

Developments of National Significance Inception Meeting: DNS CAS-03102-P5D2P3
- Esgair Galed Energy Park

Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 13:00

Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

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Iain Foster
Huw Rees

Carney Sweeney

Rob Mitchell
Peter Waldren

**Planning and Environment Decisions
Wales (PEDW)**

Marloes Holtkamp – Planning Officer
Chris Pang – Planning Student
Robert Sparey – Planning & Environment Manager
Chris Sweet – Infrastructure Consenting Manager

Meeting Note:

Representatives from Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) met with the above-named project team regarding the proposed Esgair Galed Energy Park located in Land approximately 11 km north-west of Llanidloes, within Powys LPA planning area.

The project team outlined that the proposed project will include 26 turbines, and each turbine will approximately generate 6.6 MW. The project team also explained that the reason they chose the site is because the site offers great potential for wind energy development.

The project team mentioned that they intend to submit a scoping report in January 2024. The project team also mentioned that the proposal needs Public Right of Way secondary consent. The project team showed the route for access to Banc Du and the inwards journey to the site, but they were not sure about highway consent as they had not yet identified all landowners along the proposed route. PEDW advised that when the project team has clarity on the requirement for highways consent, they liaise directly with the Welsh Government Transport Directorate Orders Branch on the draft Orders that will need to be published as part of the statutory pre-application consultation.

The project team also mentioned that no common land has been identified on the site.

The project team outlined their proposed timeline:

Inception Meeting November 2023

Submitting Scoping Report January 2024

Planning Applications for Met Mast to Powys Council January 2024

Scoping Response Due March 2024

EIA Survey Window Concludes October 2024

DNS Notification Q4 2024

Pre-application publicity and consultation October 2024

Final DNS submission April 2024

PEDW asked about the grid connection of the project, the project team answered that the grid connection is not part of the proposed project, it will be a separate DNS application in due course.

PEDW advised the project team to track the update on Planning Policy Wales and also the change in PPW chapter 6.

Action:

PEDW will include DNS Secondary Consents: Consulting 'Relevant Persons' in the email.

PEDW will include the Dear CPO letter (change in PPW chapter 6):
<https://www.gov.wales/addressing-nature-emergency-through-planning-system-update-chapter-6-planning-policy-wales>