

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL CASTELL-NEDD PORT TALBOT**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1999**

SCREENING OPINION – ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT REQUIRED

Name and address of the applicant

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DATE REGISTERED: 22 April 2026

APPLICATION NO: P2026/0255

LOCATION: Land North Of Giants Grave

PROPOSAL:

Request for a formal Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Opinion under Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017 for a proposed solar development and associated works and infrastructure which will generate up to 6 Megawatts (MW) on land to the north of Giants Grave Road, Neath, SA11 2LP.

THE NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY IN PURSUANCE OF ITS POWER UNDER THE ABOVE MENTIONED ACT AND REGULATIONS HEREBY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING SCREENING OPINION THAT THE DEVELOPMENT IS AN E.I.A. DEVELOPMENT AND THAT THE APPLICATION NEEDS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT. THE REASONS FOR THIS OPINION ARE SET IN THE ATTACHED REPORT.

RECOMMENDATION: EIA Development

In coming to this decision the Authority has had due regard to all information submitted by the developers; the available results of other environmental assessments, statutory consultee comments as well as the criteria set out within schedule 3. The Authority's main reasons for coming to this decision are set out within the attached report. In conclusion, the Authority is of the opinion that based on the information submitted and the exclusion of specialised technical information and final design details, it is necessary to proceed on a

precautionary basis. As such, it is concluded that the proposed development's impacts are, either alone or in combination, likely to have a significant adverse effect on the environment, until a time that it can be robustly demonstrated otherwise. As such, the development is likely to be significant enough to warrant EIA development. The applicant is advised that this position could be subject to change if sufficient supporting and technical information is provided by the applicant at the time of submitting another request for a screening opinion under Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017 to the authority.

Signed: 
Ceri Morris – Head of Planning & Public Protection

Date: 22 May 2026