 22% preferred not to say and 11% did not answer. In total 55% were aged 55 and above.

Figure 8 - Reponses received by age



8.Responses from statutory consultees and the Applicant's Response

Schedule 2: Specialist consultee responses

8.1 This section summarises the responses received from specialist consultees and consequent actions undertaken by the Applicant. Copies of full responses can be found at **Appendix 9**.

8.2 Responses were provided by the following specialist consultees:

Table 6 - Specialist consultee responses and the applicant's response

Consultee	Consultee response	Applicant's response and consequent actions
LQAS Welsh Government Agricultural Division 17/03/2025	**Substantive Response:** As per Article 10(2),(b) of the 2016 Order, the Department for Climate Change & Rural Affairs advises the applicant, that as a specialist consultee, it has no objection to the proposed development and refers the applicant to current standing advice by the specialist consultee on the subject of the consultation.	Noted
Health & Safety Executive 20/03/2025	**Will the proposed development fall within any of HSE's consultation distance** 1. With reference to the proposed redlined Grid Connection Route shown on **Figure 1 Draft Grid Connection Route**	No hazardous substances will be introduced to the Site. No new or existing Major Accident Hazard Installations or Pipelines are planned for this development.

	[https://planningcasework.service.gov.wales/case, Reference: DNS CAS-02505-N3T6M4 - Foel Trawsnant Windfarm Connection] the proposed project does not fall within the consultation distances of any Major Hazard Installation(s) or Major Accident Hazard Pipeline(s). 2. Please note if at any time a new Major Accident Hazard Pipeline is introduced or existing Pipeline modified prior to the determination of a future application, then the HSE reserves the right to revise its advice. 3. Likewise, if prior to the determination of a future application, a Hazardous Substances Consent is granted for a new Major Hazard Installation or a Hazardous Substances Consent is varied for an existing Major Hazard Installation in the vicinity of the proposed development, again the HSE reserves the right to revise its advice.	
Health & Safety Executive	Would Hazardous Substances Consent be needed? 4. The presence of hazardous substances on, over or under land at or above set threshold quantities (Controlled Quantities) may require Hazardous Substances Consent (HSC) under the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 as amended. The substances, alone or when aggregated with others, for which HSC is required, and the associated Controlled Quantities, are set out in The Planning (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2015.	No hazardous substances will be present on Site.

	5. Hazardous Substances Consent would be required if the proposed development site is intending to store or use any of the Named Hazardous Substances or Categories of Substances and Preparations at or above the controlled quantities set out in schedule 1 of these Regulations. 6. Further information on HSC should be sought from the relevant Hazardous Substances Authority.	
Health & Safety Executive	<u>Explosives sites</u> No comment to make as there are no HSE Licensed explosive sites in the vicinity of the proposed development.	Noted
Theatres Trust 28/03/2025	Having reviewed these plans, they would not directly impact any theatre buildings or their operations. Therefore, there is no need to consult Theatres Trust further.	Noted
Welsh Government Transport 29/04/2025	I refer to your consultation…and advise that the Welsh Government as highway authority for the M4 motorway would not issue a direction in respect to a future planning application. General Note 1. It is Welsh Government's understanding that no components will require Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) deliveries to site. Should this viewpoint be incorrect, the developer will be required to inform the Welsh Government, at the earliest	Noted

	opportunity, as further information would be required.	
CADW 29/04/2025	Advice The following comments are based on information made available to us as part of the pre-application consultation and we will review our comments when we are consulted on the final application. Having carefully considered the information provided; we have no objection to the proposed development. The application will be accompanied by an environmental statement prepared by WSP. Chapter 9 of this document considers the impact of the proposed development on the Historic Environment. It has concluded that there will be no direct impact on designated historic assets and no significant impacts on their settings. We concur with this conclusion. It has also considered the likely impact on non-designated historic assets and potential archaeological features and concluded that it is unlikely that these will be significantly affected by the proposals. Finally, it is strongly recommended that Heneb: The Trust for Welsh Archaeology, the archaeological advisors to Bridgend County Borough Council and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council should be consulted to confirm that they agree with this conclusion.	Whilst the Applicant did not receive a response from Heneb during the statutory consultation, the conclusions in Chapter 9: Historic Environment remain the same and consistent with Cadw's view - there will be no direct impact on designated historic assets and no significant impacts on their settings.

Welsh Water/Dwr Cymru 30/04/2025	APPRAISAL It appears the application does not propose to connect to the public sewerage or watermain systems, and therefore Dwr Cymru Welsh Water has no objections in principle. However, should circumstances change and a connection to the public sewerage/watermain system is required we must be re-consulted on this application. As of 7th January 2019, this proposed development may be subject to Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. In the event this proposed development amounts to a total impermeable area of 100sqm or more, approval of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) features, in accordance with the 'Statutory standards for sustainable drainage systems – designing, constructing, operating and maintaining surface water drainage systems'. It is therefore recommended that the developer engage in consultation with the City & County of Swansea, as the determining SuDS Approval Body (SAB), in relation to their proposals for SuDS features. Please note, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water is a statutory consultee to the SAB application process and will provide comments to any SuDS proposals by response to SAB consultation.	Noted
Welsh Water/Dwr Cymru	ASSET PROTECTION This site is crossed by public sewers ranging in size from 100mm combined to 150mm foul water, and watermains ranging in size from 3" to 9" distribution mains, with their approximate positions being marked on the attached Statutory Public Sewer and Watermain Records. In accordance with the Water Industry Act 1991, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water requires	Noted. Utilities are considered in Appendix 4A: Construction Environment Management Plan, and shown in Figure 3 of the Peat and Soil Survey Report (Annex C of Appendix 4A).

	access to its apparatus at all times in order to carry out maintenance and repairs. No part of any building will be permitted within the protection zone of the public assets measured 3 metres either side of the centreline. Please note, the distance specified for this protection zone is indicative and based on industry standard guidelines. However, the depth of the asset will need to be verified on site which may infer a greater protection zone. For completeness, we recommend the developer refer to their title deeds to confirm if there are any covenants or restrictions associated with the asset(s) crossing the proposed development site. Accordingly, it is recommended that the developer contact our Plan and Protect team (PlanandProtect@dwrcymru.com) to carry out a survey to verify the location of any assets crossing the site boundary and establish their relationship to the proposed development. Our strong recommendation is that your site layout takes into account the location of the assets crossing the site and should be referred to in any master-planning exercises or site layout plans submitted as part of any subsequent planning application. Further information regarding Asset Protection is provided in the attached Advice & Guidance note.	
Welsh Water/Dwr Cymru	The applicant is also advised that some public sewers and lateral drains may not be recorded on our maps of public sewers because they were originally privately owned and were transferred into public ownership by nature of the Water Industry (Schemes	Noted

	for Adoption of Private Sewers) Regulations 2011. The presence of such assets may affect the proposal. In order to assist us in dealing with the proposal the applicant may contact Dwr Cymru Welsh Water on 0800 085 3968 to establish the location and status of the apparatus. Under the Water Industry Act 1991 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water has rights of access to its apparatus at all times.	
NRW Southeast Planning 07/05/2025	We have concerns with the application as submitted because inadequate information has been provided in support of the proposal. To overcome these concerns, you should seek further information from the applicant regarding protected species, ornithology, protected sites, land contamination and flood risk. If this information is not provided, we would object to this planning application. Further details are provided below.	Chapter 8: Ecology of the EIA Report provides further information regarding protected species, protected sites and ornithology. In particular: • Appendix 8G: Bat Report • Appendix 8H: Net Biodiversity Benefit report • Appendix 8F: Otter Report • Appendix 8K: Water Vole Conservation Plan • Appendix 8I: Ornithology Report • Confidential Appendix 8J: Ornithology Report - Protected Species Results Flood risk is considered within Chapter 10: Water Resources and Flood Risk, and within Appendix 4A: Construction Environment Management Plan. Appendix 10A: Water Framework Directive Assessment also considers the impact of the Project on the local WFD watercourses. Annex B of Appendix 4A: Land Quality Phase 1 Desk Study (PRA), and Annex C of Appendix 4A: Peat and Soil Survey Report, detail results and mitigation

		measures in relation to land contamination. A response was sent to NRW 3rd July 2024, detailing why a Cable Buried Risk Assessment is not deemed proportionate for this scheme.
NRW Southeast Planning	Protected Species We welcome that the development has been designed to run underground cable beneath the existing highway network for almost all of its length, and overhead lines have been designed as far as possible to avoid hedgerows, woodland, trees and water courses. We note that Phase 1 habitat survey has been undertaken of the survey area, as well as more detailed survey for water vole, dormice and great crested newts (GCN). We note and welcome that additional survey for bats and otter is being undertaken and the associated reports will be submitted with the formal application. <u>Legislation and policy</u> Bats, otter, dormice and great crested newt are European Protected Species, legally protected under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). Legal protection relates to the animals themselves and the places they use to rest and breed. i. Where a European Protected Species is present and a development proposal is likely to contravene the legal protection they are afforded, the development may only proceed under licence issued by Natural Resources	Noted

	Wales, having satisfied the three requirements set out in the legislation. A licence may only be authorised if: ii. The development works to be authorised are for the purpose of preserving public health or safety, or for other imperative reasons of overriding public interest, including those of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment; iii. There is no satisfactory alternative; and The action authorised will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in its natural range. These requirements are translated into planning policy through Planning Policy Wales (PPW) Edition 12, February 2024, section 6.435 and 6.4.36 and Technical Advice Note (TAN) 5, Nature Conservation and Planning (September 2009). The planning authority should take them into account when considering development proposals where a European Protected Species is present.	
NRW Southeast Planning	<u>Nationally fully protected species</u> Water voles are fully protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and are a species of conservation concerns in Wales through their inclusion on lists published by the Welsh Government under section 7 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.	Noted

	There is no licensing provision of the intentional destruction of water vole habitat. A licence may only be issued for conservation purposes, and will be required if water voles or their habitat are likely to be affected. Where this applies the licence application will need to demonstrate a conservation benefit to water voles.	
NRW Southeast Planning	1.1 Bats The submitted Preliminary Ecological Appraisal report (PEA) confirms that the survey area provides suitable habitat for foraging and commuting bats in the form of dense scrub, woodland, and linear habitats such as running water, tree lines and hedgerows. The Environmental Statement (ES), Chapter 8, Sections 8.8.27 / 8.8.28, confirms that following a daytime bat walkover of the site, three trees were identified as having bat roosting potential, located in the southern section of the site. Whilst we welcome that these trees are not being removed, we note they may require manipulation should they lie within 4m of a pole, in order to facilitate the development (ES, Chapter 8, Section 8.8.29). We welcome that further close inspection surveys of trees within the development boundary, and automated monitoring surveys are being undertaken (ES, Chapter 8, Section 8.8.32). As per our scoping advice we advise that ground level assessments detailing bat roosting potential are undertaken of those trees to be felled or pruned to accommodate the development. Where trees are identified to be of moderate or high potential for	Noted

	bats, we advise that the ground level assessments are supplemented by more detailed survey in the form of climbed endoscope and / emergence survey in accordance with published best practice survey guidelines. Should bat roosts be confirmed, we advise that an assessment of the impacts of the scheme on these roost sites is undertaken, and proposals included to mitigate or compensate for them. We welcome the intention for survey results to be used to determine minimum stand-off buffers from sensitive habitats to bats. We advise that where possible all features with suitability for bats are retained and poles are micro sited away from features and areas of sensitivity. Table 8-11, Chapter 8, in the ES, confirms that around 1.68ha of woodland (wet woodland, lowland mixed deciduous woodland, upland oakwoods, and ancient woodland) may need to be temporarily removed as part of the development, as well as tree removal at one location. We advise that all areas of habitat removal are clearly marked on a submitted plan, detailing the habitat to be removed alongside the proposed quantity to be removed. We reserve further comment until the additional survey has been completed and the associated report submitted with the formal application.	
NRW Southeast Planning	<u>1.2 Water vole</u> The submitted PEA confirms that survey for water vole was undertaken by CSA Environmental in 2024 and found evidence of the species in the northern-most section of the application site, along watercourses	Noted

	A.1 and A, as identified within the submitted water vole survey report (referenced above). The report identifies that as well as using the aforementioned watercourses, adjacent terrestrial habitat areas (specifically two fields supporting purple moor-grass, rush pasture and upland acid grassland habitats) are likely to be used by water vole due to the suitability of the habitat. We welcome that the cable route has been designed to avoid impacts to water vole as far as possible by running the route north of the watercourse, and along an existing hardstanding track at the eastern edge of a field, running parallel to watercourse A.2 (where no water voles signs were identified). We welcome that poles will be located away from the watercourse in order to avoid habitats used by water vole. We advise that a minimum buffer from any construction activities, of 5m from top of bank is implemented to protect the identified watercourses and associated habitat. We advise that this is clearly demarked on a submitted drawing or plan and submitted with the formal application. We welcome that a Conservation Plan will be produced to incorporate long term management and monitoring of the habitats on site suitable for water vole. We advise that the principles of this plan are submitted within the formal application for review.	

NRW Southeast Planning	1.3 Otter The submitted PEA confirms that a walk over of the watercourses throughout the survey area identified that they are suitable to support resting otter, with the southern section as likely suitable for foraging. We welcome that further survey of the watercourses for otter is being undertaken within the survey area (Section 8.8.43, Chapter 8, ES). We advise that survey for otter is designed to identify potential breeding and resting places along watercourses and within riparian habitats, and that survey results are used to inform appropriate mitigation (this may include but not be limited to appropriate buffers to the working corridor). We advise that where possible the working corridor and poles are sited away from areas of sensitivity to otter. We reserve further comment until the additional survey has been completed and the associated report submitted with the formal application.	Noted
NRW Southeast Planning	1.4 Dormice We note that nest tube and nest box survey for dormice was undertaken in 2024, within the parcel of broadleaved woodland on site. We note that no evidence of dormouse was confirmed and have no further comment with respect to this species.	Noted
NRW Southeast Planning	1.5 GCN Within our scoping response to the development, we advised that all waterbodies within 250m of the	Noted

	application boundary were clearly identified and eDNA survey of all appropriate waterbodies undertaken. We note that eDNA survey of four appropriate waterbodies within 500m of the site boundary have been undertaken and produced negative results. We note that no evidence of GCN was confirmed and have no further comment with respect to this species.	
NRW Southeast Planning	1.6 Lighting Due to the ongoing species (bat and otter) survey being undertaken it would be prudent to provide advice in regard to lighting. However, we note from the submitted Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan that lighting requirements are limited to site and task lighting, and will be utilised only during the construction phase. We welcome that lighting will be positioned to specifically avoid riparian, woodland or other sensitive habitats (Sections 5.7.2, 5.1.27). We therefore anticipate that the risks of potential impacts to nocturnal protected species can be managed through a condition securing lighting design as part of a Construction Environmental Management Plan for the site.	Noted
NRW Southeast Planning	1.7 Summary We advise that the additional information set out in the above points and summarised below is included in the formal submission. 1.) additional bat survey (comprising additional survey for trees to be impacted by the development),	Noted

	the associated reports to be submitted, and results utilised to inform mitigation proposals as appropriate. 2.) relevant drawings and plans to show: a. the location and size of buffers / stand offs to sensitive habitat features for bats, water vole and including otter as required. b. all areas of habitat removal, identifying the location, extent and nature of the habitat to be removed 3.) principles of a conservation plan for water vole.	
NRW Southeast Planning	<u>1.8 Planning Conditions</u> In addition to the above, we are likely to advise the determining body that conditions for the following are required: • Implementation of the Environmental Statement • A CEMP including details of lighting during construction • A Conservation Plan for water vole Please note that we may advise further on planning conditions pending the detail included in the submitted formal application.	Noted
NRW Southeast Planning	<u>2.0 Terrestrial Ornithology</u> We note from the Draft Environment Statement that surveys to determine impact on ornithology are required and are due to be undertaken. These will	Noted

	be included within a final ES. We are therefore unable to provide comment on ornithology. We therefore reserve further comment until the additional survey has been completed and the associated report submitted with the formal application.	
NRW Southeast Planning	<u>3.0 Protected Sites</u> We note that there are no protected sites likely to be directly impacted by these proposals. We therefore have no further comments to make at this time. We would advise the determining body that a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) condition be attached to any permission granted. We can advise further details of this pending the additional information requested above for Protected Species.	Noted
NRW Southeast Planning	<u>4.0 Land Contamination</u> We note that the proposal intends for the buried cabling to be left in perpetuity in the ground. We advise the provision of a Cable Buried Risk Assessment (CBRA) as an EIA deliverable if cabling will remain in the ground in perpetuity following decommissioning. This aligns with the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) which mandates sustainable decision-making. The presence of persistent chemicals in buried cabling could:	Annex B of Appendix 4A: Land Quality Phase 1 Desk Study (PRA), and Annex C of Appendix 4A: Peat and Soil Survey Report, detail results and mitigation measures in relation to land contamination. A response was sent to NRW 3rd July 2024, detailing why a Cable Buried Risk Assessment is not deemed proportionate for this scheme. See below: *"Thank you for your response to the Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection draft ES.*

	• Contradict the Act's environmental sustainability goals if future generations are left with contamination risks. • Require a more circular economy approach, ensuring renewable projects do not leave hazardous legacy materials. • Justify stricter environmental standards for cable selection in planning approvals, promoting biodegradable or fully recyclable cabling. The assessment should consider the potential release of chemicals, including from non-fluid filled cables that comprise the total length of cabling remaining in the ground over the timeframe of 'Perpetuity'. The assessment may include the following but is not meant to be a definitive statement or scope but rather as an illustration as to what could be considered: • Define the Scope of the Assessment o Specify the type and quantity of cabling (e.g., voltage, insulation type, conductor material). o Assess the total length of cabling that will be left in the ground. o Define how a meaningful BCRA could be performed. Decide if a desk-based approach is sufficient or not. • Data Collection & Site Characterization – reliance on desk-based information or not. Environmental conditions such as pH, climate and hydrology.	*We have reviewed your comments in relation to Land Contamination and believe a Cable Buried Risk Assessment is not required; please see justification below.* *Underground cables installed for the Project will be 66kV electrical cables which are not oil-filled. These will be installed at depths of up to 1.5m, within ducts. It is proposed that the cables (and ducts) are left in-situ following decommissioning of the Project.* *Buried cables will be placed in ducts to protect them, the ducts will be protected from damage/ deterioration by the use of sand/ soil cushioning to avoid them being in contact with sharp stones/ objects, and placement of marker tape above the ducts and cables will help to alert anyone digging to the presence of buried cables.* *The Applicant has selected PVC ducts over PE, the manufacturer's specification states that:* • *Ducts will comply with ENATS 12-24 (Class 1 & 2) Industry Standard 'Technical specification for plastic ducts for buried electric cables'* • *PVC has a higher chemical resistance than PE to hydrocarbon permeation and chlorine induced oxidation.* • *Calcium – zinc are used as stabilizers for the selected PVC duct, rather than lead (which has*

	• Identify Potential Contaminants & Release Mechanisms – leaching rates. • Contaminant Fate & Transport Modelling – the nature of the site, its environmental sensitivity, and the types of cables used are influencing factors in the type of modelling deemed reasonable. • Risk Assessment & Exposure Pathways – consideration of the source-pathway-receptor linkage model with potential climate change influencing factors. • Mitigation & Remediation Strategies Examples: • Use of Halogen-Free Cables: o Reduces risks from brominated flame retardants and chlorine-based compounds. • XLPE Instead of PVC Insulation: o XLPE has a lower potential for releasing phthalates and chlorine compounds. • Corrosion Protection for Metal Conductors: o Properly jacketed cables and controlled soil conditions (e.g., pH-neutral environment) prevent copper and aluminium leaching. • End-of-Life Management: o Mandating removal or recycling of cables rather than leaving them in the ground ensures future contamination risks are minimized.	*been used in manufacturing PVC ducts historically).* • *Both (PE and PVC) provide exceptional chemical resistance and longevity especially compared to more traditional materials such as clay or ductile iron. The lifetimes of the PVC ducts is expected to be in excess of 100 years. PVC duct has better weathering performance than PE.* • *Ducts are buried underground and therefore are not exposed to excessive UV radiation that could cause some degradation of the material.* *If physical damage to the conductive cable material occurred during operation (such as due to damage caused accidentally by a third party) this would be identified through planned maintenance/ testing or reactive maintenance in response to operational issues and replaced as needed.* *The Applicant has undertaken a geoenvironmental Preliminary Risk Assessment (PRA) and this will be updated for the Environmental Statement to include the findings of a site walkover. The Draft PRA has identified potential land contamination within the UGC route and recommends that ground investigation is undertaken to provide information on the soil conditions along the UGC route, including the presence and composition of made ground. It is also recommended in the PRA, noting that excavations of up to 2m depth are required to install the cables, that groundwater monitoring, sampling and testing should be undertaken. This work, to be*

	Buried electrical cabling used in wind farms, solar farms, and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) sites typically consists of copper or aluminium conductors, insulation, and protective sheathing. The materials commonly used include: Metals: • Copper or Aluminium from conductors can corrode over time and leach into the surrounding environment, especially if the cable sheathing deteriorates. • Lead may be present in older cable sheaths. Insulation and Sheathing Materials: • Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC): Contains plasticizers such as phthalates, which can leach out over time. Some PVC materials may also release chlorinated compounds if they degrade. • Cross-linked Polyethylene (XLPE) • Rubber-based insulation (EPR - Ethylene Propylene Rubber). • PFAS Other Potential Contaminants: • Flame Retardants (e.g., brominated compounds, organophosphates, or antimony trioxide) • Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs): Found in protective coatings.	*undertaken by the Applicant during pre-construction, will enable an assessment to be made of whether aggressive ground conditions are present that may require mitigation measures to avoid cables being in contact with substances that would result in degradation of the outer protective layer.* *No significant risks to land or water quality because of leaching or release of contaminants from cables/ ducts are anticipated based on the measures outlined above, as such we assume that no additional risk assessment/ CBRA is necessary.* *Hopefully the above is satisfactory, though if you have any further questions, please feel free to contact to us."*

	• Heavy metals: Some cable sheathing or jointing compounds may contain cadmium, zinc, or lead.	
NRW Southeast Planning	5.0 Water Resources and Flood Risk 5.1 Water Framework Directive We note that a WFD scoping and screening assessment will be submitted. We reserve further comment until the additional survey has been completed and the associated report submitted with the formal application.	Noted
NRW Southeast Planning	5.2 Flood Risk We note the majority of the cable route lies outside an area at risk of flooding. We note that two sections of the route will cross areas at risk of flooding however, the impacts are expected the minimal. A flood risk activity permit (FRAP) may be required from us, for example to construct a structure on the bank of a main river. Any works affecting an ordinary watercourse may require an Ordinary Watercourse Consent from the relevant Lead Local Flood Authority.	Noted
NRW Southeast Planning	Other Matters Our comments above only relate specifically to matters included on our checklist, Development Planning Advisory Service: Consultation Topics (September 2018), which is published on our website. We have not considered potential effects on other matters and do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other interests.	Noted

	We advise the applicant that, in addition to planning permission, it is their responsibility to ensure they secure all other permits/consents/licences relevant to their development. Please refer to our website for further details.	

Schedule 1 Community consultee responses

8.3 Responses were provided by the following community consultees:

Table 7 – Community consultee responses and applicant's responses

Organisation name	Consultee Response	Applicant Response
Cllr Philip Jenkins, member of Maesteg Town Council and neighbouring ward member for Maesteg East	**Consultee response summary**: • Commented that the site and surrounding area is of significant historical nature going back to roman times with a battle with the roman empire taking place and miles of roman roads that will be impacted by cable laying and construction work.	**Consequent Actions**: • The applicant refers to CADW's response which concludes that CADW have no objection to the proposed development.

Relevant persons responses

8.4 There are no secondary consents and therefore no relevant persons.

Adjoining landowner and occupier responses

8.5 No responses were received from adjoining owners and occupiers.

Other consultees responses

8.6 Responses were provided by the following other consultees with a particular interest in the proposals:

Table 8 – Other consultee responses and the applicant's response

Organisation name	Consultee Response	Applicant Response
Cllr Martin Hughes, neighbouring ward member for Maesteg East	**Consultee response summary:** • Could the wind farm Community Benefits Fund include Nantyffyllon, Maesteg West and Llangynwyd to reflect this grid connection proposal. • Where the cable is undergrounded, highway surfaces ought to be properly reinstated and adjoining road and pavement surfaces be improved if affected. • For overhead sections, could nature-friendly initiatives be incorporated such as nest boxes.	**Consequent Actions:** • Whilst the Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm is a Pennant Walters project and they are bringing forward the grid connection application, the connection project itself belongs to National Grid Electricity Distribution (NGED). As a result, any potential for community benefits relating to the grid line would be for NGED to consider, if the application is approved. • Noted. Any roads which are trenched for the cable works will be reinstated to at least previous condition or better.

	• Consultation event timings could have been later, to allow daytime workers the opportunity to attend	• Appropriate mitigation regarding birds and bats is detailed within Chapter 8: Ecology of the EIA Report. • Noted

9.Main issues raised by non-statutory consultees and the Applicant's response

9.1 During the consultation period residents and interested parties were invited to provide feedback on the project proposals. They were able to do so online, by completing the hard copies or giving an email response.

9.2 The table below summarises the issues raised by non-statutory consultees during the statutory consultation and have been organised according to the chapters in the Environmental Statement.

