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Dear Rob

GREEN GEN TOWY TEIFI – REQUEST FOR SCOPING DIRECTION
DNS CAS-03094-T7D9G0

As discussed at the inception meeting on 29 November 2023, Green Generation Energy Networks Cymru Limited (Green GEN Cymru, hereafter referred to as ‘the Applicant’) is a business within the Bute Energy Group that is developing proposals to construct and operate a new 132 kilovolt (kV) grid connection (hereafter, referred to as ‘the proposed scheme’). The proposed scheme will provide a grid connection between the proposed Lan Fawr Energy Park and the proposed National Grid 400 kV substation to the south of Carmarthen (known as the Llanydfaelog substation). The proposed scheme is approximately 52 km in length and passes within the administrative boundaries of Ceredigion County Council and Carmarthenshire County Council.

The proposed scheme will be a ‘Development of National Significance’ (DNS) in accordance with the Planning (Wales) Act 2015 as an infrastructure development project of national importance to Wales.

The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017 (as amended by the 2019 and 2020 regulations) (‘the EIA Regulations’) are the pertinent regulations for identifying whether the Proposed Development is ‘EIA development’ and whether an Environmental Statement (ES) is required to accompany the DNS application. Schedule 1 of the EIA Regulations sets out types of development where an EIA is mandatory, whereas Schedule 2 sets out the types of development that may be subject to an EIA depending on certain parameters and/or their potential to give rise to significant environmental effects. The proposed scheme falls within the type and scale of development described in Schedule 2 of the EIA Regulations under ‘Energy industry’ part K.

The EIA Regulations make provision for obtaining a Scoping Direction from Welsh Ministers on the information to be included in the ES. This cover letter is the Applicant’s formal request for a Scoping Direction for the proposed scheme and a Scoping Report and associated appendices are enclosed. The Scoping Report outlines the proposed methodology for the EIA topic areas (including topics which are anticipated to be scoped out), details of preliminary surveys undertaken to date (where available) and includes specific questions (identified in the blue boxes) for consideration by statutory consultees. The Scoping Report has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 33(2) of the EIA Regulations and Appendix 3 of PEDW’s DNS Procedural guidance.

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The DNS application is anticipated to be brought forward in 2026, accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment in accordance with Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017 (as amended).

A dedicated project website has been established at: [Home - Green Gen Towy Teifi](#) which will be regularly updated with further information about the proposed scheme as it becomes available. The Applicant commenced early engagement with local stakeholders and intends to undertake further public consultation events ahead of the submission of the DNS planning application.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague Nia Russell [REDACTED]). We look forward to receiving the Scoping Direction in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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Enc. Scoping Report and appendices.