



ABERPERGWM COLLIERY

WELDING WORKSHOP

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INTRODUCTION

Energybuild Ltd. is based in the Neath Valley, South Wales. We produce, process, and sell high quality Anthracite products, which are used mainly as a water filtration medium, and for high quality carbon products, which are used for the manufacture of carbon electrodes and carbon paste for battery manufacture and for use in electric arc furnaces etc.

The mine has been in operation for over 30 years. It currently employs 230 direct employees. Of this number 28 are electrical and mechanical engineering apprentices. We also engage 10 full-time contractors on site. The site benefits from a full planning consent (P2014/0729) and full mining license until 2039.

SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

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

The site has the benefit of a Planning Consent granted in 2018 (consent number P2014/0729 updated in 2025 to P2022/0782) by Neath Port Talbot Borough Council and all ongoing undertakings are conducted within the consented boundary and area.

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

A haul road passes through the site and winds to the top of the Hirfynydd mountain, which lies to the North of the Aberpergwm site, where a waste repository for mine waste is located.

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

WHAT IS ENERGYBUILD APPLYING FOR

Energybuild Ltd is applying to Neath Port Talbot CBC for consent to locate a welding workshop on site in the location as shown on the attached plan.

The Company's welders and fabricators currently work from a small corner of the washery plant building. The new workshop will give them proper and adequate space and a designated area of their own. Plans of the building and its dimensions are attached.

The location of the workshop has been carefully considered in an area of the site which is not visually intrusive from outside the site, as with all of our buildings it will be covered in Juniper Green sheets to further limit its impact on the surrounding area.

CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Noise

No adverse impacts expected as a result of the activities to be carried out within the workshop. The workshop will only be in use during the normal operating hours of the site as per the approved planning consent P2022/0782.

Dust

None associated with this installation

Visibility

The workshop will be green in colour similar to all other structures on site, further to this, its location is such that it will not be seen from the public highway or any other public view point.

Lighting

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

Ecology

The workshop will sit on an existing concrete base on an area of the site previously used for storage. As such there is not considered to be any significant impact on ecology in the area.

Drainage

No foul or surface water drainage is associated with the new workshop.

Transport

None.

CONCLUSION

Energybuild proposes to build a new welding workshop on their Aberpergwm site. The location and dimensions are shown in the attached plans.

The workshop is not a large in consideration of the other structures and buildings on site and will be in character and appearance with the same green colour. It is not considered to be intrusive to the public in any way, being well screened and not visible from any public road or footpath.

The site and construction of the workshop, and subsequent use will be included in the periodic assessment of the EMMP watching brief. No adverse ecological impacts are anticipated.

No adverse impacts are expected and the workshop and its activities will be inspected regularly and maintained as necessary.

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