Table 9 - Main issues raised by non-statutory consultees and the Applicant's response

Consultee response	Applicant's response
Chapter 3: Design, Evolution and Alternatives	
Design - Route path (7 tags) Comments were made about: Heol Ty Gwyn not being a practical route, and how the lines should go along forestry roads which would be shorter, cheaper and less disruptive than going under residential roads which will cause far more disruption.	The Applicant has made every effort to take the straightest route from wind farm to connection point, but this was not possible due to several factors. These factors are detailed in the Design Evolution which can be reviewed in the draft Design and Access statement
That an adjacent landowner, who believes his land is within the 5m buffer zone for wooden poles, had not been contacted prior to consultation with regards to the possibility of micro-siting wooden poles on their land, or overhead lines crossing their	The Applicant's Land Registry searches indicated that the land in question was owned by a different landowner but was very recently sold. The sale of the land had not been updated by Land Registry. The land in question no longer forms part of the application, including the 5m micrositing allowance.

land, and that conservation surveys encroach onto their property. Some overhead sections are in older mono conifer plantations which can be instantly devastated by fire (as seen locally recently in Garnwen). The road between the golf course towards Maesteg Park and towards Sychbant being virtually impassable to normal vehicles due to extremely deep potholes.	Noted. Roads which are being trenched for underground cables will be returned to at least previous condition, or better.
Design - Suggested changes to design (13 tags) Questions were raised about why the Proposed Development could not be directed from the wind farm in a direct line, through the forestry to the golf course. This change was suggested predominantly because it would be shorter, cheaper, less disruptive and logistically simpler. A question was also asked about the grid connection point and why could the line not connect to the pylons which already exist on the golf course. The point was made that the proposals should also consider future proofing against changing weather to ensure that disruption is kept to a minimum if there is not a better route identifiable within NPT by National Grid. A question was asked about why all the overhead sections couldn't be underground due to the visual impact of overhead lines, whilst another	The Applicant has made every effort to take the straightest route, but this was not possible due to several factors. These factors are detailed in the Design Evolution which can be reviewed in the draft Design and Access statement. The grid connection point is determined by National Grid. This is the connection point allocated to the project back in 2013 when the wind farm was first incepted. Noted

requested for the undergrounding of the southern overhead section only.	NGED (National Grid Electricity Distribution) determines the line and its viability. Whilst undergrounding is more expensive than overhead lines, undergrounding has been included as much as possible.
Design - Electromagnetic concerns (2 tags) Regarding the northern, overhead section of the grid line it was raised that the OHL should be kept well away from dwellings and footpaths and that a detailed risk assessment should be provided and made public. Regarding the southern end point of the proposed development, a concern was raised regarding RAYNET voluntary emergency communications being impacted by electromagnetic interference from the OHL, leading to a loss of safety critical data or audio communication.	As the cable is only 66kV, it is considered there is no Electromagnetic Field risk. However, the northern overhead section is not within the vicinity of residential dwellings. As the cable is only 66kV, it is considered there is no electronic and magnetic field risk and will not affect audio communications. See **Appendix 4D - Electronic and Magnetic Fields: The Facts** for more details.
Chapter 5: Planning	
A comment was made about how this proposal interacts with the consented wind farm, which was only consulted in Neath Port Talbot, pre-DNS, with the grid connection now re-routed through BCBC.	The Applicant acknowledges that the wind farm consultation took place in NPT CBC, under a different planning regime. However, the grid connection has always been in its current location since the wind farm was incepted in 2013 and has not been re-routed.
Chapter 6: Land and Visual Impact	
View from their property (1 tag) A respondent had concerns about the visual impact of poles and overhead lines going behind	Visual impacts have been considered in Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual Impacts, including associated appendices, included Appendix 6E: Visual

their property in addition to an existing pylon and overhead lines which are in front of the property.	Assessment. Figures 6.6 to 6.12 of the EIA Report also represent key viewpoints in the areas.
Views (4 tags) It was drawn to the project team's attention that the recently developed Spirit of Llynfi Woodland Site which is part of the National Forest of Wales is not shown on the plans but will have visual impacts. A respondent said that the poles would be visible from almost everywhere and therefore asked why they could not be underground for the sake of the community. There were two comments about 'eyesores'.	Spirit of Llynfi Woodland: Every effort was made to include areas of local importance in consultation materials, through the information available to the Applicant via studies, surveys, mapping and information shared in pre-consultation briefings by key stakeholders. Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual Impact considers a range of receptors, such as Statutory and Non-Statutory Designated Sites and Local Landscape Character, which includes forestry. This can also be seen in Figure 6.3: Local Landscape Character Plan of the EIA report. NGED (National Grid Electricity Distribution) determines the line and its viability. Whilst undergrounding is more expensive than overhead lines, undergrounding has been included as much as possible.
Chapter 7: Traffic and Transport	
Access to residences/ business (3 tags) Two respondents raised concerns about access to their residences. The first, off Heol Ty Gwyn will have an issue with getting their vehicle into their driveway if	Heol Ty Gwyn: The underground section along residential roads will take around 3 months to complete. With specific reference to Heol Ty Gwyn, NGED

roadworks cause an obstruction (the vehicle is large and must be kept on the driveway for insurance purposes). The second respondent, also writing on behalf of 4 neighbours, lives on a farm which is accessed by a road known locally as 'The Bunwen'. If closed due to roadworks, the farm would be cut off from everywhere, including emergency services. Another respondent conveyed that access to hospitals and for emergency services to all areas should be considered.	will provide an update on how long this section will take. Every effort will be made to keep disruption to residential accesses to a minimum with the work sections moving on as quickly as possible. 'The Bunwen': The Applicant confirmed that the land owner and required vehicles will be able to access their premises throughout the works. National Grid will start to lay the cable from the south first and upgrade the track following these works. This will ensure that when NGED are doing the cable lay from the North, down into the valley, residents and users will still be able to access their property and land by using the southern upgraded track. One point to note is the work across their access will take approximately 4 days, during this period we accept that access will be disrupted but remain available. NGED or its contractors will provide metal plates that can be put over the excavated areas, during working hours while excavations and duct/cable lay is taking place NGED will need time to remove equipment and put the plates down. NGED can have discussions with the land owners to discuss the main times of access to minimise the impact, i.e. school drop off, times to leave/return from work. Access and highway receptors have been considered in Chapter 7: Transport of the EIA Report.
Construction compound site access (1 tag) A comment was received regarding getting materials to the site and how they believe BCBC has not given permission for wind farm	This comment is related to Wind Farm construction components. Grid Connection materials will be no longer than 15m poles. General construction traffic will include flatbed trucks and Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) delivering

components to go through the valley due to the proposed B roads being unsuitable.	plant and equipment (e.g. overhead line poles and cable) as well as vans and cars associated with construction staff movement.
Historic issues with traffic jams caused by roadworks (2 tags) Respondents referred to the example of Heol Ty Gwyn being dug up near Maesteg Hospital on the park side of the road for a gas main, the works for which caused 8 weeks of disruption to residents. The question was asked whether the proposed development would cause similar disruption. Another said that the road network cannot handle the smallest of temporary lights, often turning a 30-minute journey into a 90-minute journey due to there being no suitable straightforward alternatives.	The underground section along residential roads will take around 3 months to complete. With specific reference to Heol Ty Gwyn, NGED will provide an update on how long this section will take and clarify which side of the road would be dug up. Not all construction traffic will be on busy roads, much of the additional traffic will be away from residential properties. NGED as the developers, will agree either a road closure with the local highways' authority and/or implement appropriate traffic management measures for the works associated with the highways. Appendix 7A; outline Construction Traffic Management Plan, sets out the principles for the management of construction traffic and mitigation requirements to minimise impacts.
Increase in traffic due to construction vehicles (2 tags) The respondent repeated the same statement about the road network not being able to handle the smallest temporary traffic lights (above). It was also observed that there will be air pollution due to so much traffic, and it was asked whether the Proposed Development would be using electric vehicles.	Construction vehicles bringing overhead line poles to site will be the only disruption. Not all construction traffic will be on busy roads, much of the additional traffic will be away from residential properties. Due to the size of the Project, Air Quality is not seen as a potentially significant effect and was scoped out of the EIA Report; statutory consultees and specialists agreed with this approach. Chapter 7: Transport details the total number of trips during construction; it has been assessed as not significant. Further details and assessment approach can be found within the chapter.

A comment was received regarding bringing materials for construction to site along the A4063 which is already at capacity at peak times. The road is susceptible to any small interruption to traffic flow, creating mile-long jams and rat-runs on single track lanes. As a result, they recommend that large or slow loads are scheduled for times when the roads are less busy (3-6.30pm)	Appendix 7A; outline Construction Traffic Management Plan, sets out the principles for the management of construction traffic and mitigation requirements to minimise impacts. NGED as the developers, will agree either a road closure with the local highways' authority and/or implement appropriate traffic management measures for the works associated with the highways.
Traffic disruption during construction (6 tags) A question was asked regarding the timeline of the undergrounding work, especially on Heol Ty Gwyn, being one of the main roads connecting Maesteg and Caerau. It was conveyed that roadworks along Kings Terrace, Davies Terrace and Garnwen Rd would cause significant inconvenience for residents. These streets, which are already extremely difficult to access and park, would be made unbearable for residents. To minimise traffic disruption, a suggestion was made that roads are worked in small areas at a time with each area worked as quickly as possible, with someone made responsible for checking that traffic lights are working properly.	The full undergrounding section is anticipated to take 6 months for trenching and laying ducts and one month for cable pull through and jointing works. (The overhead section is anticipated to take two months). Whilst we acknowledge that this will cause disruption to traffic, the underground section along residential roads constitutes around half of the full underground section with the other half being along country lanes. With specific reference to Heol Ty Gwyn, we will provide an update on how long this section will take in due course. NGED is also looking into which side of the road will be dug up in relation to undergrounding the cable. The Construction Management Plan, which accompanies the application, details timings and durations. Roads will remain open with management, as is the case with all standard utilities' operations, kept to a single lane. Appendix 7A; outline Construction Traffic Management Plan, sets out the principles for the management of construction traffic and mitigation requirements to minimise impacts. NGED as the developers, will agree either a road closure with the local highways' authority and/or implement appropriate traffic management measures for the works associated with the highways.

Attention was drawn to school traffic at YGG Llangynwyd, Ysgol Cynwyd Sant (behind which pylons will pass) and Nantyffyllon Primary School which all have 'huge' traffic problems, incrementally worsening by the lack of statutory or paid public transport. The point was made that it is unclear from this stand-alone application how much cumulative disruption there will be in the Llynfi valley. It was mentioned that 12 hour working days would be disruptive.	Chapter 7: Transport details the total number of trips during construction; it has been assessed as not significant. It also considers potential cumulative impacts of nearby developments. Further details and assessment approach can be found within the chapter. The works will mainly take place between 07:00 to 19:00 hours on weekdays and 07:00 to 13:00 on Saturdays. In exceptions, there may be a requirement for a 7-day work week. This would be agreed with the local council as appropriate.
Chapter 8: Ecology	
Biodiversity net gain (2 tags) A comment referred to making good rights of way and net benefit to nature due to recent work undertaken on a RoW opposite Maesteg hospital not being carried out in this way. Also, that sufficient surveys of habitats be carried out in all seasons. A request was made for the installation of nest boxes on overhead sections.	Chapter 8: Ecology of the EIA Report provides further information regarding protected species, protected sites and ornithology. In particular: • Appendix 8G: Bat Report • Appendix 8H: Net Biodiversity Benefit report • Appendix 8F: Otter Report • Appendix 8K: Water Vole Conservation Plan • Appendix 8I: Ornithology Report • Confidential Appendix 8J: Ornithology Report - Protected Species Results

	Appropriate mitigation regarding birds and bats is detailed within Chapter 8: Ecology of the EIA Report and its associated appendices.
Trees (2 tags) A respondent observed that trees are always taken down and not replaced and habitat damaged It was observed that some overhead sections are in older mono conifer plantations which, as seen in Garnwen several years ago, can be instantly devastated by fire.	Tree trimming is planned; however no highly sensitive trees will be felled. There are a total of 39 parcels of Ancient Woodland Inventory (AWI) that have been identified within 1km of the Site. One AWI parcel - an Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland (ASNW) - was identified in the southern extent of the Survey Area, spanning both banks of the Nant Lluest-Wen, which flows through the Site. However, the draft ES confirms that no tree removal will currently take place in ancient woodland with existing gateways used for access, avoiding the need to disturb linear features for bats. Noted.
Wildlife (2 tags) It was stated that work should be planned to consider nesting seasons as well as school holidays as the proposed development crosses a sensitive green corridor.	It is anticipated that works will begin in January 2028 and take 9 months to complete. The works required and the order of their completion are listed as follows: • Six months for trenching and laying the ducts; • One month for cable pull through and jointing works; and • Two months for erecting overhead line poles. Assessments have considered these timescales and recommended mitigation as appropriate.

A respondent wrote of their concerns about the impact on wildlife including bats, hares and owls.	Ecology surveys have been undertaken to help determine the route of the overhead line element of the grid connection and to avoid any sensitive areas. These surveys have included a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA), Great Crested Newt, dormouse and Water Vole. Further survey work has been undertaken following draft ES, including bird, bat and otter surveys. Chapter 8: Ecology of the EIA Report provides further information regarding protected species, protected sites and ornithology. In particular: • Appendix 8G: Bat Report • Appendix 8H: Net Biodiversity Benefit report • Appendix 8F: Otter Report • Appendix 8K: Water Vole Conservation Plan • Appendix 8I: Ornithology Report • Confidential Appendix 8J: Ornithology Report - Protected Species Results
Other themes, not covered by chapters:	
Community Benefits	
What are the benefits to the community (4 tags) Respondents agreed that there should be a community benefit for settlements impacted by the grid connection. One specified that the	In the context of the Grid Connection, there is no community benefit fund, though the Upper Ogmore wind farm has a Community Benefit Fund.

benefits should be in the form of social and environmental projects. It was also suggested that another way of ensuring community benefits would be to repair the roads in general and to reinstate highway surfaces properly where undergrounding works have taken place, in addition to improving adjoining roads and pavement surfaces, if affected.	Roads will be returned to at least their previous condition.
Consultation Process	
Events (2 tags) A suggestion was made to extend the hours of public drop-in events later into the evening, to enable those who work during the day to attend. One person would have liked to have had a weekend event. One respondent commented that the project team members at the events could have had 'answers to our questions'.	Three events were held, all at different times of day, including at Nant-y- Ffyllon RFC which was from 4pm-7pm. However, it is noted that 7pm may not allow quite enough time for people who commute home to the Maesteg area to get to an event before it finishes. Historically, the Applicant's experience is that weekend events are poorly attended, therefore weekday events at different times of day are preferred. Every effort was made to answer questions during the events, however when questions centred around topics outside of the proposed development's consultation scope (e.g. the consented wind farm and other projects being brought forward by different developers in the area) it was not always possible to give an answer. Wherever possible, we took queries away with a view to answering them later.
Information provided Feedback received was regarding:	

• the absence of the Spirit of Llynfi Woodland site (as mentioned previously)	Spirit of Llynfi Woodland : Every effort was made to include areas of local importance in consultation materials, through the information available to the Applicant via studies, surveys, mapping and information shared in pre-consultation briefings by key stakeholders. Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual Impact considers a range of receptors, such as Statutory and Non-Statutory Designated Sites and Local Landscape Character, which includes forestry. This can also be seen in Figure 6.3: Local Landscape Character Plan of the EIA report.
• the accessibility of the website in terms of making it easier to find materials	Website accessibility: the information on the website is sectioned off into tabs at the top of each page which makes navigation straight forward. There's also an interactive map which allows visitors to zoom in on areas of particular interest. Draft application documents are clearly listed according to Statements, Environmental Statement Chapters, ES Figures and Appendices.
• not having the PEDW portal url prominently featured	PEDW portal url: Making the PEDW portal more prominent on all materials at this stage was not deemed useful since the information available on it at the time of going to consultation was limited to the scoping response. The consultation information was also included in the draft application documents section of the project website. When submitted, the Applicant will update the project website with a clear link to the PEDW portal.
• that a PDF download link (for the exhibition boards) was not working on the website	There were two places on the website where the exhibition boards PDF's could be downloaded – in the 'News' section and the 'Consultation' section. It was brought to our attention that the link in the latter was not working, and action was taken to address this immediately.
• the newsletter map and online maps lacked appreciable resolution to make it possible for	The newsletter map was printed across the inside pages of an A4 newsletter; therefore, the map was on A3 (double A4). This allowed for the full 10km length of the grid route to be included, along with the boundary line of the consented wind farm, settlement names, some road names/numbers and any

landowners to identify field boundaries with pinpoint accuracy	buildings/businesses/landmarks adjacent to the proposed development or within the 3km consultation zone. Contour lines were also included. To include a more detailed map would have involved a bigger newsletter which would not have been practical. An interactive map, allowing visitors to zoom in on areas of particular interest was provided on the project website and detailed maps were available within the draft application documents.
• it was difficult to see the small print on photos, even when enlarged as there were parts missing	This comment was received via feedback form with no specifics included regarding which photograph was being referenced. To address this comment, further detail from the consultee would be needed.
Newsletter (2 tags) Comments were received about the map on the newsletter not being very clear.	The newsletter map was printed across the inside pages of an A4 newsletter; therefore, the map was on A3 (double A4). This allowed for the full 10km length of the grid route to be included, along with the boundary line of the consented wind farm, settlement names, some road names/numbers and any buildings/businesses/landmarks adjacent to the proposed development or within the 3km consultation zone. Contour lines were also included. To include a more detailed map would have involved a bigger newsletter which would not have been practical. However, an interactive map, allowing visitors to zoom in on areas of particular interest was provided on the project website and detailed maps were available within the draft application documents.
Publicity (2 tags) Comments were made that publicity should be better with more advertising.	Hard copies of the bilingual newsletter were posted to 6,517 properties within the consultation zone and a digital version was emailed to a further 120 identified stakeholders (including elected representatives, community, and interest groups).

	Local stakeholders shared the consultation launch information on local social media platforms to publicise the exhibition drop-in events. There were 9 posts in total across 5 public Facebook pages: Maesteg Hub, Llangynwyd Hub, Llangynwyd Village Hall, Garth Hub and Cllr Martin Hughes' page. The events were publicised on the day by placing bilingual posters outside each venue which said 'Consultation Event here today' with time details. In addition, 11 site notices were erected along the proposed development which included the project website address in bold so that people could go online to find out more.
Website (4 tags) Three comments focussed on the accessibility of the feedback form (couldn't find it) whilst one respondent said that the mobile phone version should be more 'mobile-friendly'.	The feedback form was located on the Consultation page, towards the top. The link to the form was highlighted and underlined in blue. The website is 'mobile responsive' whereby the layout changes to suit a mobile phone screen, except for downloadable documents. These documents may require the user to zoom in. The website has been designed to be clearly viewed on a mobile phone. However, without knowing what device the respondent is using or what kind of accessibility settings they may have on their phone, it is difficult to know exactly what kind of improvements they may be referring to.
Land use, Common Land and public access	
Bridleways A respondent who had attended an event commented that they were reassured that some of their riding tracks will be inaccessible only for relatively short periods during the construction of the powerline connection to the grid.	Construction will be done in segments – no one section will be disrupted for the entirety of the construction period.

PRoWs As mentioned under the ecology tag, a comment referred to making good rights of way and net benefit to nature due to recent work undertaken on a RoW opposite Maesteg hospital not being carried out in this way. Also, that sufficient surveys of habitats be carried out in all seasons.	Chapter 8: Ecology of the EIA Report provides further information regarding protected species, protected sites and ornithology. In particular: • Appendix 8G: Bat Report • Appendix 8H: Net Biodiversity Benefit report • Appendix 8F: Otter Report • Appendix 8K: Water Vole Conservation Plan • Appendix 8I: Ornithology Report • Confidential Appendix 8J: Ornithology Report - Protected Species Results
Construction	
As mentioned in the Traffic and Transport section, a comment was received about noise and dust during construction.	Appendix 4A: Construction Environmental Management Plan considers mitigation measures for dust. Noise impacts are considered with Annex A of Appendix 4A: Noise and Vibration Management Plan.
Principle of development	
Any other nearby proposal/ project (1 tag) A comment was made in relation to the effects of other proposals in the area, not just of wind farms	All relevant nearby developments are detailed in Chapter 2: Environmental Impact Assessment Approach, and in Figure 2.1: Cumulative Projects Plan

but projects such as the Wildfox Resort, SMR reactors and housing in Llangynwyd and Tondu.	
Carbon footprint of grid connection construction (1 tag) As mentioned in the traffic section, a respondent predicted there will be air pollution and asked whether the Proposed Development would be using electric vehicles.	Minimal trips will be required for constructing the line and therefore air quality was scoped out due to not having a significant impact.
Other comments A respondent expressed concern about having high-powered cables under the pavement/road. A question was asked about decommissioning after the project's lifetime – will the Applicant 'remove and dispose of them in an environmental way.'	There are a number of cables underground across the country that do not cause problems and therefore this is not considered to be an issue by the applicant. Wooden H-poles will remain in place and not decommissioned. Underground cables will also remain in situ. No EMF impacts are predicted due to the low voltage of the scheme (66kV).
Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm (9 tags) A number of comments were received about the consented Foel Trawsant Wind Farm: • A respondent called into question the cost effectiveness, practicality and green credentials of wind farms due to them having to be switched off on windy days. • Another pointed to the grid being at capacity and therefore wind turbines are not needed.	The consultation received a number of comments relating to the wind farm which has already been consented. The wind farm is not the subject of this consultation, and therefore the applicant has noted these comments for completeness but has not responded to them as part of this consultation.

• The equestrian community got in touch with several concerns about the potential for bridleways to be diverted/re-routed due to the wind farm • Other queries received asked for information on the distance of turbines from bridleways and byways, whether the grassland composition of the current bridleway will be changed to gravel, will there be any PRoW closures with diversions in place, when is work due to commence and whether the applicant has liaised with the developer of neighbouring development, Y Bryn to discuss the impact of both wind farms on the safety of horse riders due to noise, ice fall and shadows on the bridleway. • Comments were also received about whether the turbines will be travelling through Maesteg, causing disruption and how the turbines would get to site, especially in relation to AIL's and HGV convoys not being allowed to use the A4063 from Sarn through Tondu, Coytrahen, Llangynwyd, Cwmfelin and Maesteg due to the economic disruption caused. • A respondent claimed that permission has not been given by BCBC for wind farm components to travel through the valley due to the B roads not being suitable. • An alternative route via Swansea docks, the A465 and through Pen-y-Cymoedd and Llynfi-	

Afan to Croeserw was put forward, along with the fact that the Upper Ogmore Wind Farm consent requires convoys to use a similar route through PYC. • A respondent questioned whether it was worth building a wind farm when China is making the turbines and they use a lot of fossil fuels.	

10.Summary and conclusion

10.1 This consultation report successfully documents the actions taken by the Applicant to undertake the statutory post-notification publicity and consultation set out by Article 8 of the Development of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016. However, the report also demonstrates the applicant's willingness to go beyond what is deemed 'statutory' in this context.

10.2 The responses to the consultation have been documented, considered and acted upon by the applicant where possible.

10.3 This report demonstrates the activities undertaken by the Applicant in both undertaking the consultation in line with the relevant legislation and also where the Applicant has utilised best practice guidance in taking further steps in engaging with interested parties.

10.4 Furthermore, the report identifies how the consultation responses received have been addressed – either by answering the questions posed and making reference to other application documents or explaining how the Proposed Development (whether that be the methodology, assessment or other feature) has been altered to account for this.

10.5 It is considered by The Applicant that the consultation process was essential and valuable in respect of both obtaining and understanding feedback on the project and implementing these changes, where appropriate. The Environmental Statement and Design and Access Statement include sections on the evolution of the design from inception through to submission.

10.6 Importantly, the pre-application consultation process has identified and addressed matters raised by consultees ahead of the submission of the application to PEDW. This process and the content of this report demonstrates how the Applicant has considered the matters raised, resulting in a more refined scheme for consideration.

11.Appendices

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Cysylltiad Grid

Chwefror 2025

Grid Connection

February 2025



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Director of Environment & Sustainability

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Ymgynghorydd AEA

EIA Consultant

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Ymgysylltu Cymunedol

Community Engagement

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Pwy ydym ni

- Pennant Walters yw datblygwr ynni adnewyddadwy cartref mwyaf Cymru.
- Rydym yn gwmni lleol sy'n gweithredu'n genedlaethol ac yn cyflogi tua 500 o bobl.
- Rydym wedi arallgyfeirio'n sylweddol yn yr 20 mlynedd diwethaf.
- Wedi datblygu, adeiladu a bellach yn gweithredu chwe fferm wynt a pheth solar yn Ne Cymru - gan gynhyrchu cyfanswm o 127MW.
- Mae dau ganiatâd diweddar (cymeradwywyd y ddau yn 2024) yn cynnig 64MW pellach o ynni gwynt ar y tir yn Ne Cymru.
- Ar hyn o bryd yn cydosod tir i alluogi safleoedd gwynt ar y tir newydd, yn bennaf yn Ne a Chanolbarth Cymru.

Who we are

- Pennant Walters is Wales' largest home grown renewable energy developer.
- We are a local company operating nationally that employs around 500 people.
- We have diversified significantly in the last 20 years.
- Developed, built and now operates six wind farms and some solar in South Wales - generating a total of 127MW.
- Two recent permissions (both approved in 2024) offer a further 64MW of onshore wind energy generation in South Wales.
- Currently assembling land to enable further new onshore wind sites, principally within South and Mid-Wales.

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Trosolwg o'r prosiect

- Fferm Wynt Foel Trawsnant, yn cynnwys 8 tyrbin o 145m – caniatawyd Ebrill 2023.
- Llwybr cysylltiad 66kv i gysylltu'r fferm wynt â'r grid cenedlaethol.
- Cysylltiad i'w wneud o linellau uwchben y ddaear ar bolion pren a cheblau tanddaearol.
- Mae'r llwybr yn dechrau ac yn gorffen yn CBS Castell-nedd Porth Talbot, er bod y mwyafrif o fewn CBS Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr.
- Yn gymwys fel Datblygiad o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol
- Datganiad Amgylcheddol i'w gynnwys gyda'r cais.

Project overview

- Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm, comprising 8 turbines at 145 m – consented April 2023.
- 66kv connection route to connect wind farm to the national grid.
- Connection to be made of overhead lines on wooden poles and underground cables.
- The route starts and ends in Neath Porth Talbot CBC, although the majority is within Bridgend CBC.
- Qualifies as a Development of National Significance
- Environmental Statement to be included with the application.

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Llwybr cysylltu

Cyfanswm y pellter yw 10km

5.1km o dan y ddaear a 4.6 km dros y ddaear

Mae'r llwybr yn cychwyn i'r gorllewin o'r A4063 fel llinell uwchben
am tua 1.5km.

I'r gogledd o Nant-y-ffyllon mae'r llwybr yn trawsnewid i danddaear, yn bennaf yn dilyn y rhwydwaith priffyrdd presennol tua'r de am tua. 5.1 km.

Yn Fferm Sychbant,
mae'r llwybr yn trawsnewid yn ôl i linell uwchben ac yn parhau tua'r de am tua. 3.1km.

Connection route

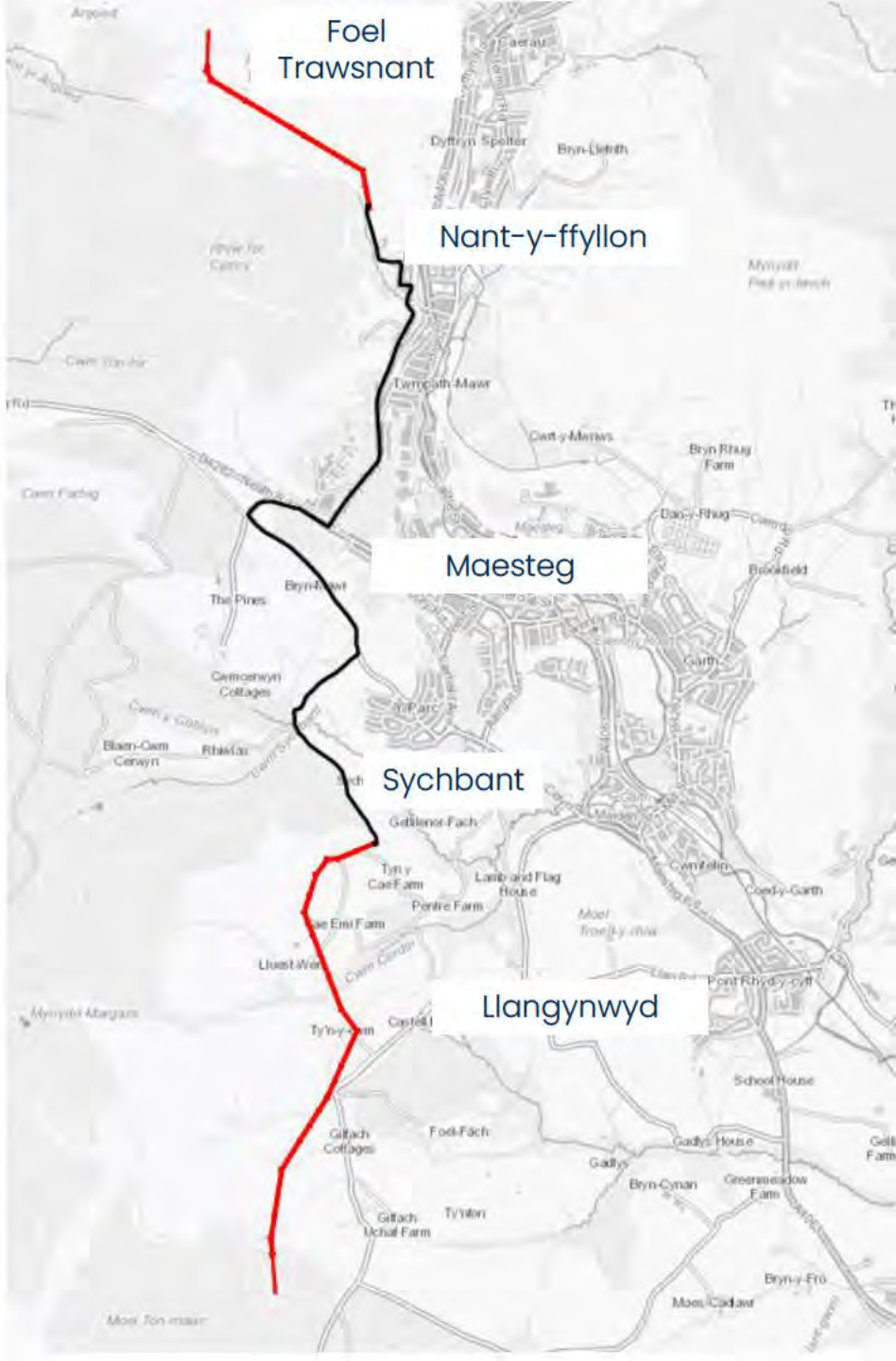
Total distance is 10km

5.1km underground and 4.6 km overground

Route begins west of the A4063 as OHL
for approximately 1.5km.

North of Nant-y-ffyllon the route then transitions to underground, mainly following the existing highway network south for approx. 5.1 km.

At Sychbant Farm,
the route transitions back into overhead and continues south for approx. 3.1km.



- llinell dros y ddaear ar polion pren
- cebl tanddaearol

- overground line on wooden poles
- underground cable

Amgylchedd Lleol

Adrannau gogleddol a deheuol llinell uwchben:

- Glaswelltir wedi'i wella a glaswelltir gwael wedi'i led-wella
- Glaswelltir corsiog
- Rhedyn
- Coetir llydanddail
- Prysgwydd

Ceblau tanddaearol:

- Mae'r mwyafrif wedi'i gynnwys yn yr amgylchedd adeiledig presennol
- Rhan fach 250m i'r gogledd o Nant-y-ffyllon sy'n teithio trwy laswelltir gwael wedi'i led-wella a darnau o redyn cyn cysylltu â'r llwybrau presennol.

Local Environment

Northern & Southern sections of overhead line (OHL):

- Improved and poor semi-improved grassland
- Marshy grassland
- Bracken
- Broadleaved woodland
- Scrub

Underground cables:

- Majority contained within the existing built environment
- Small 250m section to the north of Nant-y-ffyllon which travels through poor semi-improved grassland and areas of bracken prior to connecting to existing tracks.

