

Developments of National Significance Inception Meeting: DNS CAS-03094-T7D9G0
- Green GEN Towy Teifi Grid Connection (Commercial in Confidence)

Wednesday 29 November 2023 at 10:00

Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Green GEN Cymru

Jaimee-Lee Bennett

Danny James

Thomas Ryan

Turley

Amy Cooper

RSK

Juliet H. Richards

**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 Green GEN Towy Teifi Grid Connection overhead line to a proposed new substation near Carmarthen, passing through the Carmarthenshire County Council and Ceredigion County Council planning areas.

The Project team mentioned that the proposed project will be approximately 50 km 132 kV overhead line connection from the proposed Lan Fawr Energy Park to a proposed new substation near Carmarthen. The overhead lines are likely to be supported by L7 steel lattice towers (or similar) with a standard height of 27 m.

The project team mentioned that they have been working on the likely route for three to four months and aim to undertake initial consultation in late January.

The project team outlined the proposed timeline of the project:

November 2023 – Routing study

January 2024 – First Non statutory consultation

June 2024 – EIA Scoping

January 2025 – Second Non statutory consultation

October 2025 – Statutory consultation

January 2026 – DNS submission and CPO submission

The project team outlined that the study area for the overhead line has been informed by a Phase 1 Grid Connection Strategy which assessed possible connection routes across Wales. Following further assessment of the study area, a preferred route corridor will be defined for the first non-statutory consultation. This will include information about how the preferred route corridor has been established, taking into consideration other route corridor options and the spatial constraints of the study area. The second non-statutory consultation will have a more detail design based on the information from the first non-statutory consultation.

A draft list of likely submission documents was shared by the Applicant. PEDW concurred that the list covered statutory requirements, with both parties acknowledging that it is subject to change as the project evolves. PEDW asked about Secondary Consents, the project team answered that secondary consents may be necessary but the form of these is not known at this preliminary stage.

PEDW reminded the project team to keep an eye on the change in PPW and advised that it might be good for the project team to have self-assessment against the Ways of Working laid out in the Well-being of Future Generations Act and the recently updated guidance “[Designing for Renewable Energy in Wales](#)” from the Design Commission for Wales.

PEDW confirmed that the Secondary Consents guidance needs to be expanded, but that due to resources on the relevant team it is unlikely that will take place in the near future. In the meantime PEDW encourages developers to raise case specific queries with them once it is known what Secondary Consents the applicant will include with their DNS application.