

DNS: NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The Welsh Ministers are hereby notified of the intention to make an application for a Developments of National Significance (DNS) under section 62D of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

1. APPLICANT

Name	Mr Martin Cole
Organisation Name (if applicable)	RWE Renewables UK Limited

2. AGENT (if any) FOR THE APPLICATION

Contact Name	Mr Jack Pugsley
Organisation Name (if applicable)	Savills
Agent Reference	

3. LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY / AUTHORITIES (LPA) IN WHICH SITE IS LOCATED

Conwy County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council
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4. SITE LOCATION

You **must** include a site location plan, drawn to an identifiable scale and showing the direction of north. The site outline must be shown in red and other land in the ownership of the applicant should be shown in blue.

Description of location of the application site(s), or route of development
(Please reference appropriate plans)

The application site is located approximately 5km north of Cerrigydrudion and the A5 within Alwen Forest, a commercial forest managed by Natural Resources Wales on land owned by Dwr Cymru Welsh Water. The part of the application site comprising the proposed grid connection shall connect to the Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) collector substation at Saron in the north of the Clocaenog Forest.

The application site falls within the administrative areas of Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC) and Denbighshire County Council (DCC). The majority of the proposed wind farm area is located within CCBC's administrative area, with a small part of the proposed wind farm area (in the northern part) within the neighbouring DCC administrative area. The proposed grid connection lies within both DCC and CCBC administrative areas.

Is the site a single site or a linear site? Single ☒ Linear ☒

Please provide Grid reference(s)

SINGLE:	Easting	<input type="text" value="295663"/>	Northing	<input type="text" value="354983"/>
LINEAR: Start	Easting	<input type="text" value="296403"/>	Northing	<input type="text" value="354001"/>
LINEAR: Middle	Easting	<input type="text"/>	Northing	<input type="text"/>
LINEAR: End	Easting	<input type="text" value="301355"/>	Northing	<input type="text" value="358810"/>

5. DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

(1) The construction and operation of up to nine wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of up to 200m and associated infrastructure, including turbine foundations, external transformer housing, crane pads and laydown areas; access tracks; entrance points (new and upgrades) off the B4501; on-site substation, control building and compound; battery energy storage system (BESS) facility; underground electricity cables between the turbines and the onsite substation; borrow pits for the wind farm; drainage works; temporary concrete batching plant and construction / storage compounds for the wind farm; and peat restoration area/habitat management areas; and

(2) Grid connection for the proposed wind farm with other associated infrastructure including: installation of an overhead electric line of 132 kiloVolts (kV) or less and up to 1.2 km in length; installation of underground electricity cables between the proposed wind farm and the Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) substation at Saron in the north of Clocaenog Forest; an up to 132 kV electrical compound adjacent to the existing SPEN substation; borrow pits for the grid connection; and temporary construction and storage compounds for the grid connection.

Please provide an estimate for when you consider the DNS application will be submitted

Estimated date of submission

Quarter 1 2024

6. DNS CATEGORY

Please indicate the type of development for which planning permission will be sought.

A.	The construction, extension or alteration of a generating station that generates electricity	<input type="checkbox"/>
B.	Onshore Wind Generating Stations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C.	Development relating to underground gas storage facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>
D.	Overhead Electric Lines of 132 kV or less	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
E.	The construction or alteration of an Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) facility	<input type="checkbox"/>
F.	The construction or alteration of a gas reception facility	<input type="checkbox"/>
G.	Airport-related development	<input type="checkbox"/>
H.	The construction or alteration of a railway	<input type="checkbox"/>
I.	The construction or alteration of a rail freight interchange	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. DNS CATEGORY (continued)

Please indicate the type of development for which planning permission will be sought.

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The construction or alteration of a dam or reservoir

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- K.

Development relating to the transfer of water resources

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- L.

The construction or alteration of a waste water treatment plant or of infrastructure for the transfer or storage of waste water

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- M.

The construction or alteration of a hazardous waste facility

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7. SECONDARY CONSENTS

Are any Secondary Consents required? Yes ☒ No ☐

If No go to section 8

If Yes please select which secondary consents will be required from the options below and confirm whether these will accompany the DNS application to Welsh Ministers

1. Consent under section 2(3) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 (control of works affecting scheduled monuments).

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- Application to Welsh Ministers

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Description of Consent required

2. Consent under section 178(1) Highways Act 1980 (restriction on placing rails, beams etc over highways).

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- Application to Welsh Ministers

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Description of Consent required

7. SECONDARY CONSENTS (continued)

3. Consent under section 8(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (authorisation of works: listed building consent).

Application to Welsh Ministers

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Description of Consent required

4. Consent under section 74(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (control of demolition in conservation areas).

Application to Welsh Ministers

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Description of Consent required

5. Consent under section 4(1) of the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 (requirement of hazardous substances consent).

Application to Welsh Ministers

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Description of Consent required

6. Consent under section 13 of the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 (application for hazardous substances consent without condition attached to previous consent).

Application to Welsh Ministers

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Description of Consent required

7. SECONDARY CONSENTS (continued)

7. Consent under section 17 of the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 (revocation of hazardous substances consent on change of control of land).

Application to Welsh Ministers

Description of Consent required

8. Planning permission under section 57(1) of the Town and Country Planning 1990 Act (planning permission required for development) other than outline planning permission.

Application to Welsh Ministers

Description of Consent required

Planning permission for parts of the grid connection comprising the installation of underground electricity cables between the proposed wind farm and the existing SPEN substation at Saron in the north of Clocaenog Forest; an up to 132 kilovolt (kV) electrical compound adjacent to the existing SPEN substation; borrow pits for the grid connection; and temporary construction and storage compounds for the grid connection.

9. Authorisation under section 247(1) of the 1990 Act (order authorising stopping up or diversion of highway).

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Description of Consent required

10. Authorisation under section 248(2) of the 1990 Act (order authorising the stopping up or diversion of highway crossing or entering route of proposed new highway).

Application to Welsh Ministers

Description of Consent required

7. SECONDARY CONSENTS (continued)

11. An order under section 251(1) of the 1990 Act (order extinguishing public rights of way over land held for planning purposes).

Application to Welsh Ministers

Description of Consent required

12. Consent requested under section 16(1) of the Commons Act 2006 (deregistration and exchange: applications).

Application to Welsh Ministers

Description of Consent required

13. Consent required by section 38(1) of the Commons Act 2006 (prohibition on works without consent).

Application to Welsh Ministers

Description of Consent required

8. EIA DEVELOPMENT

If you do not consider that the development is ‘EIA development’ you must submit a copy of a negative Screening Direction issued by PEDW with this Notification.

	YES	NO
Is the development considered to be EIA development?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If ‘YES’ please confirm that an Environmental statement will be provided when the application is submitted.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If ‘NO’ please confirm that a copy of the screening direction confirming it is Non-EIA development is provided with this form.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. FEE

Please note that we cannot accept BACS payments without first raising an invoice. Please contact us via **PEDW.infrastructure@gov.wales** to arrange raising an invoice before submitting your Notification. The timetable for PEDW to process your Notification will not commence until we are in receipt of the completed Notification form, the required site plan and the fee.

Have you submitted the initial fee for the notification of proposed development via BACS payment?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Please provide details

Payment has been made by the Applicant through WorldPay on XX November 2023.

EITHER 1 ELECTRONIC COPY or 1 HARD COPY should be sent to us at:

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