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Ymgynghoriad

- Rydym wedi ymrwymo i weithio gyda'r gymuned i ddatblygu'r cynigion ac rydym wedi llunio cynllun ymgynghori i gorau gyflawni hyn.
- Ymgysylltu cynnar â rhanddeiliaid allweddol
- Ymgynghoriad statudol o 42 diwrnod, o leiaf
- 3 ddigwyddiad cymunedol galw heibio
- Pwyntiau cyswllt lluosog

17 Mawrth i 30 Ebrill: Cyfnod Ymgynghori

Consultation

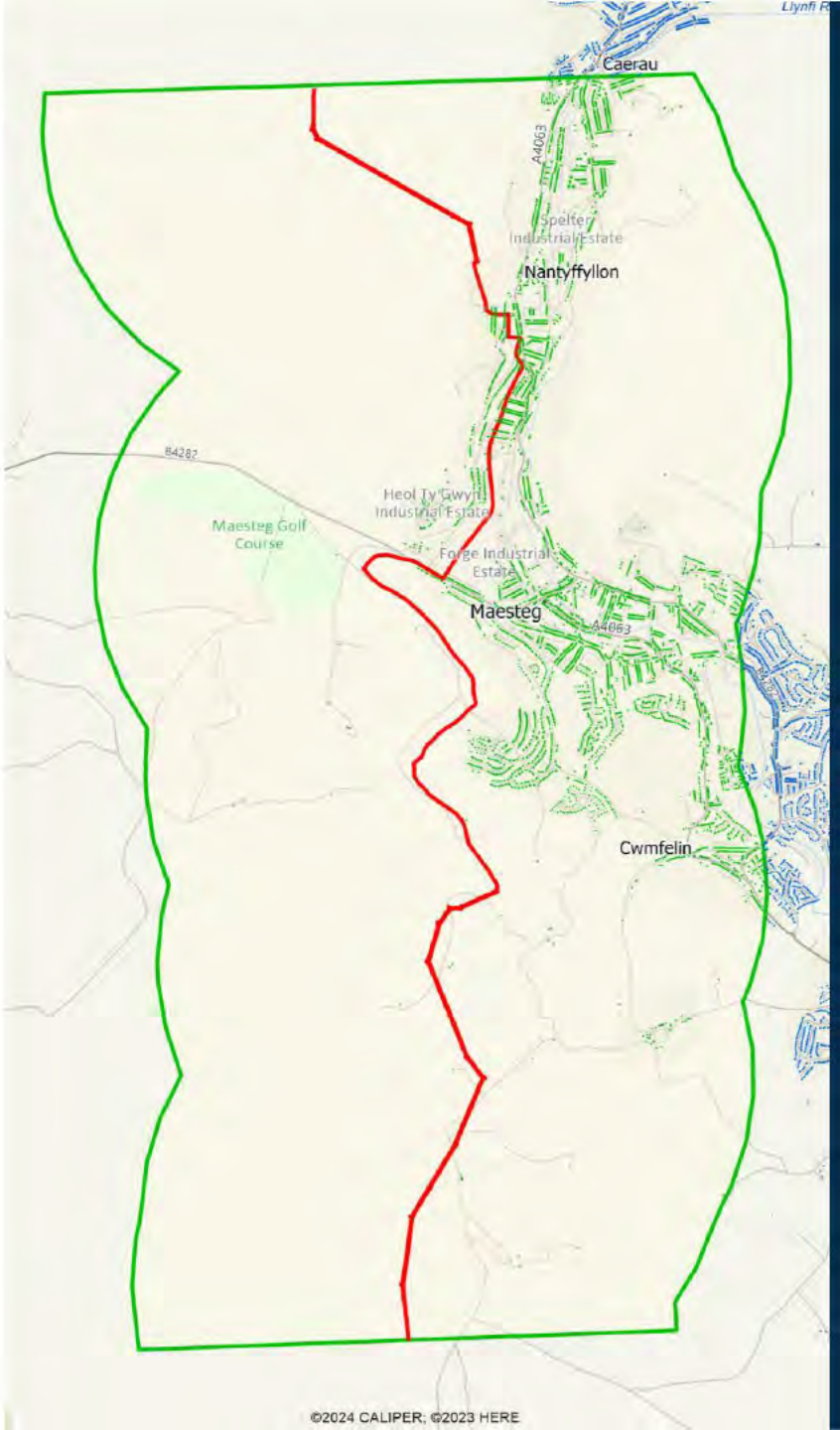
- We are committed to working with the community to develop the proposals and have put together a consultation plan to best achieve this.
- Early engagement with key stakeholders
- Statutory consultation of at least 42 days
- 3 in person drop in community events
- Multiple contact points

17 March to 30 April: Consultation Period

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Parth ymgynghori

- Clustogfa 3km (1.5km o boptu llinell y grid)
- Cyfanswm – 6,517
- Eiddo preswyl – 6,165
- Busnesau - 352



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Consultation zone

- 3km buffer (1.5km either side of grid line)
- Total - 6,517
- Residential properties – 6,165
- Businesses - 352

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Digwyddiadau galw-heibio

Digwyddiad 1

- Dyddiad: TBC yn Ebrill
- Amser: 3pm – 7pm (TBC)
- Lleoliad: Nantyffyllon

Digwyddiad 2

- Dyddiad: TBC yn Ebrill
- Amser: 10am – 2pm (TBC)
- Lleoliad: Maesteg

Digwyddiad 3

- Dyddiad: TBC yn Ebrill
- Amser: (TBC)
- Lleoliad: Llangynwyd

Drop-in Events

Event 1

- Date: TBC in April
- Time: 3pm – 7pm (TBC)
- Venue: Nantyffyllon

Event 2

- Date: TBC in April
- Time: 10am – 2pm (TBC)
- Venue: Maesteg

Event 3

- Date: TBC in April
- Time: (TBC)
- Venue: Llangynwyd

Amserlen ddangosol

Indicative timeline

Ionawr - Chwefror 2025
Ymgysylltu cynnar â rhanddeiliaid

January - February 2025
Early stakeholder engagement

Mawrth – Mai 2025
Ymgynghoriad statudol

March – May 2025
Statutory consultation

Mehefin 2025
Cyflwyniad gan gynnwys adroddiad ymgynghori PAC

June 2025
Submission including consultation PAC report

Hydref 2025
Arholiad cais gan PEDW

Autumn 2025
Application examination by PEDW

Gaeaf 2025/26
Penderfyniad

Winter 2025/26
Determination

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Freepost GRASSHOPPER CONSULT
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(no stamp or further address required)

Appendix 2: Schedule 1 notice

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SCHEDULE 1 STATUTORY NOTICE

The Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016

PUBLICITY AND CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLES 8 AND 9 (2)

Purpose of this notice: this notice provides the opportunity to comment directly to the developer on a proposed Development of National Significance (DNS) prior to the submission of a planning application to the Welsh Ministers. Planning applications for DNS will be publicised by the Welsh Ministers and the relevant local planning authority; any comments provided in response to this notice will not prejudice your ability to make representations to the Welsh Ministers on any related DNS planning application. You should note that any comments submitted may be placed on the public file.

(a) Proposed development of: **Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection** which starts at the Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm, west of the A4063 as overhead line, the line travels towards Nantyffyllon for 1.5km, then transitions to underground cables following the existing road network south for approximately 5km. At Sychbant Farm the route transitions back to overhead line and continues south for approximately 3km.

(b) I give notice that: **Pennant Walters Ltd**

(c) is intending to apply to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW)for planning permission in respect of Development of National Significance which is for both 66 kilovolt (kV~) overhead lines and underground cables which will provide a connection between the Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm and the wider national grid.

(d)and considers that the following secondary consents are connected to the proposed application and that a decision in respect of those consents is to be made or should be made by the Welsh Ministers, or a person appointed by the Welsh Ministes for that purpose: n/a

(e) You may inspect copies of the proposed application; the plans; and other supporting documents online at: **ftgrid.co.uk**

(f or g) Anyone who wishes to make representations about this proposed development must write to the applicant/ agent at: **consultation@ftgrid.co.uk or freepost GRASSHOPPER CONSULT**

(h) by: **Wednesday 30 April 2025**

Signed: [redacted]
Director of Environment & Sustainability, Pennant Walters Ltd

Dated: **17 March 2025**

ATODLEN 1 HYSBYSIAD STATUDOL

Gorchymyn Datblygiadau o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol (Gweithdrefn) (Cymru) 2016

CYHOEDDUSRWYDD AC YMGYNGHORI CYN GWNEUD CAIS AM GANIATÂD CYNLLUNIO

HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGLAU 8 A 9(2)

Diben yr hysbysiad hwn: mae'r hysbysiad hwn yn rhoi cyfle i wneud sylwadau yn uniongyrchol i'r datblygwr ynglŷn â Datblygiad o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol (DNS) arfaethedig cyn cyflwyno cais am ganiatâd cynllunio i Weinidogion Cymru. Bydd ceisiadau cynllunio ar gyfer DNS yn cael eu hysbysebu gan Weinidogion Cymru a'r awdurdod cynllunio lleol perthnasol; ni fydd unrhyw sylwadau a ddarperir gennych wrth ymateb i'r hysbysiad hwn yn lleihau dim ar eich gallu i gyflwyno sylwadau i Weinidogion Cymru ar unrhyw gais cynllunio DAC cysylltiedig. Dylech nodi y gellir gosod unrhyw sylwadau a gyflwynir gennych yn y ffeil gyhoeddus.

(a) Datblygiad arfaethedig o: **Cysylltiad Grid Foel Trawsnant** sy'n cychwyn yn Fferm Wynt Foel Trawsnant, i'r gorllewin o'r A4063 fel llinell uwchben, mae'r llinell yn teithio i Nantyffyllon am 1.5km, yna'n trawsnewid i geblau tanddaearol gan ddilyn y rhwydwaith ffyrdd presennol tua'r de am tua 5km. Yn Fferm Sychbant mae'r llwybr yn newid yn ôl i linell uwchben ac yn parhau tua'r de am tua 3km.

(b) Rwyf yn hysbysu bod: **Pennant Walters Cyf**

(c) yn bwriadu gwneud cais i Penderfyniadau Cynllunio ac Amgylchedd Cymru (PEDW) am ganiatâd cynllunio mewn cysylltiad â Datblygiad o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol ar gyfer llinellau uwchben a cheblau tanddaearol 66 cilofolt (kV~) a fydd yn darparu cysylltiad rhwng Fferm Wynt Foel Trawsnant a'r grid cenedlaethol ehangach.

(d) ac yn ystyried bod y cydsyniadau eilaidd a ganlyn yn gysylltiedig â'r cais arfaethedig a bod penderfyniad mewn cysylltiad â'r cydsyniadau hynny i'w wneud gan Weinidogion Cymru, neu gan berson a benodir gan Weinidogion Cymru at y diben hwnnw, neu y dylai gael ei wneud ganddynt: n/a

(e) Gallwch weld copïau o'r canlynol: cais arfaethedig; y planiau; a dogfennau ategol eraill ar-lein yn: **ftgrid.co.uk**

(f or g) Rhaid i unrhyw un sy'n dymuno gwneud sylwadau ynglŷn â'r datblygiad arfaethedig hwn ysgrifennu at y ceisydd/ yr asiant yn: **consultation@ftgrid.co.uk neu freepost GRASSHOPPER CONSULT**

(h) erbyn: **Dydd Mercher 30 Ebrill 2025**

Llofnod: [redacted]
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Chynaliadwyedd, Pennant Walters Cyf

Dyddiad: **17 Mawrth 2025**

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Appendix 3: Site notice map and placement evidence

Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection – statutory notice location report

12 site notice locations have been proposed to erect statutory notices for Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection statutory consultation:

These have been selected due to:

- Prominent position in close proximity to the site, either around the site boundary or within the site on public rights of way
- Ability to fix notices to road signs, lamp posts and community noticeboards.

Date of site notice erection or check:

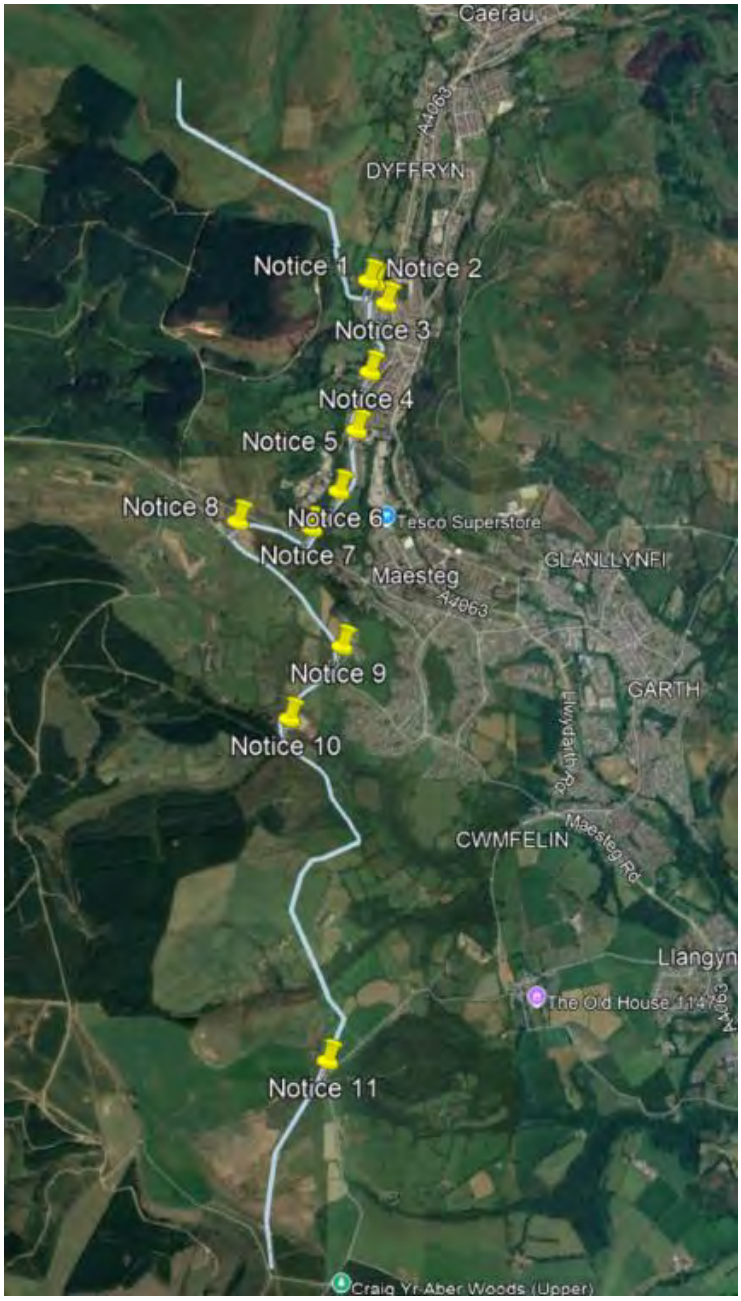
Erection: 16/17 March

Check 1: 31 March

Check 2: after events 11 April

Take down notices: 30 April

Map of grid connection line:



Notice 1

Where?	On metal pole
Placement	Intersection of road to the private road under which line will travel.

Map of location



Street View of location

51°37'23.75"N, 3°39'53.33"W



Photo of statutory notice placement

17 March 2025





31 March 2025



11 April 2025



Notice 2

Where?	Telephone pole at the top of Kings Terrace
Placement	Where underground line meets public highway

Map of location



Street View of location

51°37'23.46"N, 3°39'51.46"W



Photo of statutory notice placement

17 March 2025





31 March 2025



11 April 2025



Notice 3

Where?	Telephone pole at the junction between Kings Terrace and Davies Terrace
Placement	Along grid route

Map of location



Street View of location

51°37'19.59"N, 3°39'48.13"W



Photo of statutory notice placement

17 March 2025





31 March 2025	11 April 2025
	

Notice 4

Where?	Telegraph Pole at Junction between Heol Ty Gwyn, Garnwen Road, and Garnwen Terrace
Placement	Along grid route

Map of location



Street View of location, if available

51°37'6.86"N, 3°39'53.13"W



Photo of statutory notice placement

17 March 2025



31 March 2025



11 April 2025





Notice 5

Where?	Lamppost at the entrance to the Forge Industrial Estate
Placement	Along grid line

Map of location

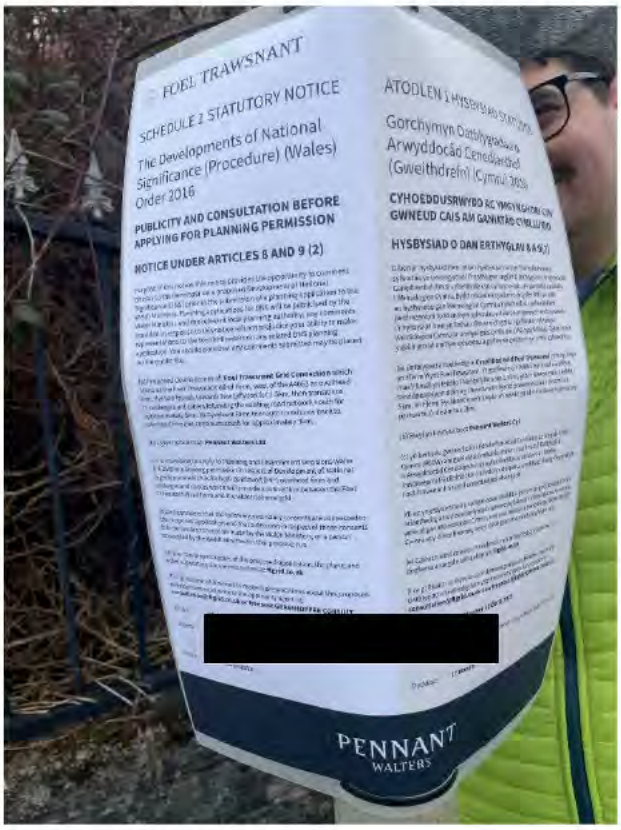


Street View of location

51°36'55.19"N, 3°39'57.24"W



Photo of statutory notice placement





31 March 2025



11 April 2025



Notice 6

Where?	Lamppost on left hand side as exiting the Heol Ty Gwyn Industrial Estate
Placement	Along grid route

Map of location



Street View of location 51°36'43.65"N, 3°40'2.54"W



Photo of statutory notice placement





31 March 2025

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Notice 7

Where?	Telegraph pole and street lamp on junction between Heol Ty Gwyn and Neath Road
Placement	Along grid route

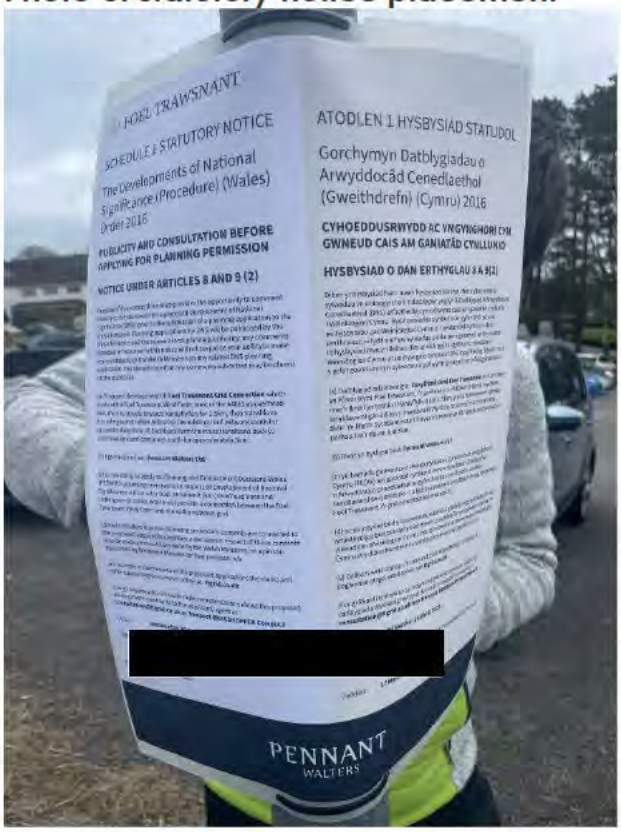
Map of location



Street View of location 51°36'36.52"N, 3°40'11.48"W



Photo of statutory notice placement





31 March 2025



11 April 2025



Notice 8

Where?	Telegraph pole where route turns at Maesteg Golf Club
Placement	Along grid route

Map of location



Street View of location

51°36'37.79"N, 3°40'33.94"W



Photo of statutory notice placement





31 March 2025	11 April 2025
	

Notice 9

Where?	Along fence at road junction
Placement	Along grid route

Map of location



Street View of location

51°36'13.47"N, 3°40'1.18"W



Photo of statutory notice placement



31 March 2025



11 April 2025





Notice 10

Where?	Post at crossing of Nant Sychbant
Placement	Along grid route

Map of location



Street View of location not available

51°36'0.39"N, 3°40'19.27"W

Photo of statutory notice placement





31 March 2025



11 April 2025



Notice 11

Where?	On gate along Nant y Castell
Placement	Next to grid route

Map of location



Street View of location, if available

51°34'54.60"N, 3°40'5.91"W



Photo of statutory notice placement





31 March 2025



11 April 2025



Appendix 4: Declaration of compliance

21 July 2025

Infrastructure Consenting Team
Planning and Environment Decisions Wales
Crown Buildings
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

Dear Sir/Madam,

Declaration of compliance with Article 8(1)(a)(i) and Article 8(1)(b) of the Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016.

On behalf of Pennant Walters Ltd (as applicant and developer) I hereby provide formal declaration that all owners of adjoining land to the application site Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection (DNS CAS-02505-N3T6M4) have been notified of the proposed development.

I provide formal declaration that site notices were displayed around the site to which the proposed application relates for a period in excess of 42 days. This confirms compliance with Article 8(1)(a)(i) of the Order 2016.

I also declare that the draft application, including the information set out in Article 8(1)(b), was available to view on the project website (ftgrid.co.uk) for a period in excess of 42 days. This confirms compliance with Article 8(1)(b) of the Developments of National Significance (Procedure)(Wales) Order 2016 ("the Order 2016").

[redacted]

Georgina Law
Director
Email: [redacted]

Appendix 5: List of adjoining owners (confidential)

Agent	Title	Landowner	Address
[redacted]			

Appendix 6: Statutory notice in Western Mail

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Traffic & Roads

CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL RHONDDA CYNON TAF (BRYN HENLLAN, BLAENRHONDDA) GORCHYMYN (CAU LLWYBR TROED DROS DRO) 2025

DYMA HYSBYSIAD bod Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Rhondda Cynon Taf wedi gwneud Gorchymyn o dan Adran 14 o Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, fel y'i diwygiwyd gan Ddeddf Traffig Ffyrdd (Cyfyngiadau Dros Dro) 1991, a fydd yn para deunaw mis ar y mwyaf.

Mae angen cau'r ffordd a'r llwybr troed i gynnal gwaith gosod rhwydwaith ar ran Virgin Media.

Cau Llwybr Troed Dros Dro

Effaith y Gorchymyn fydd cau'r llwybr troed tu ôl i rifau 17 i 32 Bryn Henllan, Blaenrhondda

Llwybr amgen - ar hyd y llwybr troed gyferbyn â'r ffordd rhwng rhifau 17 a 32 Bryn Henllan.

Hyd – Cau yn ystod y dydd rhwng 8am a 4pm rhwng 18 a 21 Mawrth 2025

Bydd mynediad ar gael i gerbydau'r gwasanaethau brys, ac eiddo.

Fydd **dim** mynediad i gerddwyr.

Dyddiad 17 Mawrth 2025
Andrew Wilkins
Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol a Llywodraethol
2 Llys Cadwyn, Stryd Taf, Pontypridd, CF37 4TH

RHONDDA CYNON TAFF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL (BRYN HENLLAN, BLAENRHONDDA) (TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE) ORDER 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council have made an Order under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, which will have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

The closure is necessary to facilitate network installation for Virgin Media.

Temporary Footpath Closure

The effect of the Order will be to close the footpath to the rear of No 17 to No 32 Bryn Henllan, Blaenrhondda

Alternative route - available via the footway adjacent to the carriageway between No 17 and No 32 Bryn Henllan.

Duration – Daytime closure between 8am – 4pm from 18th – 21st March 2025

Access will be maintained for emergency services and to premises.

Access for pedestrians **will not** be maintained.

Dated 17th March 2025
Andrew Wilkins
Director of Legal and Democratic Services
2 Llys Cadwyn, Taff Street, Pontypridd, CF37 4TH

Alcohol & Licensing

Licensing Act 2003

We LAKER BAR AND MAINTENANCE LTD hereby give notice that We have made an application to the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for the grant of a premises licence in respect of

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Supply Of Alcohol:- Mon - Sun 10:00 - 23:30 (New Years Eve 10:00 - 00:30)
Hours Of Operation:- Mon - Sun 10:00 - 00:00 (New Years Eve 10:00 - 01:00)

A record of this application may be inspected (by appointment) Monday to Friday, between 9am - 4pm at the offices of: -

Neath Port Talbot CBC
Legal Regulatory Services Section
Civic Centre
Port Talbot
SA13 1PJ
Email lrs@npt.gov.uk to make an appointment

Any person wishing to make representations in respect of this application should do so in writing by 11/04/2025

It is an offence knowingly to make a false statement in connection with an application and a person guilty of an offence is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

Probate & Trustee

GRAHAM WILLIAM TURNER Deceased

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 anyone having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the deceased, late of 27A, Millfield Drive, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 7BR, who died on 02/02/2025, must send written particulars to the address below by 19/05/2025, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests notified.

Carli Evans c/o Passmores Solicitors, 21 Tynewydd Road, Barry, South Glamorgan, CF62 8HB.
Ref: CLE.37604.T

Goods Vehicle Licensing

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

SAM Drylining Ltd of SAM House, Ynyswen Road, Treorchy, CF42 6EG is applying for a licence to use SAM House, Ynyswen Road, Treorchy, CF42 6EG as an operating centre for 4 goods vehicles and 0 trailers.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centres who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Quarry House, Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7UE stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-guide-to-making-representations-objections-and-complaints-goods-vehicle-operator-licensing

Statutory

SCHEDULE 1 STATUTORY NOTICE
The Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016
PUBLICITY AND CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLES 8 AND 9 (2)

Purpose of this notice: this notice provides the opportunity to comment directly to the developer on a proposed Development of National Significance (DNS) prior to the submission of a planning application to the Welsh Ministers. Planning applications for DNS will be publicised by the Welsh Ministers and the relevant local planning authority; any comments provided in response to this notice will not prejudice your ability to make representations to the Welsh Ministers on any related DNS planning application. You should note that any comments submitted may be placed on the public file.

(a) Proposed development of: **Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection which** starts at the Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm, west of the A4063 as overhead line, the line travels towards Nantyffyllon for 1.5km, then transitions to underground cables following the existing road network south for approximately 5km. At Sychbant Farm the route transitions back to overhead line and continues south for approximately 3km.
(b) I give notice that: **Pennant Walters Ltd.**
(c) is intending to apply to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) for planning permission in respect of Development of National Significance which is **for both 66 kilovolt (kV~) overhead lines and underground cables which will provide a connection between the Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm and the wider national grid.**

(d) and considers that the following secondary consents are connected to the proposed application and that a decision in respect of those consents is to be made or should be made by the Welsh Ministers, or a person appointed by the Welsh Ministers for that purpose: n/a
(e) You may inspect copies of the proposed application; the plans; and other supporting documents online at: **ftgrid.co.uk**
(f or g) Anyone who wishes to make representations about this proposed development must write to the applicant/agent at: **consultation@ftgrid.co.uk** or **freepost GRASSHOPPER CONSULT**
(h) by: **Wednesday 30 April 2025**
Signed: [redacted],
Director of Environment & Sustainability, Pennant Walters Ltd
Dated: 17 March 2025

ATODLEN 1 HYSBYSIAD STATUDOL
Gorchymyn Datblygiadau o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol (Gweithdrefn) (Cymru) 2016
CYHOEDDUSRWYDD AC YMGYNGHORI CYN GWNEUD CAIS AM GANIATÂD CYNLLUNIO
HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGLAU 8 A 9(2)

Diben yr hysbysiad hwn: mae'r hysbysiad hwn yn rhoi cyfle i wneud sylwadau yn uniongyrchol i'r datblygwr ynglŷn â Datblygiad o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol (DNS) arfaethedig cyn cyflwyno cais am ganiatâd cynllunio i Weinidogion Cymru. Bydd ceisiadau cynllunio ar gyfer DNS yn cael eu hysbysebu gan Weinidogion Cymru a'r awdurdod cynllunio lleol perthnasol; ni fydd unrhyw sylwadau a ddarperir gennych wrth ymateb i'r hysbysiad hwn yn lleihau dim ar elch gallu i gyflwyno sylwadau i Weinidogion Cymru ar unrhyw gais cynllunio DAC cysylltiedig. Dylech nodi y gellir gosod unrhyw sylwadau a gyflwynir gennych yn y ffeil gyhoeddus.
(a) Datblygiad arfaethedig o: **Cysylltiad Grid Foel Trawsnant** sy'n cychwyn yn Fferm Wynt Foel Trawsnant, i'r gorllewin o'r A4063 fel llinell uwchben, mae'r llinell yn teithio i Nantyffyllon am 1.5km, yna'n trawsnewid i geblau tanddaearol gan ddilyn y rhwydwaith ffyrdd presennol tua'r de am tua 5km. Yn Fferm Sychbant mae'r llwybr yn newid yn ôl i linell uwchben ac yn parhau tua'r de am tua 3km.
(b) Rwyf yn hysbysu bod: **Pennant Walters Cyf**
(c) yn bwriadu gwneud cais i Penderfyniadau Cynllunio ac Amgylchedd Cymru (PEDW) am ganiatâd cynllunio mewn cysylltiad â Datblygiad o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol **ar gyfer llinellau uwchben a cheblau tanddaearol 66 cilofolt (kV~) a fydd yn darparu cysylltiad rhwng Fferm Wynt Foel Trawsnant a'r grid cenedlaethol ehangach.**
(d) ac yn ystyried bod y cydsyniadau eilaidd a ganlyn yn gysylltiedig â'r cais arfaethedig a bod penderfyniad mewn cysylltiad â'r cydsyniadau hynny i'w wneud gan Weinidogion Cymru, neu gan berson a benodir gan Weinidogion Cymru at y diben hwnnw, neu y dylai gael ei wneud ganddynt: n/a
(e) Gallwch weld copïau o'r canlynol: cais arfaethedig; y planiau; a dogfennau ategol eraill ar-lein yn: **ftgrid.co.uk**
(f or g) Rhaid i unrhyw un sy'n dymuno gwneud sylwadau ynglŷn â'r datblygiad arfaethedig hwn ysgrifennu at y celsydd/ yr asiant yn: **consultation@ftgrid.co.uk** neu **freepost GRASSHOPPER CONSULT**
(h) erbyn: **Dydd Mercher 30 Ebrill 2025**
Llofnod: [redacted],
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Chynaliadwyedd, Pennant Walters Cyf
Dyddiad: 17 Mawrth 2025

Treth y Cyngor ar gyfer pob Ardal/Cymuned 2025-2026

Rhoddir rhybudd trwy hyn yn unol ag Adran 38(2) o Ddeddf Cyllid Llywodraeth Leol 1992, mewn cyfarfod o'r Cyngor a gynhaliwyd ar 5 Mawrth 2025, penderfynwyd, yn unol ag Adran 30(2) o Ddeddf Cyllid Llywodraeth Leol 1992, nodi'r symiau Treth y Cyngor canlynol ar gyfer y flwyddyn ariannol sy'n dechrau ar 1 Ebrill 2025 fel a ganlyn:-

Council Tax for each Area/Community 2025-2026

Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 38(2) Local Government Finance Act 1992, that at a meeting of the Council held on 5th March 2025, it was resolved, in accordance with Section 30(2) Local Government Finance Act 1992, that the following amounts of Council Tax be set for the financial year commencing 1st April 2025 as shown below:-

Bandiau/Bands

Ardal Gymuned/ Community Area	A (£.p)	B (£.p)	C (£.p)	D (£.p)	E (£.p)	F (£.p)	G (£.p)	H (£.p)	I (£.p)
Y Gilfach Goch/Gilfach Goch	1,491.94	1,740.59	1,989.25	2,237.90	2,735.21	3,232.53	3,729.84	4,475.80	5,221.76
Hirwaun	1,472.29	1,717.67	1,963.06	2,208.43	2,699.19	3,189.96	3,680.72	4,416.86	5,153.00
Llanharan	1,491.27	1,739.80	1,988.36	2,236.89	2,733.98	3,231.07	3,728.16	4,473.78	5,219.40
Llanharl/Llanharry	1,488.65	1,736.75	1,984.87	2,232.97	2,729.19	3,225.41	3,721.62	4,465.94	5,210.26
Llantrisant	1,476.65	1,722.75	1,968.87	2,214.97	2,707.19	3,199.41	3,691.62	4,429.94	5,168.26
Llanilltud Faerdref/ Llantwit Fardre	1,473.57	1,719.15	1,964.76	2,210.34	2,701.53	3,192.72	3,683.91	4,420.68	5,157.45
Pont-y-clun/Pontyclun	1,490.88	1,739.35	1,987.84	2,236.31	2,733.27	3,230.23	3,727.19	4,472.62	5,218.05
Pontypridd	1,489.23	1,737.42	1,985.64	2,233.83	2,730.24	3,226.65	3,723.06	4,467.66	5,212.26
Y Rhigos/Rhigos	1,474.49	1,720.23	1,965.99	2,211.73	2,703.23	3,194.73	3,686.22	4,423.46	5,160.70
Ffynnon Taf/Taffs Well	1,454.27	1,696.63	1,939.02	2,181.39	2,666.15	3,150.90	3,635.66	4,362.78	5,089.90
Tonyrefail	1,489.93	1,738.25	1,986.58	2,234.89	2,731.53	3,228.18	3,724.82	4,469.78	5,214.74
Ynys-y-bwˆl/Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm	1,472.40	1,717.79	1,963.20	2,208.59	2,699.39	3,190.19	3,680.99	4,417.18	5,153.37
Holl ardaloedd eraill Rhondda Cynon Taf/ All Other Parts of Rhondda Cynon Taf	1,435.32	1,674.53	1,913.76	2,152.97	2,631.41	3,109.85	3,588.29	4,305.94	5,023.59

B Davies CPFA
Dirprwy Brif Weithredwr a Chyfarwyddwr Cyllid, Gwasanaethau Digidol a Rheng-flaen
Deputy Chief Executive and Group Director - Finance, Digital and Frontline Services
2 Llys Cadwyn, Stryd y Taf, Pontypridd, CF37 4TH / 2 Llys Cadwyn, Taff Street, Pontypridd, CF37 4TH
Dyddiad: 5 Mawrth 2025 / Date: 5th March 2025

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Appendix 7: List of application documents on the ftgrid.co.uk website

Draft Application Documents on website

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- Green Infrastructure Statement
- Planning Statement
- Non-Technical Summary

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FOEL TRAWSNANT

SCHEDULE 2 STATUTORY NOTICE

The Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016

CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 9(3)

Purpose of this notice:this notice comprises a formal request for a pre-application consultation response under article 9(3) of the Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016.

a) Proposed development of: Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection

(b) I give notice that **Pennant Walters Ltd**

(c) is intending to apply to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW)for planning permission in respect of a Development of National Significance which is a 66 kilovolt (kV~) grid connection starting at the Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm, west of the A4063 as overhead line, travels towards Nantyffyllon for 1.5km, then transitions to underground cables following the existing road network south for approximately 5km. At Sychbant Farm the route transitions back to overhead line and continues south for approximately 3km.

(d)and considers that the following secondary consents are connected to the proposed application and that a decision in respect of those consents is to be made or should be made by the Welsh Ministers, or a person appointed by the Welsh Ministers for that purpose: n/a

(e) A copy of the proposed application; plans; and other supporting documents can be viewed online at: **ftgrid.co.uk**

(f) In accordance with the requirements of article 10 of the Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016, a consultation response must be sent to: **consultation@ftgrid.co.uk or freepost GRASSHOPPER CONSULT**

(g) by: **Wednesday 30 April 2025**

Signed: [redacted]
Director of Environment & Sustainability, Pennant Walters Ltd

Dated: **17 March 2025**

ATODLEN 2 HYSBYSIAD STATUDOL

Gorchymyn Datblygiadau o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol (Gweithdrefn) (Cymru) 2016

CYHOEDDUSRWYDD CYN GWNEUD CAIS AM GANIATÂD CYNLLUNIO

HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 9(3)

Diben yr hysbysiad hwn: mae'r hysbysiad hwn yn archiad ffurfiol am ymateb i'r ymgynghoriad cyn gwneud cais o dan erthygl 9(3) o Orchymyn Datblygiadau o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol (Gweithdrefn) (Cymru) 2016.)

(a) Datblygiad arfaethedig o: Cysylltiad Grid Foel Trawsnant

(b) Rwyf yn hysbysu bod: **Pennant Walters Cyf**

(c) yn bwriadu gwneud cais i Penderfyniadau Cynllunio ac Amgylchedd Cymru (PEDW) am ganiatâd cynllunio mewn cysylltiad â Datblygiad o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol sef cysylltiad grid 66 cilofolt (kV~) sy'n cychwyn yn Fferm Wynt Foel Trawsnant, i'r gorllewin o'r A4063 fel llinell uwchben, yn teithio i Nantyffyllon am 1.5km, yna'n trawsnewid i geblau tanddaearol gan ddilyn y rhwydwaith ffyrdd presennol tua'r de am tua 5km. Yn Fferm Sychbant mae'r llwybr yn newid yn ôl i linell uwchben ac yn parhau tua'r de am tua 3km.

(d) ac yn ystyried bod y cydsyniadau eilaidd a ganlyn yn gysylltiedig â'r cais arfaethedig a bod penderfyniad mewn cysylltiad â'r cydsyniadau hynny i'w wneud gan Weinidogion Cymru, neu gan berson a benodir gan Weinidogion Cymru at y diben hwnnw, neu y dylai gael ei wneud ganddynt: n/a

(e) Mae copi o'r cais arfaethedig; y planiau; a'r dogfennau ategol eraill i'w gweld ar-lein ar: **ftgrid.co.uk**

(f) Yn unol a gofynion erthygl 10 o Orchymyn Datblygiadau o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol (Gweithdrefn) (Cymru) 2016) rhaid anfon ymateb i'r ymgynghoriad i:**consultation@ftgrid.co.uk neu freepost GRASSHOPPER CONSULT**

(h) erbyn: **Dydd Mercher 30 Ebrill 2025**

Llofnod: [redacted]
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Chynaliadwyedd, Pennant Walters Cyf

Dyddiad: **17 Mawrth 2025**

PENNANT WALTERS

Appendix 9.1: Specialist consultee responses – Mid and West Wales Fire

Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub
Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru
Mid and West Wales
Fire and Rescue Service

Prif Swyddog Tân | Chief Fire Officer
R.S. Thomas *KFSM BA(Hons) MSc*

Y Pencadlys, Heol Llwyn Pisgwydd,
Caerfyrddin, Sir Gâr, SA31 1SP
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FAO: Jake Geczy

Gofynner am/ Please ask for:	Watch Manager Caren Wells
Rhif Est/Extn. No.	9295
E-bost/E-mail:	bregs@mawwfire.gov.uk
Fy Nghyf/My Ref:	CW/KDT/00355489
Dyddiad/Date:	20th December 2024

Dear Sir,

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2012

THE DEVELOPMENTS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE (PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2016

DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE (CONSULTEES) (WALES) (MISCELLANEOUS AMANDMENTS) ORDER 2021 – FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITIES

RE: DEVELOPMENT OF PENLLERGAER SOLAR PARK

APPLICATION NUMBER: N/A

I acknowledge receipt of the notification to the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority in relation to the above application.

The site plan/s of the above proposal has been examined and the Fire and Rescue Authority would wish the following comments to be brought to the attention of the planning committee/applicant. It is important that these matters are dealt with early on in any proposed development:

- The Fire Authority has no objection to the proposed development and refers the Local Planning Authority to any current standing advice by the Fire Authority about the consultation.
- Ensure access and water are compliant with ADBW Vol 2: B5

The developer should consider the need to provide adequate water supplies and vehicle access for firefighting purposes on the site and general guidance on this matter is given in the attached Appendix and the following links: https://www.water.org.uk/guidance/national-guidance-document-on-the-provision-of-water-for-firefighting-3rd-edition-jan-2007/
https://www.ukfrs.com/index.php/promos/16847

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg a'r Saesneg. Byddwn yn ymateb yn gyfartal i'r ddau ac yn ateb yn eich dewis iaith heb oedi.
Rydym yn croesawu galwadau yn y Gymraeg a'r Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh and English - we will respond equally to both and will reply in your language of choice without delay.
We welcome calls in Welsh and English.

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Furthermore, the applicant should be advised to contact the appropriate Authority responsible for ensuring safety and compliance for these types of developments i.e., Health & Safety Executive / Local Authority Building Control.

The plan/s has been retained for record purposes.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]

Watch Manager C Wells
Authorised Fire Safety Regulator
On behalf of the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority

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MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Advice on Water Supplies

1. WATER SUPPLIES FOR FIREFIGHTING

The existing output of the statutory water supply network may need to be upgraded in certain parts of the local plan area to care for firefighting needs of new developments. It is recommended that this provision be a condition of planning consent.

Reference to the National Guidance Document on the Provision of Water for Fire Fighting 2007.

Access to Open Water Supplies

Where development of water-front sites takes place, the need for permanent and unobstructed access for firefighting appliances to the water should be made a condition of any planning consent.

Consultation must take place with the Fire and Rescue Authority during the earliest planning stages of any development to ensure access for fire pumping appliances is satisfactory.

1.1. HOUSING

Minimum main size 100 millimetres. Housing developments of units of detached or semi-detached houses of not more than two floors should have a water supply capable of delivering a minimum of eight litres per second through any hydrant on the development.

The Fire and Rescue Authority should be consulted at the outline planning stage of any proposed projects to ascertain the exact requirements.

1.2. TRANSPORTATION

Lorry/Coach Parks - Multi-Storey Car Parks-Service Stations

Minimum main size 100 millimetres. All of these amenities should have a water supply capable of delivering a minimum of 25 litres per second through any hydrant on the development or within a vehicular distance of 90 metres from the complex.

1.3. INDUSTRY

In order that an adequate supply of water is available for use by the Fire and Rescue Authority in case of fire, it is recommended that the water supply infrastructure to any commercial industrial estate is as follows:

Light Industrial/Commercial

Up to one hectare, 20 litres per second - Minimum Main Size 100 millimetres

Up to two hectares, 35 litres per second - Minimum Main Size 150 millimetres

High Risk Industrial

Up to three hectares 50 litres per second - Minimum Main Size 150 millimetres

Over three hectares, 75 litres per second - Minimum Main Size 150 millimetres

In rural areas it may not be possible to provide sufficient mains water. To overcome this, static or river supplies would be considered on site if they are capable of supplying the above flow rates for at least one hour.

The Fire and Rescue Authority should be consulted at the outline planning stage of any proposed projects to ascertain the exact requirements, as high-risk premises may require a greater flow.

1.4. SHOPPING, OFFICES, RECREATION AND TOURISM

Commercial developments of this type should have a water supply capable of delivering a minimum of 20 to 75 litres per second to the development site. The Fire and Rescue Authority should be consulted at the outline planning stage of any proposed projects to ascertain the exact requirements.

1.5. EDUCATION, HEALTH AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Village Halls

Should have a water supply capable of delivering a minimum of 15 litres per second through any hydrant on the development or within a vehicular distance of 100 metres from the complex.

Primary Schools and Single Storey Health Centres

Should have a water supply capable of delivering a minimum of 20 litres per second through any hydrant on the development or within a vehicular distance of 70 metres from the complex.

Secondary Schools, Colleges, Large Health and Community Facilities

Should have a water supply capable of delivering a minimum of 35 litres per second through any hydrant on the development or within a vehicular distance of 70 metres from the complex.

1.6. DISTANCES BETWEEN FIRE HYDRANTS

The distance between fire hydrants should not exceed the following:

Residential areas	-	200 metres
Industrial Estates	-	150 metres
Town Centre Areas	-	90 metres
Commercial (Offices & Shops)	-	100 metres
Residential Hostels	-	Adjacent to access
Hotels	-	Adjacent to access
Institutional (Hospitals & Old Persons Home)	-	Adjacent to access
Old Persons Home	-	Adjacent to access
Educational (Schools & Colleges)	-	Adjacent to access

1.7. CONCLUSION

Developers should hold joint discussions with the relevant Water Authority or the Environmental Agency and the Fire and Rescue Authority to ensure that adequate water supplies are available in case of fire.

The Fire and Rescue Authority reserve the right to ask for static water supplies for firefighting on site, as a condition of planning consent, if the supply infrastructure is inadequate for any given risk.

Appendix 9.2: Specialist consultee responses – LQAS Welsh Government Agriculture

From: LQAS@gov.wales
Sent: 17/03/2025 12:21:12
To: consultation@ftgrid.co.uk,LQAS@gov.wales
Subject: RE: Cysylltiad Grid Foel Trawsnant – Lansio ymgynghoriad statudol / Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection – Statutory consultation launch
Body:

Dear Meryl Lewis

Re: Pre-application consultation response under article 10(2) of the Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016 – Proposed Foel Trawsnant Windfarm Connection (DNS/CAS-02505-N3T6M4).

Thank you for consulting the Department on the above application regarding agricultural land quality, the use of soil and peat resources. This substantive response is made in accordance with Article 10 of the Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016 and:

- Planning Policy Wales (PPW), Edition 12 – 2024.
- National Development Framework (NDF) Future Wales: The National Plan 2040
- Annex B of Technical Advice Note (TAN) 6 – 2010

1. **Substantive Response:**

As per Article 10(2),(b) of the 2016 Order, the Department for Climate Change & Rural Affairs advises the applicant, that as a specialist consultee, it has no objection to the proposed development and refers the applicant to current standing advice by the specialist consultee on the subject of the consultation.

This response does not bind any other part the Department or Welsh Government from commenting on the proposal.

Regards

[redacted]

Arwel Wyn Williams

Uwch Arbenigwr, Dosbarthiad Tir Amaethyddol a Phridd / Senior Specialist, Agricultural Land Classification & Soil

Is-adran Tirweddau, Natur a Choedwigaeth / Landscapes, Nature and Forestry Division

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Appendix 9.3: Specialist consultee responses – Health and Safety Executive

From: NSIP.Applications@hse.gov.uk
Sent: 20/03/2025 13:54:39
To: consultation@ftgrid.co.uk
CC: NSIP.Applications@hse.gov.uk
Subject: FW: NSIP - FOEL TRAWSNANT WINDFARM CONNECTION - EIA DNS SCOPING CONSULTATION - CM 4.2.1.7303. - DNS CAS-02505-N3T6M4 - HSE Response
Body:

Afternoon

Thank you for your email of 17th March 2025.

Please see below HSE's response to PEDW.Infrastructure@gov.wales

Regards

Sent on behalf of the NSIP Team

[redacted]

Nicki Woodruff | Business Support Team

Health and Safety Executive | CEMHD - DBST

NSIP.Applications@hse.gov.uk

From: NSIP Applications <NSIP.Applications@hse.gov.uk>
Sent: 02 December 2024 14:05
To: PEDW.Infrastructure@gov.wales; [redacted]
Cc: NSIP Applications <NSIP.Applications@hse.gov.uk>; Gill Smart [redacted]; Matt Eburne[redacted]
Subject: RE: NSIP - FOEL TRAWSNANT WINDFARM CONNECTION - EIA DNS SCOPING CONSULTATION - CM 4.2.1.7303. - DNS CAS-02505-N3T6M4 - HSE Response

Dear Rob,

Thank you for your email dated the 27th November consulting HSE on the Proposed **FOEL TRAWSNANT WINDFARM CONNECTION** - Development of National Significance (DNS). Please find HSE's advice below.

HSE's land use planning advice

HSE's Land Use Planning Advice (CE HD5 Contribution)

Will the proposed development fall within any of HSE's consultation distance

1. With reference to the proposed redlined ***Grid Connection Route*** shown on **Figure 1 Draft Grid Connection Route [https://planningcasework.service.gov.wales/case, Reference: DNS CAS-02505-N3T6M4 - Foel Trawsnant Windfarm Connection]** the proposed project does not fall within the consultation distances of any Major Hazard Installation(s) or Major Accident Hazard Pipeline(s).

2. Please note if at any time a new Major Accident Hazard Pipeline is introduced or existing Pipeline modified prior to the determination of a future application, then the HSE reserves the right to revise its advice.

3. Likewise, if prior to the determination of a future application, a Hazardous Substances Consent is granted for a new Major Hazard Installation or a Hazardous Substances Consent is varied for an existing Major Hazard Installation in the vicinity of the proposed development, again the HSE reserves the right to revise its advice.

Would Hazardous Substances Consent be needed?

4. The presence of hazardous substances on, over or under land at or above set threshold quantities (Controlled Quantities) may require Hazardous Substances Consent (HSC) under the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 as amended. The substances, alone or when aggregated with others, for which HSC is required, and the associated Controlled Quantities, are set out in The Planning (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2015.

5. Hazardous Substances Consent would be required if the proposed development site is intending to store or use any of the Named Hazardous Substances or Categories of Substances and Preparations at or above the controlled quantities set out in schedule 1 of these Regulations.

6. Further information on HSC should be sought from the relevant Hazardous Substances Authority.

Would Hazardous Substances Consent be needed?

<u>Explosives sites</u>

No comment to make as there are no HSE Licensed explosive sites in the vicinity of the proposed development.

Kind regards

Business Support Team

Health and Safety Executive | CEMHD – DBST

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Appendix 9.4: Specialist consultee responses – Theatres Trust

From: [redacted]
Sent: 28/03/2025 12:51:47
To: consultation@ftgrid.co.uk
Subject: Comment - Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection
Body:

Good Afternoon

Thank you for consulting Theatres Trust on this development.

Having reviewed these plans they would not directly impact any theatre buildings or their operations. Therefore there is no need to consult Theatres Trust further.

Kind regards,

Tom Clarke MRTPI

National Planning Adviser

Theatres Trust

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Appendix 9.5: Specialist consultee responses – CADW

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Dyddiad/Date: 29 April 2025

Pennant Walters Ltd

Sent by email:
consultation@ftgrid.co.uk

Dear Sir / Madam,

Foel Trawsnant Windfarm Connection

Thank you for your email of 17 March 2025 consulting us on the above pre-application for the proposed development of national significance (DNS).

Advice

The following comments are based on information made available to us as part of the pre-application consultation and we will review our comments when we are consulted on the final application.

Having carefully considered the information provided; we have no objection to the proposed development. Our assessment of the pre-application is given below.

The national policy and Cadw's role in planning are set out an Annex A.

Assessment

Within a 3km developer ZTV:

GM058 Roman Camp
GM059 Y Bwlwarcau
GM085 Llangynwyd Castle
GM086 British Fortified Residence
GM092 Mynydd Ty Talwyn Ancient Farms
GM443 Site of Bodvoc Stone
GM552 Garth Hill Platform House
GM557 Twmpath Diwlith Round Barrow

Registered Historic Landscape:
HLW (WGI/MGI) 2 Margam Mountain

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Listed Buildings

11243	Church of St Cynwyd	II*
11257	Maesteg Sports Centre, The Cornstores	II*
11331	Iron bridge over River Llynfi	II*
11352	The Old House Inn PH	II
11353	Telephone call box in front of the Old House PH	II
11356	Siloh Independent Chapel	II
11367	Tabor Eglwys Presbyteriadd Cymru	II
11373	Pentre Farmhouse, with attached farm range.	II
18493	Bethania Capel y Bedyddwyr Neillduol	II*
18494	Neuadd y Dref (Town Hall)	II
18495	Salem Welsh Baptist Chapel	II*
18496	Capel Saron	II
18498	North Company Offices	II
18499	Maesteg Council Offices, with flanking walls and piers.	II*
18500	Church of St Michael and All Angels, Llangynwyd with Maeste including enclosing graveyard wall.	II
18501	Zoar Chapel	II
18502	Church of St David, and surrounding churchyard railed wall.	II
18503	Colonel North Memorial Hall	II
18504	Post Office	II
18506	The Star Public House	II
18507	Nantyffyllon Workmen's Institute	II
20429	The Hopcyn Cross	II
20430	Two chest tombs on S side of the Church of St Cynwyd	II
20431	Group of five tombs S of the tower of the Church of St Cynwy	II
20434	Group of 4 Hopkin and Jenkins tombs within iron railings on tl W side of the path to the S porch	II
20435	Group of nine memorials on the W side of the path to the porch, Church of St Cynwyd	II
20436	Jenkins Monument in the churchyard, Church of St Cynwyd	II
20437	Churchyard walls around the graveyard, Church of St Cynwyc	II
87889	Catholic Church of Our Lady and St Patrick	II

This advice is given in response to a statutory pre-application consultation in regard to a 66kv line to run for around 10 kilometres, between Foel Trawsnant wind farm through the western side of Maesteg and down to a connection point to the national grid, southwest of Llangynwyd. 5.1km of the line will be buried underground cable and 4.4km will be an overhead line on wooden poles.

The application will be accompanied by an environmental statement prepared by WSP. Chapter 9 of this document considers the impact of the proposed development on the Historic Environment. It has concluded that there will be no direct impact on designated historic assets and no significant impacts on their settings. We concur with this conclusion. It has also considered the likely impact on non-designated historic assets

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and potential archaeological features and concluded that it is unlikely that these will be significantly affected by the proposals.

Finally, it is strongly recommended that Heneb: The Trust for Welsh Archaeology, the archaeological advisors to Bridgend County Borough Council and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council should be consulted to confirm that they agree with this conclusion.

Yours sincerely,

Nichola Smith
Historic Environment Branch

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Annex A

Our role

Details about our role in the DNS process are available online.

National Policy

Applications for planning permission are considered in light of the Welsh Government's land use planning policy and guidance contained in Planning Policy Wales (PPW), Conservation Principles for the Sustainable Management of the Historic Environment in Wales, Technical Advice Notes and related guidance.

PPW (Chapter 6 – The Historic Environment) explains that is important that the planning system looks to protect, conserve and enhance the significance of historic assets. This will include consideration of the setting of an historic asset which might extend beyond its curtilage. Any change that impacts on an historic asset or its setting should be managed in a sensitive and sustainable way.

Appendix 9.6: Specialist consultee responses – Welsh Government Transport

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29/04/2025 11:44:45
To: consultation@ftgrid.co.uk
CC: lGC_Development_Control-South@gov.wales
Subject: Pre Planning - Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection
Body:

FAO Foel Trawsnant grid,

On behalf of Welsh Government Transport,

Pre Planning - Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection

66 kilovolt (kV~) grid connection starting at the Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm, west of the A4063 as overhead line, travels towards Nantyffyllon for 1.5km, then transitions to underground cables following the existing road network south for approximately 5km. At Sychbant Farm the route transitions back to overhead line and continues south for approximately 3km

I refer to your consultation of 17/03/2025 regarding the above pre-planning application and advise that the Welsh Government as highway authority for the M4 motorway would not issue a direction in respect to a future planning application.

General Note

1. It is Welsh Government's understanding that no components will require Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) deliveries to site. Should this viewpoint be incorrect, the developer will be required to inform the Welsh Government, at the earliest opportunity, as further information would be required.

If you have any further queries, please forward to the following Welsh Government Mailbox Lgc_development_control-south@gov.wales

Regards

[redacted]

Rhodri Thomas *BSc. (Hons) GMICE*

Senior Engineer

I am now on secondment, and will have intermittent access to emails.

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Appendix 9.7: Specialist consultee responses – Natural Resources Wales

Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

consultation@ftgrid.co.uk

Ein cyf/Our ref: CAS-276925-W4W8
Eich cyf/Your ref:

Dyddiad/Date: 07 May 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

STATUTORY PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION – THE DEVELOPMENTS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE (PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2016

PROPOSAL: 66 KV ELECTRICITY NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE COMPRISING OVERHEAD LINES AND UNDERGROUND CABLES WHICH WILL START AT FOEL TRAWSNANT WIND FARM (GRID REF: 283941, 194161) IN THE NORTH, HEADING SOUTH THROUGH THE WESTERN EDGE OF MAESTEG (GRID REF: 284482, 191458) TO A CONNECTION POINT WITH THE EXISTING OVERHEAD LINE APPROXIMATELY 2 KM SOUTH WEST OF THE SETTLEMENT OF LLANGYNWYD (GRID REF: 284175, 187428)

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: FROM FOEL TRAWSNANT WIND FARM NORTH OF MAESTEG TO SOUTH OF MAESTEG, NR. LLANGYNWYD PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above.

We have concerns with the application as submitted because inadequate information has been provided in support of the proposal. To overcome these concerns, you should seek further information from the applicant regarding protected species, ornithology, protected sites, land contamination and flood risk. If this information is not provided, we would object to this planning application. Further details are provided below.

1.0 Protected Species

We have reviewed the following documents in relation to protected species:

- EIA Report – Volume 1: Main Report, Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection, Pennant Walters, March 2025, by WSP
- Appendix 4A, Outline Construction Environment Management Plan, dated March 2025, by WSP

- Appendix 8A WSP (2025) Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection. Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, dated March 2025
- Appendix 8B, CSA Environmental (2024a). Preliminary Ecological Appraisal - Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm, dated March 2025 by WSP
- Appendix 8C CSA Environmental (2024b). Dormouse Survey Report - Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm, Maesteg, dated March 2005 by WSP
- Appendix 8D CSA Environmental (2024c). Water Vole Survey Report - Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm, dated March 2025 by WSP

Drawings and Plans

- Figure 8.1, Survey Area, Pennant Walters Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection Environmental Statement Chapter 8 - Ecology , dated March 2025 by WSP
- Figure 8.4, Phase 1 Habitat Results, dated March 2025 by WSP
- CSA Environmental (2024d). Great Crested Newt Report - Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm, Maesteg. November 2024.

The application is for the construction of 4.4km of overhead line and 5.1km of underground cable including associated infrastructure to connect Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm to the national grid. We welcome that the development has been designed to run underground cable beneath the existing highway network for almost all of its length, and overhead lines have been designed as far as possible to avoid hedgerows, woodland, trees and water courses.

We note that Phase 1 habitat survey has been undertaken of the survey area, as well as more detailed survey for water vole, dormice and great crested newts (GCN). We note and welcome that additional survey for bats and otter is being undertaken and the associated reports will be submitted with the formal application.

Legislation and policy

Bats, otter, dormice and great crested newt are European Protected Species, legally protected under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). Legal protection relates to the animals themselves and the places they use to rest and breed.

Where a European Protected Species is present and a development proposal is likely to contravene the legal protection they are afforded, the development may only proceed under licence issued by Natural Resources Wales, having satisfied the three requirements set out in the legislation. A licence may only be authorised if:

I. The development works to be authorised are for the purpose of preserving public health or safety, or for other imperative reasons of overriding public interest, including those of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment;
II. There is no satisfactory alternative; and
III. The action authorised will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in its natural range.

These requirements are translated into planning policy through Planning Policy Wales (PPW) Edition 12, February 2024, section 6.435 and 6.4.36 and Technical Advice Note (TAN) 5, Nature Conservation and Planning (September 2009). The planning authority should take them into account when considering development proposals where a European Protected Species is present.

Nationally fully protected species

Water voles are fully protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and are a species of conservation concerns in Wales through their inclusion on lists published by the Welsh Government under section 7 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. There is no licensing provision of the intentional destruction of water vole habitat. A licence may only be issued for conservation purposes, and will be required if water voles or their habitat are likely to be affected. Where this applies the licence application will need to demonstrate a conservation benefit to water voles.

1.1 Bats

The submitted Preliminary Ecological Appraisal report (PEA) confirms that the survey area provides suitable habitat for foraging and commuting bats in the form of dense scrub, woodland, and linear habitats such as running water, tree lines and hedgerows.

The Environmental Statement (ES), Chapter 8, Sections 8.8.27 / 8.8.28, confirms that following a daytime bat walkover of the site, three trees were identified as having bat roosting potential, located in the southern section of the site. Whilst we welcome that these trees are not being removed, we note they may require manipulation should they lie within 4m of a pole, in order to facilitate the development (ES, Chapter 8, Section 8.8.29).

We welcome that further close inspection surveys of trees within the development boundary, and automated monitoring surveys are being undertaken (ES, Chapter 8, Section 8.8.32).

As per our scoping advice we advise that ground level assessments detailing bat roosting potential are undertaken of those trees to be felled or pruned to accommodate the development. Where trees are identified to be of moderate or high potential for bats, we advise that the ground level assessments are supplemented by more detailed survey in the form of climbed endoscope and / emergence survey in accordance with published best practice survey guidelines. Should bat roosts be confirmed, we advise that an assessment of the impacts of the scheme on these roost sites is undertaken and proposals included to mitigate or compensate for them.

We welcome the intention for survey results to be used to determine minimum stand-off buffers from sensitive habitats to bats. We advise that where possible all features with suitability for bats are retained and poles are micro sited away from features and areas of sensitivity.

Table 8-11, Chapter 8, in the ES, confirms that around 1.68ha of woodland (wet woodland, lowland mixed deciduous woodland, upland oakwoods, and ancient woodland) may need to be temporarily removed as part of the development, as well as tree removal at one location. We advise that all areas of habitat removal are clearly marked on a submitted plan, detailing the habitat to be removed alongside the proposed quantity to be removed. We reserve further comment until the additional survey has been completed and the associated report submitted with the formal application.

1.2 Watervole

The submitted PEA confirms that survey for water vole was undertaken by CSA Environmental in 2024 and found evidence of the species in the northern-most section of

the application site, along watercourses A.1 and A, as identified within the submitted water vole survey report (referenced above).

The report identifies that as well as using the aforementioned watercourses, adjacent terrestrial habitat areas (specifically two fields supporting purple moor-grass , rush pasture and upland acid grassland habitats) are likely to be used by water vole due to the suitability of the habitat.

We welcome that the cable route has been designed to avoid impacts to water vole as far as possible by running the route north of the watercourse, and along an existing hardstanding track at the eastern edge of a field, running parallel to watercourse A.2 (where no water voles signs were identified). We welcome that poles will be located away from the watercourse in order to avoid habitats used by water vole.

We advise that a minimum buffer from any construction activities, of 5m from top of bank is implemented to protect the identified watercourses and associated habitat. We advise that this is clearly demarked on a submitted drawing or plan and submitted with the formal application.

We welcome that a Conservation Plan will be produced to incorporate long term management and monitoring of the habitats on site suitable for water vole. We advise that the principles of this plan are submitted within the formal application for review.

1.3 Otter

The submitted PEA confirms that a walk over of the watercourses throughout the survey area identified that they are suitable to support resting otter, with the southern section as likely suitable for foraging. We welcome that further survey of the watercourses for otter is being undertaken within the survey area (Section 8.8.43, Chapter 8, ES).

We advise that survey for otter is designed to identify potential breeding and resting places along watercourses and within riparian habitats, and that survey results are used to inform appropriate mitigation (this may include but not be limited to appropriate buffers to the working corridor). We advise that where possible the working corridor and poles are sited away from areas of sensitivity to otter.

We reserve further comment until the additional survey has been completed and the associated report submitted with the formal application.

1.4 Dormice

We note that nest tube and nest box survey for dormice was undertaken in 2024, within the parcel of broadleaved woodland on site. We note that no evidence of dormouse was confirmed and have no further comment with respect to this species.

1.5 GCN

Within our scoping response to the development we advised that all waterbodies within 250m of the application boundary were clearly identified and eDNA survey of all appropriate waterbodies undertaken.

We note that eDNA survey of four appropriate waterbodies within 500m of the site boundary have been undertaken and produced negative results. We note that no evidence of GCN was confirmed and have no further comment with respect to this species.

1.6 Lighting

Due to the ongoing species (bat and otter) survey being undertaken it would be prudent to provide advice in regards to lighting. However, we note from the submitted Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan that lighting requirements are limited to site and task lighting, and will be utilised only during the construction phase. We welcome that lighting will be positioned to specifically avoid riparian, woodland or other sensitive habitats (Sections 5.7.2, 5.1.27). We therefore anticipate that the risks of potential impacts to nocturnal protected species can be managed through a condition securing lighting design as part of a Construction Environmental Management Plan for the site.

1.7 Summary

We advise that the additional information set out in the above points and summarised below is included in the formal submission.

1.) additional bat survey (comprising additional survey for trees to be impacted by the development), the associated reports to be submitted, and results utilised to inform mitigation proposals as appropriate.
2.) relevant drawings and plans to show:
    a. the location and size of buffers / stand offs to sensitive habitat features for bats, watervole and including otter as required.
    b. all areas of habitat removal, identifying the location, extent and nature of the habitat to be removed
3.) principles of a conservation plan for water vole.

1.8 Planning Conditions

In addition to the above, we are likely to advise the determining body that conditions for the following are required:

- Implementation of the Environmental Statement
- A CEMP including details of lighting during construction
- A Conservation Plan for water vole

Please note that we may advise further on planning conditions pending the detail included in the submitted formal application.

2.0 Terrestrial Ornithology

We note from the Draft Environment Statement that surveys to determine impact on ornithology are required and are due to be undertaken. These will be included within a final ES. We are therefore unable to provide comment on ornithology.

We therefore reserve further comment until the additional survey has been completed and the associated report submitted with the formal application.

3.0 Protected Sites

We note that there are no protected sites likely to be directly impacted by these proposals. We therefore have no further comments to make at this time.

We would advise the determining body that a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) condition be attached to any permission granted. We can advise further details of this pending the additional information requested above for Protected Species.

4.0 Land Contamination

We note that the proposal intends for the buried cabling to be left in perpetuity in the ground.

We advise the provision of a Cable Buried Risk Assessment (CBRA) as an EIA deliverable if cabling will remain in the ground in perpetuity following decommissioning. This aligns with the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) which mandates sustainable decision-making. The presence of persistent chemicals in buried cabling could:

- Contradict the Act's environmental sustainability goals if future generations are left with contamination risks.
- Require a more circular economy approach, ensuring renewable projects do not leave hazardous legacy materials.
- Justify stricter environmental standards for cable selection in planning approvals, promoting biodegradable or fully recyclable cabling.

The assessment should consider the potential release of chemicals, including from non-fluid filled cables that comprise the total length of cabling remaining in the ground over the timeframe of 'Perpetuity'. The assessment may include the following but is not meant to be a definitive statement or scope but rather as an illustration as to what could be considered:

- Define the Scope of the Assessment
    - Specify the type and quantity of cabling (e.g., voltage, insulation type, conductor material).
    - Assess the total length of cabling that will be left in the ground.
    - Define how a meaningful BCRA could be performed. Decide if a desk-based approach is sufficient or not.
- Data Collection & Site Characterization – reliance on desk-based information or not. Environmental conditions such as pH, climate and hydrology.
- Identify Potential Contaminants & Release Mechanisms – leaching rates.
- Contaminant Fate & Transport Modelling – the nature of the site, its environmental sensitivity, and the types of cables used are influencing factors in the type of modelling deemed reasonable.
- Risk Assessment & Exposure Pathways – consideration of the source-pathway-receptor linkage model with potential climate change influencing factors.
- Mitigation & Remediation Strategies

Examples:

- Use of Halogen-Free Cables:
    - Reduces risks from brominated flame retardants and chlorine-based compounds.
- XLPE Instead of PVC Insulation:
    - XLPE has a lower potential for releasing phthalates and chlorine compounds.
- Corrosion Protection for Metal Conductors:
    - Properly jacketed cables and controlled soil conditions (e.g., pH-neutral environment) prevent copper and aluminium leaching.
- End-of-Life Management:
    - Mandating removal or recycling of cables rather than leaving them in the ground ensures future contamination risks are minimized.

Buried electrical cabling used in wind farms, solar farms, and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) sites typically consists of copper or aluminium conductors, insulation, and protective sheathing. The materials commonly used include:

Metals:

- Copper or Aluminium from conductors can corrode over time and leach into the surrounding environment, especially if the cable sheathing deteriorates.

- Lead may be present in older cable sheaths.

Insulation and Sheathing Materials:

- Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC): Contains plasticizers such as phthalates, which can leach out over time. Some PVC materials may also release chlorinated compounds if they degrade.
- Cross-linked Polyethylene (XLPE)
- Rubber-based insulation (EPR - Ethylene Propylene Rubber).
- PFAS

Other Potential Contaminants:

- Flame Retardants (e.g., brominated compounds, organophosphates, or antimony trioxide)
- Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs): Found in protective coatings.
- Heavy metals: Some cable sheathing or jointing compounds may contain cadmium, zinc, or lead.

5.0 Water Resources and Flood Risk

5.1 Water Framework Directive

We note that a WFD scoping and screening assessment will be submitted. We reserve further comment until the additional survey has been completed and the associated report submitted with the formal application.

5.2 Flood Risk

We note the majority of the cable route lies outside an area at risk of flooding. We note that two sections of the route will cross areas at risk of flooding however, the impacts are expected the minimal.

A flood risk activity permit (FRAP) may be required from us, for example to construct a structure on the bank of a main river. Any works affecting an ordinary watercourse may require an Ordinary Watercourse Consent from the relevant Lead Local Flood Authority.

Other Matters

Our comments above only relate specifically to matters included on our checklist, *Development Planning Advisory Service: Consultation Topics* (September 2018), which is published on our website. We have not considered potential effects on other matters and do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other interests.

We advise the applicant that, in addition to planning permission, it is their responsibility to ensure they secure all other permits/consents/licences relevant to their development. Please refer to our website for further details.

If you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

Lindy Marshall
Cynghorydd - Cynllunio Datblygu/Advisor - Development Planning
Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru/Natural Resources Wales

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb i hynny arwain at oedi./Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.

Appendix 9.8: Specialist consultee responses – Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

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Date: 28/04/2025
Our Ref: PPA0009309

Dear Sir/Madam,

Grid Ref: 284626 191067
Site Address: Neath
Development: DNS - Installation of a 66 kV overhead line and underground cable connection from the approved Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm, situated within South Wales, to the wider national grid

I refer to your pre-planning enquiry received relating to the above site, seeking our views on the capacity of our network of assets and infrastructure to accommodate your proposed development. Having reviewed the details submitted I can provide the following comments which should be taken into account within any future planning application for the development.

Consultation Outcome: We refer to your consultation under Article 9(3) of the Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order (DNSPWO) 2016 in relation to a 66kv line, 10 kilometres in length, to serve the Foel Trawsnant wind farm. We welcome the opportunity to comment on the proposal and would offer the following standing advice which should be taken into account within any future application:

APPRAISAL

It appears the application does not propose to connect to the public sewerage or watermain systems, and therefore Dwr Cymru Welsh Water has no objections in principle. However, should circumstances change and a connection to the public sewerage/watermain system is required we must be re-consulted on this application.

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Glas Cymru Cyfyngedig

Welsh Water is owned by Glas Cymru – a 'not-for-profit' company.
Mae Dŵr Cymru yn eiddo i Glas Cymru – cwmni 'nid-er-elw'.

We welcome correspondence in
Welsh and English

Dŵr Cymru Cyf, a limited company registered in
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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y
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As of 7th January 2019, this proposed development may be subject to Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. In the event this proposed development amounts to a total impermeable area of 100sqm or more, approval of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) features, in accordance with the 'Statutory standards for sustainable drainage systems – designing, constructing, operating and maintaining surface water drainage systems'. It is therefore recommended that the developer engage in consultation with the City & County of Swansea, as the determining SuDS Approval Body (SAB), in relation to their proposals for SuDS features. Please note, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water is a statutory consultee to the SAB application process and will provide comments to any SuDS proposals by response to SAB consultation.

ASSET PROTECTION

This site is crossed by public sewers ranging in size from 100mm combined to 150mm foul water, and watermains ranging in size from 3" to 9" distribution mains, with their approximate positions being marked on the attached Statutory Public Sewer and Watermain Records. In accordance with the Water Industry Act 1991, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water requires access to its apparatus at all times in order to carry out maintenance and repairs. No part of any building will be permitted within the protection zone of the public assets measured 3 metres either side of the centreline. Please note, the distance specified for this protection zone is indicative and based on industry standard guidelines. However, the depth of the asset will need to be verified on site which may infer a greater protection zone. For completeness, we recommend the developer refer to their title deeds to confirm if there are any covenants or restrictions associated with the asset(s) crossing the proposed development site.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the developer contact our Plan and Protect team (PlanandProtect@dwrcymru.com) to carry out a survey to verify the location of any assets crossing the site boundary and establish their relationship to the proposed development. Our strong recommendation is that your site layout takes into account the location of the assets crossing the site and should be referred to in any master-planning exercises or site layout plans submitted as part of any subsequent planning application. Further information regarding Asset Protection is provided in the attached Advice & Guidance note.

The applicant is also advised that some public sewers and lateral drains may not be recorded on our maps of public sewers because they were originally privately owned and were transferred into public ownership by nature of the Water Industry (Schemes for Adoption of Private Sewers) Regulations 2011. The presence of such assets may affect the proposal. In order to assist us in dealing with the proposal the applicant may contact Dwr Cymru Welsh Water on 0800 085 3968 to establish the location and status of the apparatus. Under the Water Industry Act 1991 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water has rights of access to its apparatus at all times.

We trust that you'll find our comments of assistance for the purposes of your consultation, and we respectfully reserve the right to comment further on any matters and issues arising from ongoing and future consultation. We look forward to continuing our engagement on the project prior to and during the submission of an application to PEDW.

I trust the above information is helpful and will assist you in forming water and drainage strategies that should accompany any future planning application. I also attach copies of our water and sewer extract plans for the area, and a copy of our Planning Guidance Note which provides further information on our approach to the planning process, making connections to our systems and ensuring any existing public assets or infrastructure located within new development sites are protected.

Please note that our response is based on the information provided in your enquiry and should the information change we reserve the right to make a new representation. Should you have any queries or wish to discuss any aspect of our response please do not hesitate to contact our dedicated team of planning officers, either on 0800 917 2652 or via email at **developer.services@dwrcymru.com**

Please quote our reference number in all communications and correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

Matthew Lord
Planning Liaison Manager
Developer Services

***Please Note** that demands upon the water and sewerage systems change continually; consequently the information given above should be regarded as reliable for a maximum period of 12 months from the date of this letter.*

Appendix 10: Newsletter

FOEL TRAWSNANT

Cysylltiad Grid Foel Trawsnant

Cylchlythyr Ymgynghori Statudol

Mawrth – Ebrill 2025

Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection

Statutory Consultation Newsletter

March – April 2025

Helo, ni yw Pennant Walters, datblygwr ynni adnewyddadwy cartref mwyaf Cymru.

Fel y gwyddoch efallai, cafodd Fferm Wynt Foel Trawsnant, sy'n cynnwys 8 tyrbin ar uchder o 145m i'r blaen, ganiatâd ym mis Ebrill 2023. Bydd yn cael ei hadeiladu i'r gogledd-orllewin o Faesteg o fewn ffiniau CBS Castell-nedd Port Talbot.

Er mwyn cysylltu'r fferm wynt â'r grid cenedlaethol, rydym yn cyflwyno cynigion ar gyfer llwybr cysylltu 66kv, yn bennaf o fewn CBS Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr, sy'n cynnwys llinellau uwchben y ddaear ar bolion pren a cheblau tanddaearol. Bydd y llwybr yn cychwyn ac yn gorffen yn CBS CNPT, gan gwmpasu cyfanswm pellter o tua 10km. O hyn, bydd 5.1km o dan y ddaear gyda 4.4km uwchben (gweler y map trosodd).

Mae'r cylchlythyr hwn i roi gwybod i chi am ein hymgynghoriad statudol cysylltiad grid rhwng 17 Mawrth a 30 Ebrill 2025.

Ar ôl cwblhau amrediad o astudiaethau amgylcheddol a thechnegol, rydym yn cyflwyno ein cynlluniau i'w hystyried gan y gymuned ac arbenigwyr.

Byddwn yn cynnal tri digwyddiad galw heibio ar gyfer arddangosfa gyhoeddus, pan fydd ein haelodau tîm ar gael i drafod y prosiect a gwrando ar unrhyw bryderon ynghylch y cysylltiad â'r grid.

Hello, we're Pennant Walters, Wales' largest home-grown renewable energy developer.

As you may know, Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm, comprising 8 turbines at 145m height to tip, was consented in April 2023. It will be constructed to the north-west of Maesteg within the boundaries of Neath Port Talbot CBC.

To connect the wind farm to the national grid, we're bringing forward proposals for a 66kv connection route, predominantly within Bridgend CBC, made up of overhead lines on wooden poles and underground cables. The route will start and finish in NPT CBC, covering a total distance of around 10km. Of this, 5.1km will be underground with 4.4km overhead (see map overleaf).

This newsletter is to let you know about our grid connection statutory consultation from 17 March to 30 April 2025.

Having completed a range of environmental and technical studies, we're presenting our plans for consideration by the community and specialists.

We'll be hosting three public exhibition drop-in events, during which our team-members will be available to discuss the project and listen to any concerns regarding the grid connection.

Digwyddiad 1	Digwyddiad 2	Digwyddiad 3
Dydd Iau 10 Ebrill	Dydd Iau 10 Ebrill	Dydd Gwener 11 Ebrill
Eglwys Dewi Sant, Stryd y Castell, Maesteg CF34 9BL	Clwb Rygbi Nantyffyllon Nant y Ffyrling, Maesteg CF34 0BU	Neuadd Bentref Llangynwyd Bridgend Rd Llangynwyd CF34 9SW
11am - 2pm	4 - 7pm	11am – 2pm

Event 1	Event 2	Event 3
Thursday 10 April	Thursday 10 April	Friday 11 April
St David's Church, Castle Street, Maesteg CF34 9BL	Nantyffyllon RFC Nant Y Ffyrling, Maesteg CF34 0BU	Llangynwyd Village Hall Bridgend Rd Llangynwyd CF34 9SW
11am - 2pm	4 - 7pm	11am – 2pm

Key

- Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm
- Grid connection - overhead lines on wooden poles up to 15m in height
- Grid connection - underground cables
- Grid connection point
- Nantyffyllon Primary School
- Maesteg Community Hospital
- Heol Tŷ Gwyn Industrial Estate
- Maesteg Golf Club
- Nant Y Castell
- Castell Llangynwyd
- Y Bwlwarcau
- Craig Yr Aber woods
- St Cynwyd's Church

Eglurhad

- Fferm Wynt Foel Trawsnant
- Cysylltiad Grid - llinellau uwchben ar bolion pren hyd at 15m o uchder
- Cysylltiad Grid - ceblau tanddaearol
- Pwynt cysylltiad grid
- Ysgol Gynradd Nantyffyllon
- Ysbyty Cymunedol Maesteg
- Stad Ddiwydiannol Heol Tŷ Gwyn
- Clwb Golff Maesteg
- Nant y Castell
- Castell Llangynwyd
- Y Bwlwarcau
- Coedwig Craig yr Aber
- Eglwys Sant Cynwyd

Mae rhagor o wybodaeth, gan gynnwys dogfennau cais drafft ar gael yn: **ftgrid.co.uk**

Further information, including draft application documents can be found at: **ftgrid.co.uk**

Llinell amser dangosol

Ystyrir bod y prosiect hwn yn Ddatblygiad o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol (DNS) sy'n golygu y bydd y cais yn cael ei wneud i Benderfyniadau Cynllunio ac Amgylchedd Cymru (PEDW) a fydd yn penderfynu a ddylid rhoi caniatâd cynllunio.

Mawrth ac Ebrill 2025	Ymgynghoriad statudol
Mehefin 2025	Cyflwyno cais gan gynnwys adroddiad Ymgynghori Cyn Ymgeisio a Datganiad Amgylcheddol
Hydref 2025	Archwiliad o'r cais gan PEDW
Gaeaf 2025/26	Penderfynu ar y cais

Indicative timeline

This project is deemed a Development of National Significance (DNS) which means that the application will be made to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) who will decide on whether to grant planning permission.

March & April 2025	Statutory consultation
June 2025	Application submission including Pre-Application Consultation report & Environmental Statement
Autumn 2025	Application examination by PEDW
Winter 2025/26	Application determination

Dweud eich dweud

Rhowch eich barn i ni ar ein cynigion drafft manwl drwy:

- Gwblhau'r **ffurflen adborth**, naill ai'n bersonol yn ein digwyddiadau, neu ar-lein yn: **ftgrid.co.uk**
- Ffonio: **01656 330844**
- E-bostio: **consultation@ftgrid.co.uk**
- Ysgrifennu at: **Freepost GRASSHOPPER CONSULT** (nid oes angen stamp na chyfeiriad ychwanegol)

Have your say

Please let us know your views on our detailed draft proposals by:

- Completing the **feedback form**, either in person at our events, or online at: **ftgrid.co.uk**
- Calling: **01656 330844**
- Emailing: **consultation@ftgrid.co.uk**
- Writing to: **Freepost GRASSHOPPER CONSULT** (no stamp or further address needed)

Cyflwynwch eich sylwadau cyn i'r cyfnod ymgynghori ddod i ben **ddydd Mercher 30 Ebrill 2025.**

Bydd y manylion cyswllt uchod yn eich rhoi mewn cysylltiad â Grasshopper Communications sy'n rheoli'r ymgynghoriad â'r tîm yn Pennant Walters.

Please submit your comments before the consultation period ends on **Wednesday 30 April 2025.**

The above contact details will put you in touch with Grasshopper Communications who are managing the consultation with the team at Pennant Walters.

Appendix 11: List of non-statutory consultees

Non statutory consultees

Community Stakeholders

Name	Info and Relevance	Tier
Education		
Ysgol Maesteg	Local English language secondary school on the other side of Maesteg to the Foel Trawsnant Road Works. Accommodates students from across Maesteg and thus some students and possibly teachers would be affected by the works.	4
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd	Welsh medium school located in Llangynwyd. Students travel from all over Maesteg, Nantyffyllon and Caerau to reach this site and thus may be impacted by the road works.	4
Nantyffyllon primary school	Primary school located just off the road where undergrounding is due to take place. Highly likely students will be affected by the works.	3
NPTC Group of Colleges – Maesteg Construction Centre	Provides courses on Construction in the Maesteg Area, in the NPTC Group it is the only one specialising in Construction so may have students from across Neath Port Talbot and Swansea.	4
Ysgol Cynwyd Sant	Welsh medium school located in the south-west part of Maesteg. The back of the school looks towards the rural part of the undergrounded section. Children will travel from across the Maesteg area by bus/car to this school.	4
Health		
Bron-Y-Garn surgery	Medical centre located in Maesteg, it is located next to the hospital at Maesteg.	3
Nantyffyllon Surgery and	Surgery and Pharmacy located on the east side of Nantyffyllon.	4

Nanty Pharmacy		
Maesteg Community Hospital	The hospital is currently being redeveloped into an integrated health, care, and wellbeing hub.	3
Heritage		
Nantyfyllon Miners Institute	Grade 2 Listed Building in Nantyffyllon.	4
Local Business		
Pentre Farm	Holiday farm cottage, located in Llangynwyd	4
Wild Fox Resorts	Company setting up a resort at the top of the Llynfi Valley between Caerau, Croserw, and Cymmer.	4
Little Stars Daycare	Daycare Centre in Garth, Maesteg.	4
Blaenllynfi Hotel	Hotel located in Maesteg.	4
Public Services and Emergency Services		
Maesteg Fire Station	Fire station located in Maesteg.	3
Recreation/Outdoors		
Halo Maesteg Sports Centre	Leisure centre located in Maesteg, near Heol Ty Gwyn, and the junction with Neath Road.	4
Llynfi United Football Club	Football club located in Maesteg Welfare Park.	3
Maesteg Golf Club	Golf club located on the road route due for undergrounding.	3
Nantyffyllon RFC	Rugby club in Nantyffyllon, club house for the club is a possible venue.	4

Curtain Up Youth Theatre	Youth venue based in Maesteg Town Hall.	4
Llynfi Valley Boxing Club	Boxing Club located on commercial street in Maesteg.	4
Maesteg RFC	Rugby club based in Maesteg on Llynfi Road.	4
Maesteg Harlequins Rugby Club	Rugby club based in Maesteg, the club is headquarted in the town centre.	4
Maesteg Celtic Rugby Club/Athletic Social Club	Rugby club based in Garth, south Maesteg.	4
Maesteg Park Football Club	Football club based in Maesteg on Bryn Celyn road, the back of the club faces towards Sychbant Farm which is on the underground route.	4
Maesteg Canoe Club	Based in Maesteg Swimming Pool.	4
Maesteg Gymnastics Club	Gymnastics club based in the Llynfi Valley.	4
Transport		
Forge Travel Coach and Minibus Hire	Provide coach and minibus hire in Maesteg, located off of Heol Ty Gwyn which the underground route runs through.	3
Maesteg Hospital Fflecsi Bus Service	Fflecsi Bus service based out of Maesteg Hospital.	3
Heol Ty Gwyn Industrial Estate		
Local Business		
A2B Cars	Taxi service based in Maesteg on the Heol Ty Gwyn Industrial Estate.	3

Axel Jack Brewery	Brewery based in Maesteg on the Heol Ty Gwyn Industrial Estate. https://www.axeljackbrewery.co.uk/	3
B:RAD Sports Massage Therapies	Sports massage therapist in Maesteg based on the industrial estate.	3
CJR Vehicle Services	Vehicle repair service based on the industrial estate. https://www.cjrvehicleservices.co.uk/	3
Computer Training Wales	Training provider located on the industrial estate. https://www.computertrainingwales.co.uk/	3
Cynffig Motor Factors	Auto parts store based on the industrial estate.	3
Direct Cars	Taxi service based in Maesteg on the industrial estate.	3
Go Wild Soft Play	Indoor playground based in Maesteg, on the industrial estate.	3
LBS Builders Merchants Maesteg	Building Materials supplier in Maesteg, on the industrial estate. https://www.lbsbm.co.uk/	3
OrbitalX Space	Aerospace company based in Maesteg on the industrial estate. https://www.orbitalx.co.uk/	3
Platcon	Software engineering company based in Maesteg on the industrial estate. https://www.platcon.biz/	3
Premier Blinds (Wales)	Blind company based in Maesteg. https://www.premierblinds.net/	3
Pulse-PR	PR Company based in Maesteg on the industrial estate focussing on the manufacturing and technical industry sector. info@pulse-pr.co.uk, http://pulse-pr.co.uk/	3
Revival Bodyworks	Car body shop in Maesteg based on the industrial estate.	3
RJG Logistics and Removals Ltd	Transport service based in Maesteg based on the industrial estate. https://www.rjglogistics.co.uk/	3

RJM Dairy Maesteg	Milk delivery service based in Maesteg on the industrial estate. https://rjmdairy.com/	3
Spanners Scaffolding	Scaffolding service based in Maesteg on the industrial estate.	3
The Personalised Party Shop	Party shop based in Maesteg on the industrial estate. https://thepersonalisedpartyshop.co.uk/	3
Vexon Space	Manufacturer based in Maesteg on the industrial estate. https://www.vexon.co.uk/	3
Weldserv UK	Industrial equipment supplier based in Maesteg on the industrial estate.	3
Public Services and Emergency Services		
Maesteg Civic Amenity Site	Community recycling centre based on the Heol Ty Gwyn Industrial Estate. https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/recycling-and-waste/community-recycling-centres	3
Transport		
Llynfi Coaches	Coach and minibus hire service based in Maesteg on the industrial estate.	3

Interest Stakeholders

Name	Info and Relevance	Tier
Access		
Bridgend and District Ramblers	Ramblers club based in Bridgend that may walk in and around Maesteg.	3
Maesteg Group – Ramblers	Ramblers club based in Maesteg that may walk in and around Maesteg.	3
Bridgend Inclusive Network Group	Group that describe themselves as promoting physical activity and provide a voice for differently-abled people and their families.	4
The British Horse Society	The largest equestrian charity and membership organisation in the UK. Likely to take an interest if there are bridleways that will be impacted. Helen Donnan - Wales Access Field Officer Telephone - [redacted] Email - [redacted]	3
Open Spaces Society	Charity focused on defending open spaces in England and Wales.	3
Sustrans	Walking, wheeling and cycling charity based in the UK that manages the National Cycle Network	4
Welsh Cycling	Governing body of cycling in Wales.	4
Agriculture, Farming and Fishing		
Farmers Union Wales	A group dedicated to being the voice for Wales' family run farms.	4
NFU Cymru	National Farmers Union, may be interested in work going on especially with it being on and close to existing farmland.	4

	Gail Jenkins is the County Advisor responsible for the Glamorgan and Carmarthenshire area. https://www.nfu-cymru.org.uk/en/about-us/who-s-who/	
Tenant Farmers Association	Group that provides dedicated advice, information and support to all non-land-owning farmers in England and Wales.	4
Countryside Alliance Wales	A campaigning force that protects and promotes the rural way of life.	3
Country Landowners Association Cymru	CLA Cymru provides advice and rural representation as well as a range of social and professional benefits for members in Wales and also members outside Wales who have business interests here.	4
Community Groups		
YMCA Bridgend	Youth club based in Bridgend.	4
YPOP LGBT+ Youth Group (Bridgend County Borough Council)	LGBT group open to people between the ages of 12 and 17.	4
Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO)	BAVO is a County Voluntary Council for the Bridgend County Borough, they provide support and assistance for community and voluntary groups, not-for-profits and social enterprises.	4
Menter Bro Ogwr	Charity focusing on the Welsh Language and promoting the Welsh Language.	4
Education		
Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen	College based in Tondu, at the base of the Llynfi Valley	4
Economic / Tourism		
Visit Wales	Tourism agency for Wales.	4

Chambers Wales	Membership based organisation, led by members to support local businesses. https://cw-seswm.com/contact/	4
SWIC (South Wales Industrial Cluster)	Partnership of businesses across all sectors dedicated to creating a net zero circular restorative economy in Wales.	4
Energy		
RenewableUK Cymru	Trade body for sustainable infrastructure in Wales.	4
Cynnal Cymru (Sustain Wales)	Provides advice and training and connections to turn sustainability aims into action.	4
Energy Saving Trust	Providing leadership and expertise to help deliver a zero-carbon society.	4
Ynni Cymunedol Cymru	A non-profit organisation for members established to give support and a voice to community groups working on energy projects in Wales.	4
Ynni Cymru	Newly formed Welsh Government company established to expand community-owned renewable energy generation across Wales as part of the Co-operation Agreement between the Welsh Government and Plaid Cymru.	4
Environmental/Sustainability		
Bridgend Local Nature Partnership	Organisation set up with the overarching aim to conserve and enhance nature in Bridgend, thereby supporting nature recovery. https://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/Bridgend	3
Glamorgan Bat Group	Members of the group organise and participate in bat monitoring programmes to gain better information about the distribution of bats in the Swansea area. https://www.facebook.com/groups/1333033433406821	4

Bat Conservation Trust	The Bat Conservation trust was formed in 1990 as an umbrella organisation for the rapidly growing network of bat groups.	4
Wildlife Trust South & West Wales	The branch of the Wildlife Trust covering South and West Wales, where the sites are located.	4
RSPB Cymru	The group's aim is to actively support the work of the RSPB in the local community and to involve RSPB members and the wider public in the Society's conservation, public affairs, education, fundraising and other activities. We have regular monthly (Sunday) visits to nature areas, local and further afield. https://group.rspb.org.uk/swanseaanddistrict/about-us/	4
Campaign for Protection of Rural Wales	Likely to be against the project as they dislike any renewable energy that means a loss of green spaces. Prefer rooftop solar and offshore wind, and has been campaigning heavily against above ground pylons for the Bute wind farms in Mid Wales.	4
Friends of the Earth Cymru	An organisation committed to protecting the environment and promoting a sustainable future for Wales.	4
Greenpeace	Greenpeace is an independent global campaigning network, they are currently taking action against the climate and nature emergencies, but in the past have taken action on nuclear testing – showing the breadth of the organisation.	4
Wales Biodiversity Partnership	WBP brings together key players from the public, private and voluntary sectors to promote and monitor diversity and ecosystem action in Wales.	4
Wales Environment Link	A network of environmental, countryside and heritage NGOs working across Wales since 1990.	4
Heritage		
Llynfi Valley Historical Society	Group aiming to promote the history of the Llynfi Valley.	4

Royal Commission on Ancient and Historic Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW)	Welsh Government sponsored body concerned with some aspects of the archaeological, architectural and historic environment of Wales.	4
Heneb Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeology	Independent organisation dedicated to the effective protection, investigation, recording and promotion of the historic environment. This organisation was formed in April after the merger of the previous Archaeological trusts. https://ggat.org.uk/cms/	4
Infrastructure		
British Telecom	Telephone utilities service.	4
Public Services and Emergency Services		
South Wales Police	Police Service serving Bridgend and South Wales. Maesteg is in the Mid Glamorgan area. https://www.south-wales.police.uk/area/your-area/south-wales/mid-glamorgan/	3
Welsh Ambulance Service	Ambulance service serving all of Wales	3
Public Health Wales	Work to protect and improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities for people in Wales	3
South Wales Fire and Rescue Service	Fire and rescue service covering south Wales. The nearest station to the consultation zone is in Maesteg. https://www.southwales-fire.gov.uk/	3
Cwm Taf Morgannwg	Health Board serving the Maesteg Area.	3

University Health Board		
Recreation / Outdoors		
Llynfi Valley Angling Association	Angling association on Afon Llynfi	4
Service Provider		
Hafod Housing Association	Housing association that covers the Maesteg area.	4
Valleys to Coast Housing Assocation	Housing association based in Bridgend that covers the Maesteg area.	4
Transport		
Traffic Wales	The Welsh Government's Traffic information service for the motorway and trunk road network.	3
Transport for Wales	Wholly owned, not-for-profit company providing support and expertise to the Welsh Government's transport projects.	3
South Wales Trunk Road Agent	Manages the South Wales area of the Welsh Government's strategic road network.	3

Appendix 12: Feedback form

FOEL TRAWSNANT

Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection Feedback form

We'd like to introduce you to our new scheme, Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection, situated predominantly within Bridgend CBC (but partly – the very northern and southern sections - within Neath Port Talbot CBC), running from Foel Trawsnant wind farm through the western side of Maesteg and down to a connection point southwest of Llangynwyd.

We are proposing a 66kv line to run for around 10 kilometres, with 5.1 kilometres of this being a wooden pole overground route, and 4.6km buried underground to connect the wind farm to the national grid.

By completing this form, you confirm that you have read and understood this General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) statement.

GDPR statement

Pennant Walters will use and store the information you provide in line with the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation).

How will Pennant Walters use the information we collect about you?

We will use your personal data collected via this consultation for our legitimate business purposes only, including:

- To analyse your feedback on the consultation
- To produce a Pre-Application Consultation Report based on our analysis of responses (individuals will not be identified in the report)
- To write to you with updates about the results of the consultation and other developments if you have opted in to receive these updates
- To keep up-to-date records of our communications with individuals and organisations

Any personal information you include in this form will be handled and used by (or made available to) the following recipients to record, analyse and report on the feedback we receive:

- Pennant Walters
- Planning Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) (which will consider our application for consent – any details published as part of this process will be anonymised)
- Relevant Welsh Ministers
- Consultants working on the Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection project

What rights do I have over my personal data?

Under the terms of the UK GDPR, you have certain rights over how your personal data is retained and used by Pennant Walters.

For further information about how Pennant Walters processes personal data and your rights, please see our privacy notice on our website: https://pennantwalters.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Pennant-Walters-Privacy-Statement.pdf

☐ Please tick here to opt out of receiving updates on this project via email.

☐ I would like to hear from PEDW as described above.

Project feedback

1. Please write here any comments you have regarding the proposed route for the Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection:

2. Which environmental considerations about this proposal are most important to you?(please tick all that apply)

Traffic, access, and construction		Air quality	
Noise and light pollution		Water and flood risk	
Landscape and views		Local ecology and biodiversity	
Energy needs and climate change		Land quality and use	
Heritage and historic environment			

Other (please detail)

3. Please write any other comments you have regarding the environmental considerations here:

4. Please write any comments that you have regarding the proposed construction process here:

5. Please write any comments here that you have regarding the overhead sections of the line:

6. If you have any further comments in relation to the proposals, please leave them here:

Consultation

7. How did you hear about the consultation?

	Newsletter
	Newspaper notice
	Newspaper advert
	Email
	Word of mouth
	Social media
	Poster
	Site notice
	Other – please specify:

8. Which of the consultation materials have you used?

	Newsletter
	Website
	Virtual exhibition
	Public exhibition

a. How useful did you find the consultation materials?

Please rate from 5 (as very useful) to 1 (as not at all)

9. Do you have any thoughts on how we could have made the consultation more useful?

10. Did you find all the consultation documents easily accessible?

	Yes
	No
	Don't know

a. Are there any changes we can make to ensure that consultation materials are more accessible?

Equalities Monitoring

Please provide the following information to help us identify who our consultation has reached. All information is strictly confidential and subject to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Completing these questions is entirely voluntary and your responses will be anonymous.

11. What is your age group?

	14 and under
	15-19
	20-24
	25-34
	35-44
	45-54
	55-64
	65-74
	75+
	Prefer not to say

12. Which of the following best describes your gender?

	Male
	Female
	Non-binary
	Other (please write in):
	Prefer not to say

13. Do you consider yourself to have a disability or long-term health condition?

	Yes
	No
	Prefer not to say

14. How would you describe your ethnic background? If you identify as having mixed or multiple ethnicities, please select all that apply.

	Asian or Asian British/Welsh: Bangladeshi
	Asian or Asian British/Welsh: Chinese
	Asian or Asian British/Welsh: Indian
	Asian or Asian British/Welsh: Pakistani
	Asian or Asian British/Welsh: Other Asian (please specify)
	Black or Black British/Welsh: African
	Black or Black British/Welsh: Caribbean
	Black or Black British/Welsh: Other Black (please specify)
	White: Welsh, English, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
	White: Irish
	White: Polish
	White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller
	White: Roma
	White: Other White (please specify)
	Other ethnic group: Arab
	Other ethnic group: Please specify
	Prefer not to say

If you selected one of the 'please specify' options, please specify here:

15. What is your religion or belief?

	No religion (including atheist)
	Buddhist
	Christian
	Hindu
	Jewish
	Muslim
	Sikh
	Any other religion or belief (please specify):
	Prefer not to say

16. Are you able to do any of the following in Welsh? (Please select one option per column)

	Speak	Read	Write	Listen
Not at all				
Beginner				
Fairly fluently				
Fluently				
Prefer not to say				

17. Which of the following best describes what you are doing at present?

	Working full-time (30+ hours per week)
	Working part-time (less than 30 hours per week)
	On a zero-hour contract
	In full-time education
	On a UK Government-supported training scheme
	Unemployed
	Retired
	Not working due to sickness or disability
	Full-time carer

	Other
	Prefer not to say

18. Do you have any of the following caring responsibilities?

	Primary carer of a child or children (under 18)
	Primary carer of a child or children who is disabled, has a health condition or has temporary care needs (under 18)
	Primary carer or assistant for a disabled adult or adults (18 or over)
	Primary carer or assistant for an older person or people (65 and over)
	Secondary carer (another person carries out main caring role)
	None
	Prefer not to say
	Other (please describe):

About you

First Name	
Surname	
Organisation	
Email	
Postcode	

This form can be returned to us, free of charge via:

Freepost GRASSHOPPER CONSULT (no stamp required)

Ffurflen adborth Cysylltiad Grid Foel Trawsnant

Hoffem eich cyflwyno i'n cynllun newydd, Cysylltiad Grid Foel Trawsnant, sydd wedi'i leoli'n bennaf o fewn CBS Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr (ond yn rhannol – yn yr ardaloedd mwyaf gogleddol a deheuol – o fewn CBS Castell-nedd Port Talbot), yn rhedeg o fferm wynt Foel Trawsnant drwy ochr orllewinol Maesteg, ac i lawr i bwynt cysylltu i'r de-orllewin o Langynwyd.

Rydym yn cynnig rhedeg llinell 66kv am oddeutu 10 cilometr, gyda 5.1 cilometr o hyn yn llwybr polyn pren uwchddaearol, a 4.6km wedi'i gladdu o dan y ddaear i gysylltu'r fferm wynt â'r grid cenedlaethol.

Drwy lenwi'r ffurflen hon, rydych yn cadarnhau eich bod wedi darllen a deall y datganiad Rheoliad Cyffredinol ar Ddiogelu Data (GDPR) hwn.

Datganiad GDPR

Datganiad GDPR

Bydd Pennant Walters yn yn defnyddio ac yn storio'r wybodaeth a ddarparwch yn unol â GDPR (y Rheoliad Cyffredinol ar Ddiogelu Data).

Sut bydd Pennant Walters yn defnyddio'r wybodaeth a gasglwn amdanoch chi?

Byddwn yn defnyddio'ch data personol a gesglir drwy'r ymgynghoriad hwn at ein dibenion busnes cyfreithlon yn unig, gan gynnwys:

- Dadansoddi eich adborth i'r ymgynghoriad
- Cynhyrchu Adroddiad Ymgynghori Cyn Ymgeisio, yn seiliedig ar ein dadansoddiad o ymatebion (ni fydd modd adnabod unigolion yn yr adroddiad).
- Ysgrifennu atoch gyda diweddariadau am ganlyniadau'r ymgynghoriad a datblygiadau eraill, os ydych wedi optio i mewn i dderbyn y diweddariadau hyn
- Cadw cofnodion cyfredol o'n cyfathrebiadau ag unigolion a sefydliadau

Bydd unrhyw wybodaeth bersonol y byddwch yn ei chynnwys yn y ffurflen hon yn cael ei thrin a'i defnyddio gan y derbynwyr canlynol (neu bydd ar gael iddynt) i'w chofnodi, i'w dadansoddi ac i adrodd ar yr adborth a gawn:

- Pennant Walters

- Penderfyniadau Cynllunio ac Amgylchedd Cymru (PEDW) (a fydd yn ystyried ein cais am ganiatâd – bydd unrhyw fanylion a gyhoeddir yn rhan o'r broses hon yn ddienw)
- Gweinidogion Cymru perthnasol
- Ymgynghorwyr yn gweithio ar brosiect Cyswllt Grid Foel Trawsnant

Pa hawliau sydd gennyf dros fy nata personol?

O dan delerau GDPR y DU, mae gennych hawliau penodol ynghylch sut mae Pennant Walters yn cadw ac yn defnyddio eich data personol.

I gael rhagor o wybodaeth am sut mae Pennant Walters yn prosesu data personol a'ch hawliau, gweler ein hysbysiad preifatrwydd ar ein gwefan: https://pennantwalters.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Pennant-Walters-Privacy-Statement.pdf

☐ Ticiwch yma i optio allan o dderbyn diweddariadau ar y prosiect hwn drwy e-bost.

☐ Hoffwn glywed gan PEDW fel y disgrifir uchod.

Adborth prosiect

19. Ysgrifennwch yma unrhyw sylwadau sydd gennych am y llwybr arfaethedig ar gyfer Cysylltiad Grid Foel Trawsnant:

20. Pa ystyriaethau amgylcheddol ynglŷn â'r cynnig hwn sydd bwysicaf i chi? (Ticiwch bob un sy'n berthnasol.)

Traffig, mynediad ac adeiladu		Ansawdd aer	
Llygredd sŵn a golau		Perygl dŵr a llifogydd	
Tirwedd a golygfeydd		Ecoleg a bioamrywiaeth leol	
Anghenion ynni a newid hinsawdd		Ansawdd a defnydd tir	
Treftadaeth a'r amgylchedd hanesyddol			

Arall (manylwch)

21. Ysgrifennwch unrhyw sylwadau eraill sydd gennych am yr ystyriaethau amgylcheddol yma:

22. Ysgrifennwch unrhyw sylwadau sydd gennych am y broses adeiladu arfaethedig yma:

23. Ysgrifennwch yma unrhyw sylwadau sydd gennych am adrannau uwchddaearol y llinell:

24. Os oes gennych unrhyw sylwadau pellach mewn perthynas â'r cynigion, rhowch nhw yma:

Ymgynghoriad

25. Sut clywsoch chi am yr ymgynghoriad?

	Cylchlythyr
	Hysbysiad papur newydd
	Hysbyseb papur newydd
	E-bost
	Ar lafar
	Cyfryngau cymdeithasol
	Poster
	Hysbysiad safle
	Arall – manylwch

26. Pa rai o'r deunyddiau ymgynghori ydych chi wedi'u defnyddio?

	Cylchlythyr
	Gwefan
	Arddangosfa rithwir
	Arddangosfa gyhoeddus

a. Pa mor ddefnyddiol oedd y deunyddiau ymgynghori i chi?

Rhowch sgôr o 5 (defnyddiol iawn) i 1 (ddim o gwbl)

27. A oes gennych unrhyw sylwadau ar sut y gallem fod wedi gwneud yr ymgynghoriad yn fwy defnyddiol?

28. A oedd yr holl ddogfennau ymgynghori ar gael yn hawdd i chi?

	Oedd
	Nac oedd
	Ddim yn gwybod

a. A oes unrhyw newidiadau y gallwn eu gwneud i sicrhau bod deunyddiau ymgynghori yn fwy hygyrch?

Monitro Cydraddoldeb

Darparwch y wybodaeth ganlynol i'n helpu i nodi pwy y mae ein hymgynghoriad wedi'i gyrraedd. Mae'r holl wybodaeth yn gwbl gyfrinachol ac yn ddarostyngedig i'r Rheoliad Cyffredinol ar Ddiogelu Data (GDPR). Mae cwblhau'r cwestiynau hyn yn gwbl wirfoddol, a bydd eich ymatebion yn ddienw.

29. Beth yw eich grŵp oedran?

	14 ac iau
	15-19
	20-24
	25-34
	35-44
	45-54
	55-64
	65-74
	75+
	Gwell gen i beidio â dweud

30. Pa un o'r canlynol sy'n disgrifio eich rhywedd orau?

	Gwryw
	Benyw
	Anneuaidd
	Arall (nodwch yma):
	Gwell gen i beidio â dweud

31. A ydych yn ystyried bod gennych anabledd neu gyflwr iechyd hirdymor?

	Ydw
	Nac ydw
	Gwell gen i beidio â dweud

32. Sut fyddech chi'n disgrifio'ch cefndir ethnig? Os ydych yn uniaethu ag ethnigrwydd cymysg neu luosog, dewiswch bob un sy'n berthnasol.

	Asiaidd neu Asiaidd Prydeinig/Cymreig: Bangladeshaidd
	Asiaidd neu Asiaidd Prydeinig/Cymreig: Tsieineaidd
	Asiaidd neu Asiaidd Prydeinig/Cymreig: Indiaidd
	Asiaidd neu Asiaidd Prydeinig/Cymreig: Pacistanaidd
	Asiaidd neu Asiaidd Prydeinig/Cymreig: Asiaidd arall (nodwch)
	Du neu Ddu Prydeinig/Cymreig: Affricanaidd
	Du neu Ddu Prydeinig/Cymreig: Caribïaidd
	Du neu Ddu Prydeinig/Cymreig: Du Arall (nodwch)
	Gwyn: Cymreig, Seisnig, Albanaidd, Gogledd Iwerddon neu Brydeinig
	Gwyn: Gwyddelig
	Gwyn: Pwylaidd
	Gwyn: Sipsi neu Deithiwr Gwyddelig
	Gwyn: Roma
	Gwyn: Gwyn Arall (nodwch)
	Grŵp ethnig arall: Arabaidd
	Grŵp ethnig arall: Nodwch
	Gwell gen i beidio â dweud

a. Os dewisoch chi un o'r opsiynau 'Nodwch', nodwch yma:

33. Beth yw eich crefydd neu gred?

	Dim crefydd (gan gynnwys anffyddiwr)
	Bwdhaidd
	Cristnogol
	Hindŵaidd
	Iddewig
	Moslemaidd
	Sicaidd
	Unrhyw grefydd neu gred arall (manylwch):
	Gwell gen i beidio â dweud

34. Ydych chi'n gallu gwneud unrhyw un o'r canlynol yn y Gymraeg? (Dewiswch un opsiwn ym mhob colofn)

	Siarad	Darllen	Ysgrifennu	Gwrando
Ddim o gwbl				
Dechreuwr				
Eithaf rhugl				
Yn rhugl				
Gwell gen i beidio â dweud				

35. Pa un o'r canlynol sy'n disgrifio orau beth rydych chi'n ei wneud ar hyn o bryd?

	Gweithio amser llawn (30+ awr yr wythnos)
	Gweithio rhan-amser (llai na 30 awr yr wythnos)
	Ar gontract dim oriau
	Mewn addysg amser llawn
	Ar gynllun hyfforddi a gefnogir gan Lywodraeth y DU
	Diwaith
	Wedi ymddeol
	Ddim yn gweithio oherwydd salwch neu anabledd
	Gofalwr amser llawn

	Arall
	Gwell gen i beidio â dweud

36. A oes gennych unrhyw rai o'r cyfrifoldebau gofal canlynol?

	Prif ofalwr plentyn neu blant (dan 18 oed)
	Prif ofalwr plentyn neu blant sy'n anabl, sydd â chyflwr iechyd neu sydd ag anghenion gofal dros dro (dan 18 oed)
	Prif ofalwr neu gynorthwy-ydd ar gyfer oedolyn neu oedolion anabl (18 neu hŷn)
	Prif ofalwr neu gynorthwy-ydd ar gyfer person neu bobl hŷn (65 a hŷn)
	Gofalwr eilaidd (mae person arall yn cyflawni'r brif rôl gofal)
	Dim
	Gwell gen i beidio â dweud
	Arall (disgrifiwch):

Amdanoch chi

Enw Cyntaf	
Cyfenw	
Sefydliad	
E-bost	
Côd post	

Gellir dychwelyd y ffurflen hon atom, yn rhad ac am ddim trwy:

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Appendix 13: Press release

Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection

17 March 2025

Media Release

Pennant Walters launches statutory consultation for wind farm grid connection.

17 March 2025 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wales based renewable energy company Pennant Walters is bringing forward proposals to connect its consented Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm scheme to the grid.

The 66kv underground and wooden pole overhead route will be situated predominantly within Bridgend CBC, running through the western side of Maesteg, down to a connection point southwest of Llangynwyd. The route will start and finish in Neath Port Talbot CBC, covering a total distance of around 10km. Of this, 5.1km will be underground with 4.4 km overhead.

The wind farm received planning permission in 2023. The planning consent includes 8 turbines at 145 m height to tip which could generate up to 33MW. The wind farm will be built to the north-west of Maesteg within the boundaries of Neath Port Talbot CBC.

Since receiving consent for the wind farm, Pennant Walters has been carrying out the work needed to deliver its grid connection. These proposals are subject to a 6-week statutory consultation running from 17 March to 30 April.

This consultation allows statutory consultees, local residents, community and interest groups the opportunity to learn more and provide feedback.

The proposed grid connection is classed as a Development of National Significance (DNS) and following the close of the consultation a planning application will be submitted to Planning Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) for determination.

Commenting on the proposals, Meryl Lewis, Director of Environment & Sustainability, said:

"Currently we have 127MW of operational onshore wind capacity in South Wales with another 104MW of onshore capacity permitted awaiting construction over the next few years. Securing a grid connection for Foel Trawsnant is a key factor for realising these aspirations, contributing to Welsh Government's net zero targets."

Pennant Walters has organised 3 public exhibition drop-in events in the Maesteg and Llangynwyd areas so that the public can call in and learn more about the detailed proposals. These will take place on 10 April from 11am until 2pm at St David's Church, Maesteg and from 4pm until 7pm at Nantyffyllon RFC, then on 11 April between 11am and 2pm at Llangynwyd Village Hall.

Further details on the plans, along with a feedback form, can be found on the project website: www.ftgrid.co.uk

Feedback should be sent in before the closing date on 30 April.

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For more information, please contact Bethan Harrington, Grasshopper Communications on [redacted] or [redacted]

Notes to Editors

About Pennant Walters

Pennant Walters is Wales's largest home-grown renewable energy developer.

They are a local company operating nationally that employs around 500 people.

They have diversified significantly in the last 20 years, developing, building and now operating six wind farms and some solar in South Wales - generating a total of 127MW.

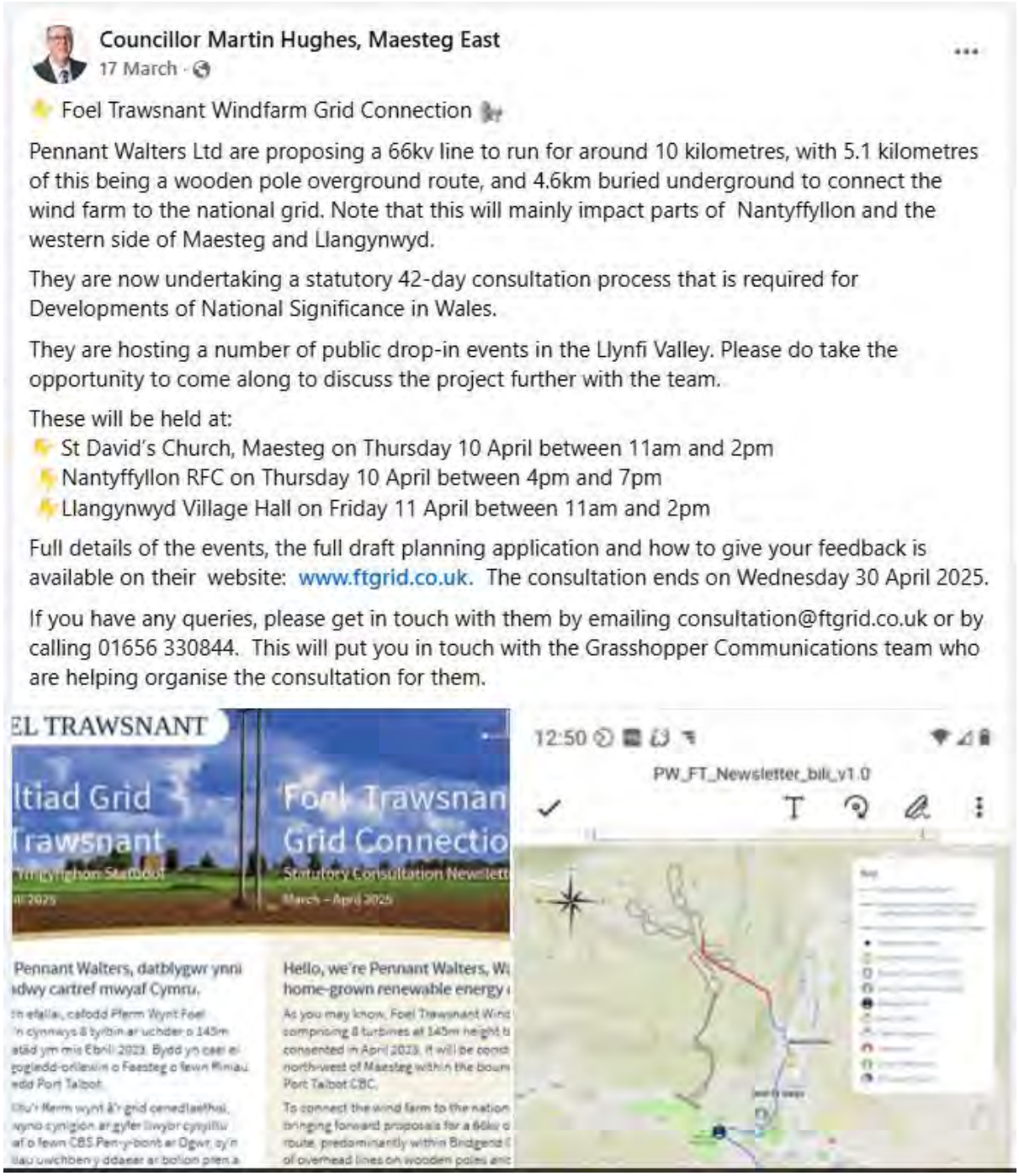
Two recent permissions (both approved in 2024) offer a further 64MW of onshore wind energy generation in South Wales.

Appendix 14: Social media publicity summary

Foel Trawsnant event publicity posts:

9 posts in total across 5 FB pages

1. **Cllr Martin Hughes FB page**



Councillor Martin Hughes, Maesteg East
17 March ·

Foel Trawsnant Windfarm Grid Connection

Pennant Walters Ltd are proposing a 66kv line to run for around 10 kilometres, with 5.1 kilometres of this being a wooden pole overground route, and 4.6km buried underground to connect the wind farm to the national grid. Note that this will mainly impact parts of Nantyffyllon and the western side of Maesteg and Llangynwyd.

They are now undertaking a statutory 42-day consultation process that is required for Developments of National Significance in Wales.

They are hosting a number of public drop-in events in the Llynfi Valley. Please do take the opportunity to come along to discuss the project further with the team.

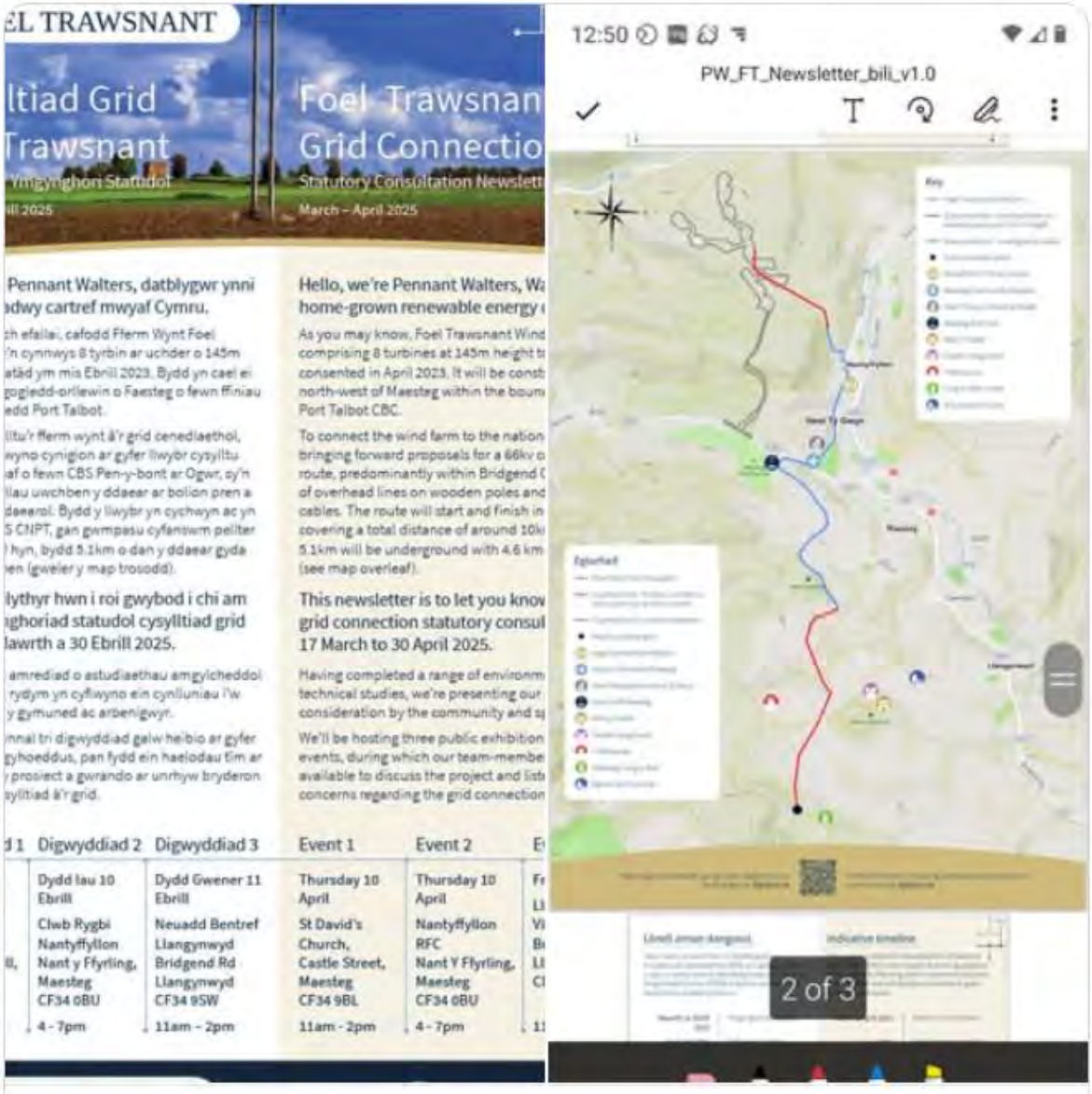
These will be held at:
St David's Church, Maesteg on Thursday 10 April between 11am and 2pm
Nantyffyllon RFC on Thursday 10 April between 4pm and 7pm
Llangynwyd Village Hall on Friday 11 April between 11am and 2pm

Full details of the events, the full draft planning application and how to give your feedback is available on their website: www.ftgrid.co.uk. The consultation ends on Wednesday 30 April 2025.

If you have any queries, please get in touch with them by emailing consultation@ftgrid.co.uk or by calling 01656 330844. This will put you in touch with the Grasshopper Communications team who are helping organise the consultation for them.

Councillor Martin Hughes, Maesteg East
10 April at 09:39 ·

A reminder that that the Foel Trawsnant drop in events are taking place today and tomorrow around the Llynfi Valley



2. Maesteg Hub page



Llynfi Valley Labour Party
10 April at 09:43 ·

A reminder that that the Foel Trawsnant drop in events are taking place today and tomorrow around the Llynfi Valley





Joe Jones
17 March ·

If anyone from Maesteg are wanting to protest or join Stop Y Bryn and Foel Transnant, there is a group set up. Hardly anyone from Maesteg in it at this time though.

Llynfi Valley Labour Party ▸ Maesteg Hub
17 March ·



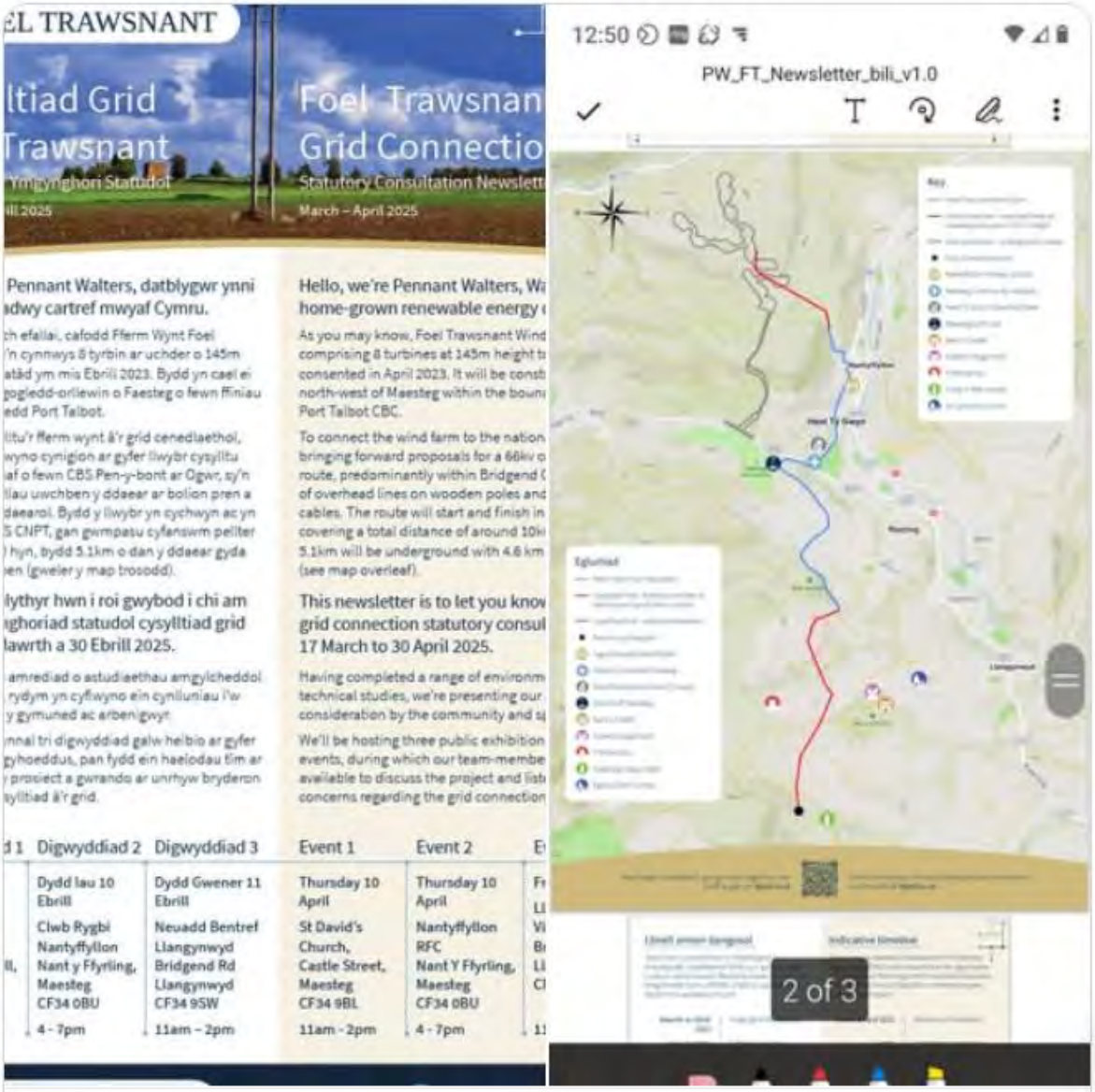


3. Llangynwyd Hub page



Martin Hughes
10 April at 13:36 ·

❄️ A reminder that that the Foel Trawsnant drop in events are taking place today and tomorrow around the Llynfi Valley 👇



4. Llangynwyd Village Hall page

Llangynwyd Village Hall
17 March ·

Public exhibition & drop in session.
Friday 11th April (11am to 2pm) at the Village Hall. ... See more



5. Garth Hub page

Martin Hughes's post

Garth Hub · Join
Martin Hughes · 10 April at 09:42 ·

A reminder that that the Foel Trawsnant drop in events are taking place today and tomorrow around the Llynfi Valley





Appendix 15: Exhibition boards

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Croeso i'n digwyddiad ymgynghori cyhoeddus. Ein nod yw rhoi gwybodaeth fanwl i chi am gynigion ar gyfer Cysylltiad Grid Foel Trawsnant. Mae hefyd yn gyfle i chi sgwrsio â'n tîm, gofyn cwestiynau, a chodi unrhyw bryderon sydd gennych.

Ar ddiwedd eich ymweliad, cymerwch amser i fyfyrio ar y prosiect a, phan fyddwch yn barod, llenwch ffurflen adborth. Gallwch wneud hynny ar-lein neu ar bapur. Gofynnwch i un o'n tîm am gopi, ynghyd ag amlen bost rhad ac am ddim, neu gallwn eich cyfeirio at y fersiwn ddigidol ar wefan ein prosiect.

Y cynnig i gysylltu â'r grid yw llinell 66kv yn rhedeg am tua 10 km, gyda 5.1 km yn gebl tanddaearol wedi ei gladdu a 4.4km fel llinell uwchben. Byddai'r llinell yn cysylltu Fferm Wynt Foel Trawsnant a gafodd gydsyniad â rhwydwaith y Grid Cenedlaethol.

Bydd y fferm wynt yn cynhyrchu hyd at 33MW o ynni glân, gwyrdd, gan helpu i fynd i'r afael â'r argyfwng hinsawdd a chyfrannu at darged Llywodraeth Cymru o sicrhau 100% o'i defnydd trydan blynyddol o ffynonellau adnewyddadwy erbyn 2035.

Welcome

Welcome to our public consultation event. Our aim is to provide you with detailed information on proposals for Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection. It's also an opportunity for you to chat with our team, ask questions, and raise any concerns you may have.

At the end of your visit, please take some time to reflect on the project and, when you're ready, fill in a feedback form. You can do so online or on paper. Just ask one of our team for a copy, along with a free post envelope, or we can direct you to the digital version on our project website.

The grid connection proposal is for a 66kv line running for around 10 km, with 5.1 km being buried underground cable and 4.4km as overhead line. The line would connect the consented Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm to the National Grid network.

The wind farm will generate up to 33MW of clean, green energy, helping to address the climate emergency and contributing to the Welsh Government's target of delivering 100% of its annual electricity consumption from renewable sources by 2035.



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Pennant Walters

Ni yw Pennant Walters, datblygwr ynni adnewyddadwy cynhenid mwyaf Cymru. Rydym yn gwmni lleol sy'n gweithredu'n genedlaethol, gan gyflogi tua 500 o bobl.

Fel is-gwmni i Grŵp Walters, rydym wedi arallgyfeirio'n sylweddol dros yr 20 mlynedd diwethaf, gan ddatblygu, adeiladu, ac yn awr gweithredu chwe fferm wynt a rhywfaint o ynni solar yn Ne Cymru – gan gynhyrchu cyfanswm o 127MW. Mae gennym ni 104MW arall o gapasiti ar y tir wedi'i ganiatáu ac yn aros i gael ei adeiladu dros yr ychydig flynyddoedd nesaf, gan gynnwys Foel Trawsnant.

Pennant Walters

We are Pennant Walters, Wales' largest home-grown renewable energy developer. We're a local company operating nationally, employing around 500 people.

As a subsidiary of the Walters Group, we've diversified significantly over the past 20 years, developing, building and now operating six wind farms and some solar in South Wales - generating a total of 127 MW. We have another 104 MW of onshore capacity permitted and awaiting construction over the next few years, including Foel Trawsnant.



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Fferm Wynt Foel Trawsnant

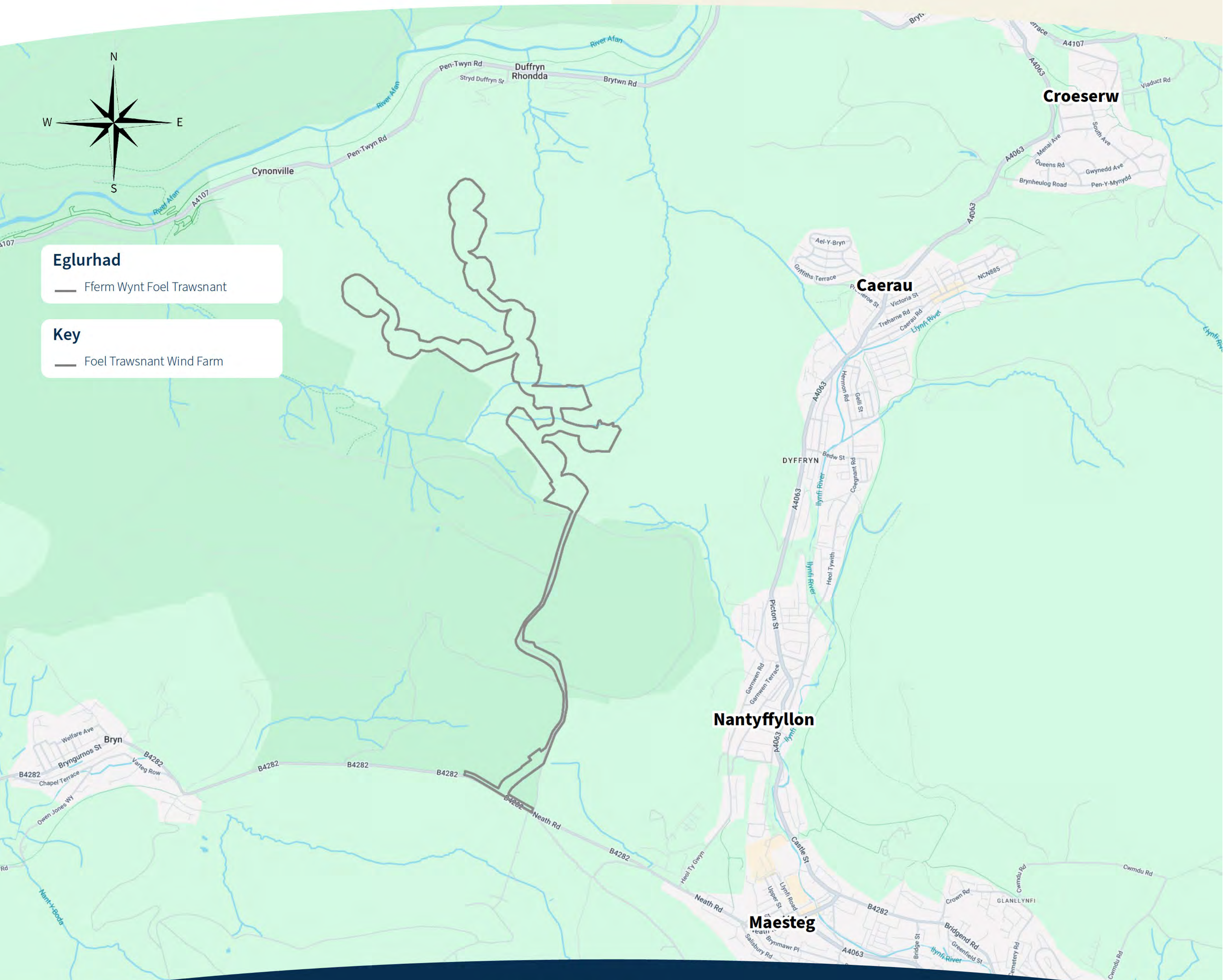
Cymeradwywyd Fferm Wynt Foel Trawsnant yn wreiddiol yn 2017. Yn ddiweddarach, gwnaeth Pennant Walters gais i amrywio'r caniatâd, gan leihau nifer y tyrbinau o 13 i 11. Yn 2023, yn dilyn amrywiad ychwanegol i'r caniatâd gwreiddiol, rhoddwyd caniatâd ar gyfer 8 tyrbin hyd at 145m o uchder i'r blaen.

Bydd y fferm wynt yn cael ei hadeiladu ar Foel Trawsnant, rhwng cymoedd Afan a Llynfi i'r gogledd-orllewin o Faesteg, o fewn ffiniau CBS Castell-nedd Port Talbot. Unwaith y bydd y fferm wynt wedi'i hadeiladu, gallai gynhyrchu hyd at 33MW.

Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm

Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm was initially approved in 2017. Pennant Walters later applied to vary the consent, reducing the number of turbines from 13 to 11. In 2023, following a further variation to the original consent, approval was granted for 8 turbines at up to 145m in height to tip.

The wind farm will be constructed on Foel Trawsnant, between the Afan and Llynfi valleys to the north-west of Maesteg, within the boundaries of Neath Port Talbot CBC. Once constructed, the wind farm could generate up to 33MW.



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Cynigion cysylltiad grid

Mae angen y cysylltiad grid hwn i gysylltu'r fferm wynt â'r grid cenedlaethol. Mae'r cynnig cysylltiad (y man y bydd y llinell yn cysylltu â'r grid cenedlaethol ynddo) wedi bod ar waith ers 2013, pan wnaethom gais gyntaf am ganiatâd cynllunio ar gyfer y fferm wynt.

Byddai'r llinell 66kv wedi'i lleoli'n bennaf o fewn CBS Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr, yn rhedeg trwy ochr orllewinol Maesteg i fan cysylltu i'r de-orllewin o Langynwyd.

Byddai'r llwybr yn dechrau ac yn gorffen yng Nghyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Castell-nedd Port Talbot, gan gwmpasu cyfanswm pellter o tua 10km. O hyn, bydd 5.1km o dan y ddaear, gyda 4.4 km uwchben.

Byddai'r llinell uwchben yn cynnwys polion H pren (gweler y llun) ar uchder o hyd at 15 m. Mae'r polion hynny yn cynnwys dau bolyn pren unigol wedi'u cysylltu gan drawsfraich â chyplysau.

Nid yw polion fel arfer yn gofyn am sylfeini concrit, ond bydd blociau concrit wedi'u rhagfwrw yn cael eu gosod o dan y ddaear i ddarparu cefnogaeth. Bydd y llinell mor syth â phosibl oni bai bod angen osgoi rhai nodweddion, fel coed.

Er bod y cais hwn yn cael ei gyflwyno gan Pennant Walters, National Grid Electricity Distribution (NGED, Western Power Distribution gynt) fyddai'n gwneud y gwaith adeiladu, yn berchen ar y llinell ac yn ei gweithredu ar ôl adeiladu.

Grid connection proposals

This grid connection is needed to connect the wind farm to the national grid. The connection offer (the point at which the line will connect to the national grid) has been in place since 2013, when we first applied for planning consent for the wind farm.

The 66kv line would be situated predominantly within Bridgend CBC, running through the western side of Maesteg to a connection point southwest of Llangynwyd.

The route would start and finish in Neath Port Talbot CBC, covering a total distance of around 10km. Of this, 5.1km will be underground, with 4.4 km overhead.

The overhead line would consist of wooden H-Poles (see image) at a height of up to 15 m. These poles consist of two single wooden poles joined by a crossarm with bracing.

Poles do not usually require concrete foundations, but precast concrete blocks will be installed below ground to provide support. The line will be as straight as possible unless certain features, such as trees, need to be avoided.

Whilst this application is being submitted by Pennant Walters, it is National Grid Electricity Distribution (NGED, formerly Western Power Distribution) who would undertake the construction work, own and operate the line post construction.

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Prif Gynllun Cysylltiad Grid

Byddai'r llwybr arfaethedig yn cychwyn yn lleoliad Fferm Wynt Foel Trawsnant y rhoddwyd caniatâd iddo, a byddai'n mynd ymlaen fel a ganlyn:

1. **Llinell uwchben (OHL) ar bolion pren i King's Terrace (llinell goch).**
2. **Cebl tanddaearol (UGC) trwy Kings Terrace, Teras Davies, Heol Garnwen, Heol Tŷ Gwyn, Heol Castell-nedd, Clwb Golff Maesteg, Nant Sychbant, Fferm Sychbant (llinell las)**
3. **Llinell uwchben (OHL) o Fferm Sychbant i fan cysylltu Coedwig Craig yr Aber (llinell goch).**

Grid Connection Masterplan

The proposed route would start at the location of the consented Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm, and would proceed as follows:

1. **Overhead line (OHL) on wooden poles to King's Terrace (red line).**
2. **Underground cable (UGC) via Kings Terrace, Davies Terrace, Garnwen Rd, Tŷ Gwyn Rd, Neath Rd, Maesteg Golf Club, Nant Sychbant, Sychbant Farm (blue line)**
3. **Overhead line (OHL) from Sychbant Farm to Craig yr Aber Woods connection point (red line).**

Eglurhad

- Fferm Wynt Foel Trawsnant
- Cysylltiad Grid - llinellau uwchben ar bolion pren hyd at 10m o uchder
- Cysylltiad Grid - ceblau tanddaearol
- Pwynt cysylltiad grid
- Ysgol Gynradd Nantyffyllon
- Ysbyty Cymunedol Maesteg
- Stad Ddiwydiannol Heol Tŷ Gwyn
- Clwb Golff Maesteg
- Nant y Castell
- Castell Llangynwyd
- Y Bwlwarcau
- Coedwig Craig yr Aber
- Eglwys Sant Cynwyd

Key

- Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm
- Grid connection - overhead lines on wooden poles up to 10m in height
- Grid connection - underground cables
- Grid connection point
- Nantyffyllon Primary School
- Maesteg Community Hospital
- Heol Tŷ Gwyn Industrial Estate
- Maesteg Golf Club
- Nant y Castell
- Castell Llangynwyd
- Y Bwlwarcau
- Craig Yr Aber woods
- St Cynwyd's Church

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- Parciau Gwledig

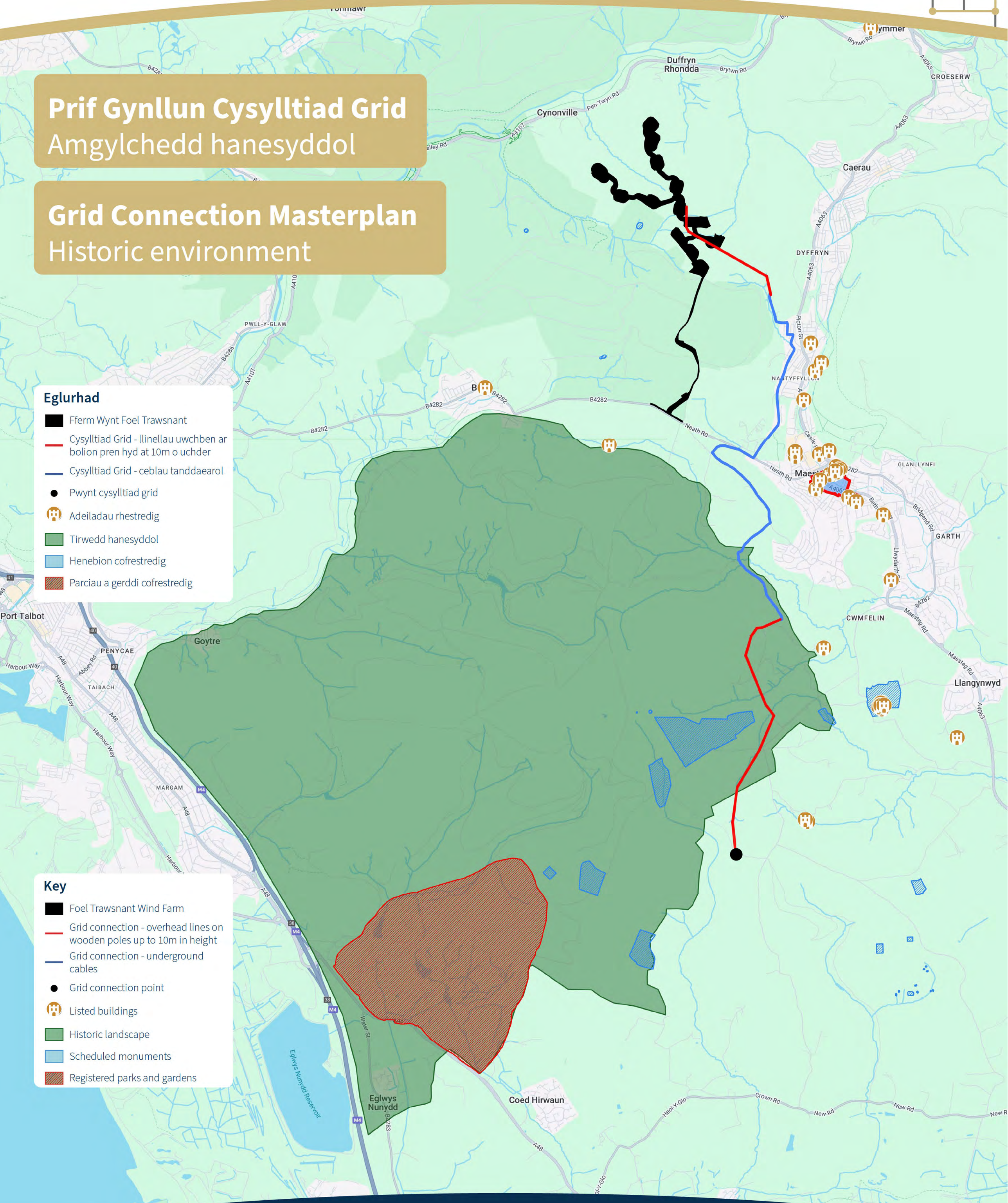
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- Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm
- Grid connection - overhead lines on wooden poles up to 10m in height
- Grid connection - underground cables
- Grid connection point
- Open access land
- Special landscape areas
- Country Parks

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Amgylchedd hanesyddol

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Yr amgylchedd

Yn ystod cyfnod paratoi'r cynllun hwn, fe wnaethom gynnal cyfres o astudiaethau ecolegol i lywio ein cynlluniau. Mae'r ddau fwrdd nesaf yn edrych ar yr astudiaethau hyn. **Mae'r bwrdd hwn yn manylu ar rai o'r ystyriaethau cynllunio allweddol.**

Gradd o Dir

Mae'r tir a ddefnyddir gan y cynllun hwn wedi'i gategoreiddio o Radd 4 i Radd 5, yn ogystal â thir sydd wedi'i gategoreiddio fel tir trefol a thir nad yw'n dir amaethyddol. Mae Gradd 5 yn cynrychioli tir sydd wedi'i raddio fel tir o ansawdd gwael iawn.

Coetir Hynafol

Mae cyfanswm o 39 parsel o Restr Coetir Hynafol (AWI) wedi'u nodi o fewn 1km i'r Safle.

Nodwyd un llain AWI - Coetir Hynafol Lled-Naturiol (ASNW) - ym mhen deheuol yr Ardal Arolygu, yn ymestyn dros ddwy lan Nant Lluest-Wen, sy'n llifo drwy'r Safle.

Fodd bynnag, mae'r Datganiad Amgylcheddol drafft yn cadarnhau na fydd unrhyw goed yn cael eu torri ar hyn o bryd mewn coetir hynafol gyda'r pyrth presennol yn cael eu defnyddio ar gyfer mynediad, gan osgoi'r angen i darfu ar nodweddion llinellol ar gyfer ystlumod.

Gellir gweld dogfennau cais ar wefan Cysylltiad Grid Foel Trawsnant, lle bydd yr holl astudiaethau amgylcheddol a gynhelir ar gael fel rhan o'r cais cynllunio drafft.

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The environment

During the preparation phase of this scheme, we carried out a series of ecological studies to inform our plans. The next two boards look at these studies.**This board details some of the key planning considerations**.

Grade of Land

The land used by this scheme is categorised from Grade 4 to Grade 5, in addition to land categorised as urban land and non-agricultural land. Grade 5 represents land that is rated as being of very poor quality.

Ancient Woodland

There are a total of 39 parcels of Ancient Woodland Inventory (AWI) that have been identified within 1km of the Site.

One AWI parcel - an Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland (ASNW) - was identified in the southern extent of the Survey Area, spanning both banks of the Nant Lluest-Wen, which flows through the Site.

However, the draft ES confirms that no tree removal will currently take place in ancient woodland with existing gateways used for access, avoiding the need to disturb linear features for bats.

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Yr amgylchedd

Mae arolygon ecoleg wedi cael eu cynnal i helpu i bennu llwybr elfen llinell uwchben y cysylltiad grid ac i osgoi unrhyw ardaloedd sensitif. Mae'r arolygon hyn wedi cynnwys Arfarniad Ecolegol Rhagarweiniol (PEA), Madfall Ddŵr Gribog, pathewod a Llygoden y Dŵr.

Mae bwriad hefyd i gynnal arolygon ychwanegol i gefnogi a gwirio'r hyn yr ydym eisoes yn ei wybod am y safle, gan gynnwys gwaith yn ymwneud ag adar, ystlumod a dyfrgwn.

Rydym wedi ymrwymo i sicrhau bod y prosiect hwn ar ei ennill yn fiolegol. I wneud hyn byddwn yn:

- **Cynhyrchu datganiad seilwaith gwyrdd a chynllun cadwraeth.**
- **Bydd mesurau lliniaru sefydledig yn cael eu gweithredu trwy gydol y Prosiect.**
- **O ran ecoleg cymerwyd agwedd gam wrth gam, mae hyn yn golygu yn gyntaf osgoi, yna lleihau, lliniaru ac, fel y dewis olaf, gwneud iawn am effeithiau andwyol ar yr amgylchedd sy'n digwydd fel rhan o ddatblygiad.**

The environment

Ecology surveys have been undertaken to help determine the route of the overhead line element of the grid connection and to avoid any sensitive areas. These surveys have included a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA), Great Crested Newt, dormouse and Water Vole.

Further survey work is also proposed to be undertaken to support and verify what we already know about the site, including work relating to birds, bats and otters.

We're committed to ensuring there is a biological net-gain from this project. To do this we will:

- **Produce a green infrastructure statement and conservation plan.**
- **Embedded mitigation measures will be implemented throughout the Project.**
- **In terms of ecology a step-wise approach has been taken, this entails firstly avoiding, then minimising, mitigating and, as a last resort, compensating for adverse impacts on the environment that occur as part of a development.**

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Trosolwg o asesiadau

Rydym hefyd wedi cynnal yr astudiaethau canlynol i lywio ein cynlluniau:

- **Asesiad o'r Effaith Weledol ar y Dirwedd (LVIA)**
  - **LVIA Cronnus**
- **Asesiad Traffig a Thrafnidiaeth**
- **Asesiad Effaith Ecolegol**
  - **Asesiad Ecoleg Rhagarweiniol**
- **Asesiad Archaeolegol Desg**
- **Asesiad Risg Llifogydd**

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Assessments overview

We've also carried out the following studies to inform our plans:

- **Landscape Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA)**
  - **Cumulative LVIA**
- **Traffic and Transport Assessment**
- **Ecological Impact Assessment**
  - **Preliminary Ecology Assessment**
- **Archaeological Desk Based Assessment**
- **Flood Risk Assessment**

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Trafnidiaeth a mynediad

Ar gyfer y prosiect hwn ni fyddai angen llwythi annormal i gael yr offer i'r safle.

Bydd traffig danfon deunyddiau yn mynd o'r Rhwydwaith Ffyrdd Strategol (SRN) i'r compownd adeiladu. Bydd gweithgareddau gwaith sifil UGC yn cynnwys symud y deunydd adeiladu i fannau mynediad y Prosiect ynghyd â symudiadau staff a danfoniadau deunyddiau eraill rhwng yr SRN, y lloc a phwyntiau mynediad y Prosiect.

Dylai gwaith ddigwydd rhwng 7 am a 7 pm yn ystod yr wythnos a 7 am i 1 pm ar ddydd Sadwrn.

O'r Cynllun Rheoli Adeiladu, mae'n cynnig y bydd gweithgareddau adeiladu yn cael eu lleihau y tu allan i oriau gwaith arferol (gyda gwaith yn digwydd rhwng 07:00 and19:00 oriau yn ystod yr wythnos a 07:00 i 13:00 ar ddydd Sadwrn). Mewn eithriadau, efallai y bydd angen wythnos waith 7 diwrnod. Byddai hyn yn cael ei gytuno â'r cyngor lleol fel y bo'n briodol.

Transport and access

For this project there would be no abnormal loads required to get the equipment to site.

Materials deliveries traffic will route from the Strategic Road Network (SRN) to the construction compound. The UGC civils works activities will consist of delivery movements of the construction material to the Project access points along with staff movements and other material deliveries between the SRN, the compound and the Project access points.

Works should take place between 7 am to 7 pm on weekdays and 7 am to 1 pm on Saturdays.

From the Construction Management Plan, it proposes construction activities will be minimised outside of normal working hours (with works taking place between 07:00 and19:00 hours on weekdays and 07:00 to 13:00 on Saturdays). In exceptions, there may be a requirement for a 7-day work week. This would be agreed with the local council as appropriate.

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Rheoli effeithiau lleol

Byddai'r rhannau o'r cysylltiad sydd o dan y ddaear yn cael eu gosod ar hyd ymylon ffyrdd, â cheblau yn cael eu gosod yn syth i ffosydd sydd hyd at 1.5 metr o led.

Bydd Gweithredwr y Rhwydwaith Dosbarthu (DNO) yn cytuno naill ai i gau ffordd â'r awdurdod priffyrdd lleol a/neu weithredu mesurau rheoli traffig priodol ar gyfer y gwaith sy'n gysylltiedig â phriffyrdd.

Rydym yn rhagweld y bydd adeiladu yn cymryd hyd at 9 mis i'w gwblhau.

- **Chwe mis ar gyfer agor ffosydd a gosod y dwythellau**
- **Un mis ar gyfer gwaith tynnu ceblau a gwaith uniadu**
- **Dau fis ar gyfer codi polion llinell uwchben.**

Managing local impacts

The sections of the connection that are underground would be laid along the edges of roads, with cables laid directly into trenches which are up to 1.5 meters wide.

The Distribution Network Operator (DNO) will agree either a road closure with the local highways' authority and/or implement appropriate traffic management measures for the works associated with the highways.

We anticipate that construction will take a maximum of 9 months to complete.

- **Six months for trenching and laying the ducts**
- **One month for cable pull through and jointing works**
- **Two months for erecting overhead line poles**

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Effaith ar y dirwedd ac effaith weledol

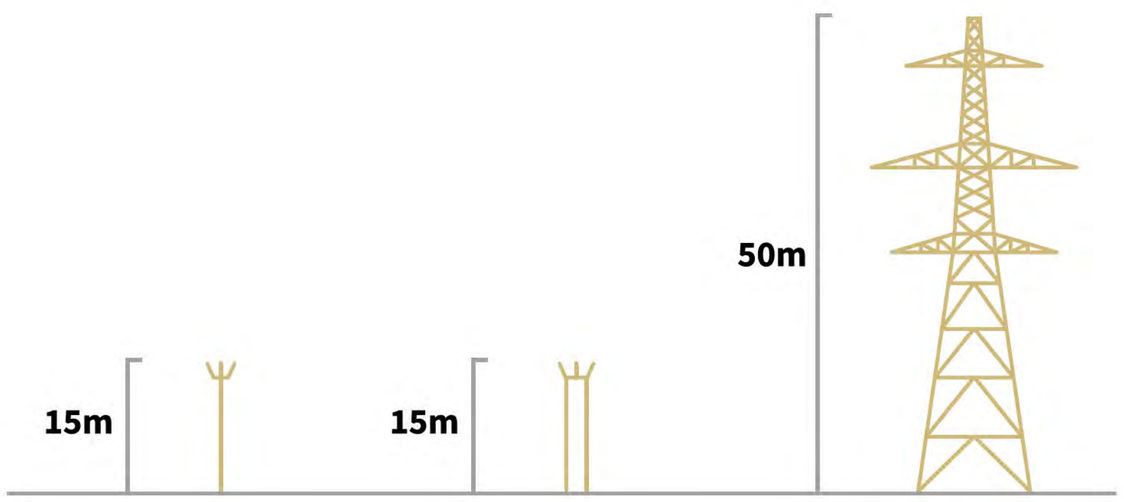
Mae'r ddogfen Effaith Tir a Gweledol (Pennod 6 o'r DA Drafft) yn ystyried effeithiau'r datblygiad ar y dirwedd.

Mae'r prosiect yn defnyddio polion H pren sy'n cynnwys polion pren sengl wedi'u cysylltu â chroesfraich gyda chyplysydd. Ar ddiwedd pob rhan o gebl tanddaearol bydd un llinell o Bolion H ag uchder mwyaf o 15 metr.

Mae cysylltiadau grid yn ôl eu natur yn tueddu i greu effeithiau ond ni ystyrir bod yr effeithiau hynny mor arwyddocaol fel eu bod yn annerbyniol. Yn achos y prosiect hwn, nid oes angen llawer o gymorth ychwanegol ar gyfer defnyddio polion H, sy'n weddol syml i'w codi, ac sy'n isel mewn proffil ag uchafswm uchder o ddim ond 15 metr.

Mae hyn yn sicrhau eu bod yn ymdoddi i'r dirwedd ac yn cael llawer llai o ardrawiad gweledol na pheilonau dellt dur mwy sydd eisoes yn bresennol yn y dirwedd. At ei gilydd, mae Polion-H yn nodweddion cyffredin yng nghefn gwlad ac er y bydd eu cyflwyno yn amlwg nid ydynt yn cael eu hystyried yn niweidiol i'r dirwedd.

I weld rhagor o wybodaeth am effeithiau gweledol a thirwedd, gallwch ymweld â'n gwefan, lle gallwch weld ein dogfen Effaith Tir ac Effaith Weledol (Datganiad Amgylcheddol Drafft Pennod 6) yn ftgrid.co.uk



Strwythur polyn pren sengl 66kV

Strwythur polyn pren deuol 66kV

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Landscape and visual impact

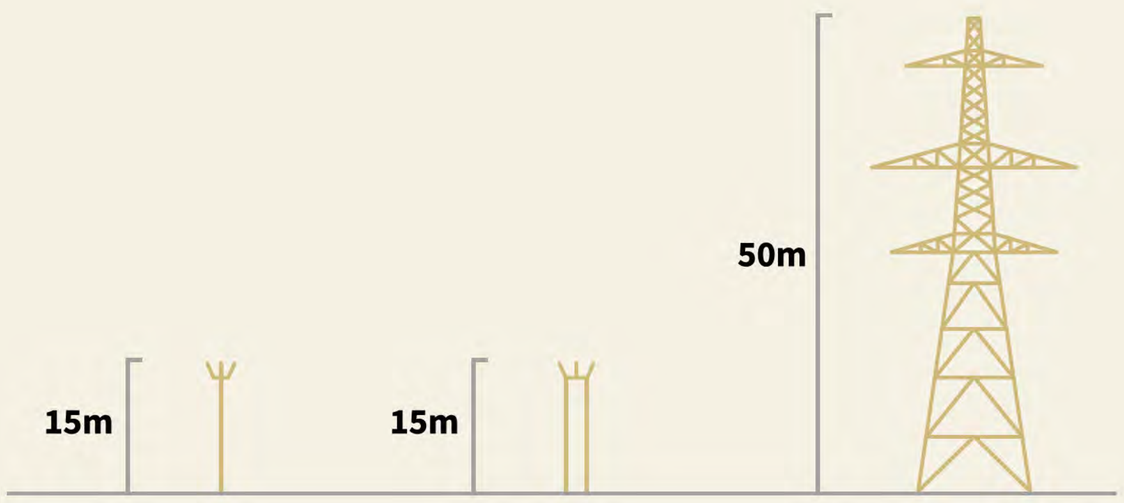
The Land and Visual Impact document (Draft ES Chapter 6) considers the effects of the development on the landscape.

The project makes use of wooden H-Poles which consist of single wooden poles joined by a crossarm with bracing. At the end of each section of underground cable there will be one line of H-Poles with a maximum height of 15 metres.

Grid connections by their nature tend to create effects but those effects are not considered to be so significant as to be unacceptable. In the case of this project the use of H-poles, which are fairly simple to erect, require little in the way of additional support, and are low in profile with a maximum height of only 15 metres.

This ensures they blend into the landscape and have considerably less visual impact than larger steel lattice pylons which are already present within the landscape. Overall, H-Poles are common features in the countryside and whilst the introduction of them will be evident they are not considered to be harmful to the landscape.

To see more information on landscape and visual impacts, you can visit our website, where you can view our Land and Visual Impact document (Draft Environmental Statement Chapter 6) at ftgrid.co.uk



66kV single wood pole structure

66kV twin wood pole structure

400kV tower/pylon

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Y broses gynllunio

Mae'r datblygiad hwn yn cael ei ddosbarthu fel datblygiad o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol (DNS), ac fel y cyfryw, bydd y cais yn cael ei gyflwyno i Benderfyniadau Cynllunio Amgylchedd Cymru (PEDW), fydd yn penderfynu a ddylid rhoi caniatâd.

Y camau nesaf

Yn dilyn y broses ymgynghori hon, byddwn yn casglu'r holl adborth ac yn ysgrifennu adroddiad ymgynghori. Yn yr adroddiad hwn, bydd Pennant Walters yn ymateb i'r holl sylwadau, gan amlinellu unrhyw effeithiau ar y cais terfynol.

Yna bydd yr holl ddogfennau cais drafft yn cael eu cwblhau a'u cyflwyno ar gyfer cais ynghyd â'r Adroddiad Ymgynghori.

Ar ôl ei ddilysu gan PEDW, bydd y cais yn mynd i mewn i gyfnod o archwiliad gan arolygwyr PEDW. Bydd hyn yn cynnwys proses ymgynghori PEDW ei hun. Wrth lenwi'r ffurflen adborth, mae opsiwn i roi caniatâd i'ch manylion cyswllt personol gael eu rhannu â PEWD fel y gallant hefyd ymgynghori â chi ar y cais.

Os bydd ein cais yn llwyddiannus, byddem yn gobeithio dechrau adeiladu ym mis Ionawr 2028 am gyfnod o 9 mis.

The planning process

This development is classed as a Development of National Significance (DNS), and as such, the application will be submitted to Planning Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW), who will decide whether to grant permission.

Next steps

Following this consultation process we will collate all feedback and write a consultation report. In this report Pennant Walters will respond to all comments, outlining any impacts on the finalised application.

All draft application documents will then be finalised and submitted for application along with the Consultation Report.

Following validation by PEDW, the application will enter a period of examination by PEDW inspectors. This will include PEDW's own consultation process. When completing the feedback form, there is an option to consent to your personal contact details being shared with PEWD so they can also consult with you on the application.

If our application is successful, we'd hope to begin construction in January 2028 for a period of 9 months.

Amserlen ddangosol

Ionawr - Chwefror 2025
Ymgysylltu cynnar â rhanddeiliaid

Mawrth – Mai 2025
Ymgynghoriad statudol

Mehefin/Gorffennaf 2025
Cyflwyniad gan gynnwys adroddiad ymgynghori PAC

Hydref 2025
Arholiad cais gan PEDW

Gaeaf 2025/26
Penderfyniad

Indicative timeline

January - February 2025
Early stakeholder engagement

March – May 2025
Statutory consultation

June/July 2025
Submission including consultation PAC report

Autumn 2025
Application examination by PEDW

Winter 2025/26
Determination

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FOEL TRAWSNANT

Diolch i chi am ddod i'n digwyddiad heddiw. Gobeithiwn ei fod yn ddefnyddiol i chi.

Dweud eich dweud

Hoffem yn fawr iawn glywed eich barn a'ch mewnwelediad ar ein cynigion ar gyfer Cysylltiad Grid Foel Trawsnant. Gallwch wneud hynny drwy lenwi ein **ffurflen adborth** sydd ar gael:

ftgrid.co.uk

Ar bapur yn y digwyddiad heddiw, ynghyd ag **amlen rhadbost** Dychwelwch y ffurflen erbyn **30 Ebrill i Freepost GRASSHOPPER CONSULT** (nid oes angen stamp).

Gallwch hefyd gysylltu â ni drwy unrhyw un o'r canlynol:

consultation@ftgrid.co.uk

01656 330844

Freepost GRASSHOPPER CONSULT (dim angen stamp)

Thank you for coming along to our event today. We hope that you found it useful.

Have your say

We'd very much like to hear your views and insights on our proposals for the Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection. You can do so by completing our **feedback form** which is available:

ftgrid.co.uk

On paper at today's event, along with a **freepost envelope** Please return the form by **30 April** to **Freepost GRASSHOPPER CONSULT** (no stamp needed).

You can also contact us through any of the following:

consultation@ftgrid.co.uk

01656 330844

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Appendix 16: Copy of community consultee response

From: [redacted]
Sent: 20/03/2025 13:37:06
To: consultation@ftgrid.co.uk
Subject: RE: Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection – Statutory consultation launch – information correction / Cysylltiad Grid Foel Trawsnant – Lansio ymgynghoriad statudol – cywiriad
Body:

I believe this site and the surrounding area is a site of significant historical nature going back to roman times a battle with the roman empire took place here and there are miles of roman roads that will be desicrated by cable laying and the all works to erect these totally unnecessary monsters. You need to do historical homework here, the BRISTOL CHANNEL IS A MUCH BETTER LOCATION ,

Thank you /Diolch

[redacted]

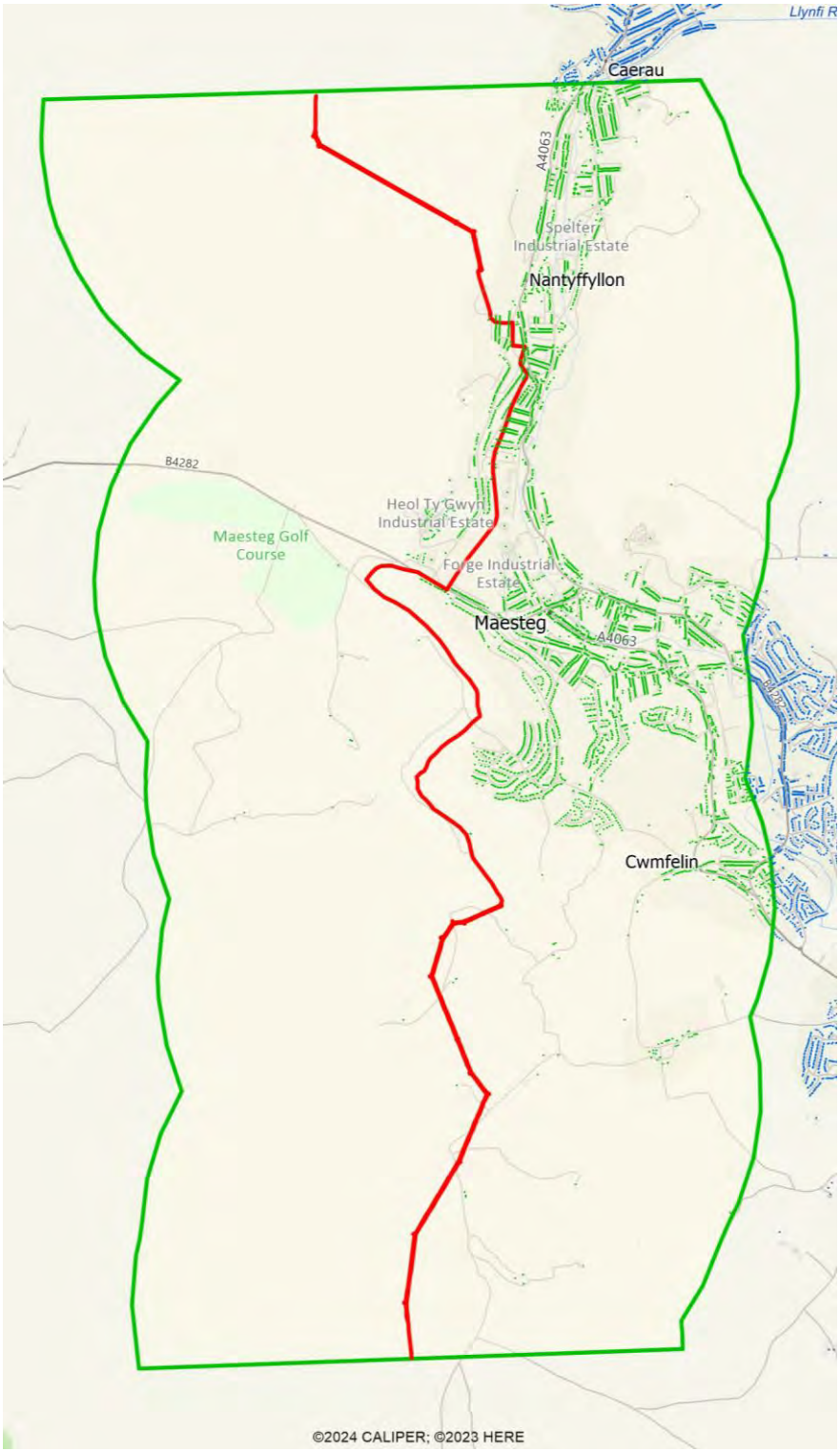
Cllr Phil Jenkins

[redacted]

Appendix 17: Consultation zone

Consultation zone

The consultation zone was a 3km wide (1.5km either side of the grid line) and included a total of 6,517 residential and business properties.



Appendix 18: List of non statutory stakeholders responding to the consultation (confidential)

Surname	Forename	Email
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Appendix 19: Copy of adjacent owner-occupier letter

PENNANT WALTERS

Annwyl First Name / Last Name (Title)

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Ymddiheurwn am y camgymeriad hwn ac unrhyw anghyfleustra a achoswyd ac rwyf wedi cynnwys copi llawn o'r e-bost wedi'i ddiweddaru isod gyda'r wybodaeth gywir wedi'i chynnwys.

Hoffem eich cyflwyno i'n cynllun newydd, Cysylltiad Grid Foel Trawsnant, sydd wedi'i leoli'n bennaf o fewn CBS Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr (ond yn rhannol – yn yr ardaloedd mwyaf gogleddol a deheuol – o fewn CBS Castell-nedd Port Talbot), yn rhedeg o fferm wynt Foel Trawsnant drwy ochr orllewinol Maesteg, ac i lawr i bwynt cysylltu i'r de-orllewin o Langynwyd.

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Rydym hefyd wedi cynnwys ein cylchlythyr cymunedol yn rhoi manylion yr ymgynghoriad, a fydd yn cael ei bostio i dros 6,000 o gyfeiriadau preswyl a busnes yn yr ardal.

Byddwn yn cynnal tri digwyddiad galw heibio cyhoeddus, ac rydym yn gobeithio y byddwch yn achub ar y cyfle i ddod draw i drafod y prosiect ymhellach â'r tîm. Cynhelir y rhain yn:

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Mae manylion llawn y digwyddiadau, y cais cynllunio drafft llawn a manylion sut i roi eich adborth ar gael ar ein gwefan: www.ftgrid.co.uk.

Daw'r ymgynghoriad i ben ar ddydd Mercher, 30 Ebrill 2025.

Os oes gennych unrhyw ymholiadau, cysylltwch drwy e-bostio consultation@ftgrid.co.uk neu drwy ffonio 01656 330844. Bydd hyn yn eich rhoi mewn cysylltiad â Grasshopper Communications, sy'n rheoli'r ymgynghoriad gyda'r tîm.

Edrychwn ymlaen at drafod y prosiect ymhellach â chi.

Yr eiddoch yn ddiffuant

Meryl Lewis,
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Chynaliadwyedd,
Pennant Walters Cyf

PENNANT WALTERS

Dear First Name / Last Name (Title)

Pennant Walters – Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection - Statutory consultation launch - information correction

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We are proposing a 66kv line to run for around 10 kilometres, 5.1km being buried underground cable and 4.4km as overhead line on wooden poles to connect the wind farm to the national grid.

As a statutory consultee, we are required to consult with you under the Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order (DNSPWO) 2016 and have attached a copy of the Schedule 1 statutory notice under Article 8 and 9(2) to inform you of our consultation.

We have also included our community newsletter giving details of the consultation which will be posted to over 6,000 residential and business addresses in the area.

We'll be hosting three public events and hope you'll take the opportunity to come along to discuss the project further with the team, these will be held at:

St David's Church, Maesteg on Thursday 10 April between 11am and 2pm

Nantyffyllon RFC on Thursday 10 April between 4pm and 7pm

Llangynwyd Village Hall on Friday 11 April between 11am and 2pm

Full details of the events, the full draft planning application and details of how to give your feedback are available on our website: www.ftgrid.co.uk.

The consultation ends on Wednesday 30 April 2025.

If you have any queries, please get in touch by emailing consultation@ftgrid.co.uk or by calling 01656 330844. This will put you in touch with Grasshopper Communications who are managing the consultation with the team.

We look forward to discussing the project with you further.

Yours sincerely

Meryl Lewis,
Director of Environment & Sustainability,
Pennant Walters Ltd

Appendix 20: Copy of community consultees letter

DNS – Statutory consultation launch

Tier 1 Statutory consultees – Maesteg community council

Project Name: Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection

Distribution list:

- Maesteg Town Council

To be emailed separately

Note: to be issued by email.

Date of issue: Monday 17 March 2025

Attachments: Schedule 1 notice
Newsletter

Email title: Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection – Statutory consultation launch

This is a bilingual email, scroll down for English

Annwyl Cynghorydd Tref,

Diolch am gyfarfod â ni ym mis Chwefror 2025 ynghylch cynlluniau Pennant Walters ar gyfer y Cysylltiad Grid arfaethedig ar gyfer Fferm Wynt Foel Trawsnant. Yn ystod y cyfarfod, dywedoch eich bod am wybod mwy am ba mor hir fyddai'r gwaith ffordd yn para, pa gyfleoedd a allai fod o fudd i'r gymuned, a fyddai atgyweiriadau ffyrdd yn ystod y gwaith adeiladu, ac a ddylid cynnal digwyddiad ychwanegol yn Llangynwyd.

Ar ôl ymgysylltu cynnar, rydym wedi ychwanegu trydydd digwyddiad ymgynghori i'w gynnal yn Llangynwyd. Mewn perthynas â'ch ymholiadau eraill, rhagwelir y bydd y gwaith priffyrdd yn cymryd rhwng pump a chwe mis i'w gwblhau (yn seiliedig ar brofiad prosiect arall). O ran atgyweiriadau priffyrdd yn ystod y gwaith adeiladu, bydd arolygon cyflwr ffyrdd yn cael eu cynnal cyn dechrau, yn ystod y gwaith adeiladu ac ar ôl y gwaith adeiladu i sefydlu a oes unrhyw ddifrod i ffyrdd ar y llwybrau cerbydau adeiladu mewn lleoliadau y cytunwyd arnynt gyda'r Awdurdod Priffyrdd Lleol. Lle gellir priodoli dirywiad i gyflwr y ffordd i draffig y Prosiect, bydd cynllun dylunio i ddychwelyd y ffordd i'w chyflwr blaenorol. Efallai y bydd rhywfaint o waith oddi ar y safle ar hyd y llwybrau traffig adeiladu

er enghraifft adeiladu mannau pasio dros dro neu arwyneb. Bydd manylion y gwaith oddi ar y safle yn cael eu trafod gyda'r Awdurdod Priffyrdd Lleol gan gynnwys a fydd y gwaith yn cael ei gadw'n barhaol.

Rydym nawr yn cynnal proses ymgynghori statudol 42 diwrnod, sy'n ofynnol ar gyfer Gorchymyn Datblygiadau o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol (Gweithdrefn) (Cymru) (DNSPWO) 2016. Fel ymgynghorai statudol, mae'n ofynnol i ni ymgynghori â chi o dan y DNSPWO, ac rydym wedi atodi copi o hysbysiad statudol Atodlen 1 o dan Erthygl 8 a 9(2) i'ch hysbysu o'n hymgynghoriad.

Rydym hefyd wedi cynnwys copi o'n cylchlythyr, sy'n rhoi diweddariad ar y prosiect a manylion yr ymgynghoriad. Byddwn yn cynnal digwyddiadau galw heibio cyhoeddus, ac rydym yn gobeithio y byddwch yn achub ar y cyfle i ddod draw i drafod y prosiect ymhellach â'r tîm.

Caiff y rhain eu cynnal yn:
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Mae manylion llawn y digwyddiadau, y cais cynllunio drafft llawn a manylion sut i roi eich adborth ar gael ar ein gwefan: www.ftgrid.co.uk. Daw'r ymgynghoriad i ben ar ddydd Mercher, 30 Ebrill 2025.

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Edrychwn ymlaen at drafod y prosiect ymhellach â chi.

Yr eiddoch yn ddiffuant

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Dear Town Councillor,

Thank you for meeting with us in February 2025 regarding Pennant Walters' plans for the proposed Grid Connection for the Foel Trawsnant Wind Farm. During the meeting you raised that you wanted to know more about how long the roadworks would be, what community benefits opportunities there might be, whether there would be road repairs during construction, and if there should be an additional event in Llangynwyd.

After early engagement we have added a third consultation event to take place in Llangynwyd Village Hall. In relation to your other queries, it is anticipated the highway works will take between five to six months to complete (based on other project experience). In terms of highway repairs during construction, road condition surveys will be undertaken prior to commencement, during construction and post construction to establish if there is any damage to roads on the construction vehicle routes in locations agreed with the Local Highway Authority. Where a deterioration to the road condition can be attributed to the Project traffic there will be a design scheme to return the road to its previous state. There may be some off-site works along the construction traffic routes for example construction of temporary passing areas or surfacing. The details of off-site works will be discussed with the Local Highway Authority including if the works are to be retained permanently.

We are now undertaking a statutory 42-day consultation process that is required for Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order (DNSPWO) 2016. As a statutory consultee, we are required to consult with you under DNSPWO and have attached a copy of the Schedule 1 statutory notice under Article 8 and 9(2) to inform you of our consultation.

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We look forward to discussing the project with you further.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Environment & Sustainability,
Pennant Walters Ltd

Appendix 21: Copy of specialist consultees letter

DNS – Statutory consultation launch

Statutory consultees – specialist consultees email

Project Name: Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection

Tractivity distribution list name: Tier 2 - Statutory consultees – specialist consultees

Note: to be issued by email

Landing date: Monday 17 March 2025

Attachments: Notice & newsletter

Email / letter title: Cysylltiad Grid Foel Trawsnant – cywiro gwybodaeth / Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection – Statutory consultation launch – information correction

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