

Pre-application Services Meeting: DNS CAS-03613-S7Y6S4
Prosiect Egni Glan Llynfi (Modular Nuclear)
Tuesday 11 February 2025 at 10:00
Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Last Energy UK Ltd
Robert Sedgman

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

Giulia Bazzoni - Infrastructure Consenting Manager
Marloes Holtkamp – Planning Officer
Tanya Leck – Planning Officer
Georgia Peters – Planning Officer
Robert Sparey – Planning & Environment Manager

Meeting note:

Representatives from PEDW met with the above-named representative of the applicant regarding the Prosiect Egni Glan Llynfi modular nuclear reactor project located within the Bridgend County Borough Council area.

Since the inception meeting, the scheme has developed and now proposes four 20 MW Micro Pressurised Water Reactor (PWR) Modular Nuclear Reactors, generating a total of 80 MW. The intention is to construct and commission the modular reactors on a staggered schedule, with an anticipated interval of 12 months between the completion of each reactor. The applicant clarified that there is currently no formal agreement for energy offtake from the site, but they are expecting to have several industrial users and a grid connection.

DNS Notification

The applicant confirmed their intent to submit their formal notification shortly. PEDW agreed to raise an invoice for payment.

PEDW confirmed that the applicant has 12 months from the Acceptance of Notification date to complete their pre-application consultation and submit a full DNS application. The transitional arrangements for the Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024 allows applicants to continue using the DNS system if the notification remains valid (i.e. within one year of acceptance). If the notification lapses, the scheme will follow

the new consenting route. The transitional arrangements for the are found in Section 146: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asc/2024/3/section/146/enacted>

EIA Scoping

The applicant confirmed their intent to submit an EIA Scoping Direction request to PEDW shortly. PEDW advised that the scoping request can be submitted prior to notification.

The applicant confirmed their intention to provide a comprehensive Environmental Statement (ES) with all topic chapters scoped in. PEDW highlighted the importance of the methodology, particularly for the Major Accidents and Hazard topic. PEDW advised appending any preliminary surveys to the SR for meaningful responses from consultees and PEDW.

PEDW confirmed the scoping request should be submitted to PEDW.Infrastructure@gov.wales. Files exceeding 30 MB cannot be received by email and PEDW advised that the project team should get in touch prior to submission for a file sharing workspace to be set up if required. In addition, any documents over 50 MB should be split to ensure they are able to be published on PEDW's casework portal. Any environmentally sensitive information should be marked as confidential and PEDW will consider redacting if necessary.

Pre-application Consultation

The applicant confirmed their intention to undertake statutory pre-application consultation shortly, to run concurrently with the scoping request. PEDW highlighted that undertaking scoping and pre-application consultation simultaneously may increase resource pressure on consultees. This may result in delays with responses to these consultations. PEDW suggested that it may ease the burden on consultees to stagger the stages.

- Whilst not specifically mentioned in the meeting, PEDW draws the applicant's attention to Article 8(1)(b)(vii) of the Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016 (as amended), which requires the ES to be published as part of the statutory pre-application publicity.

The applicant confirmed they have been in contact with Bridgend County Borough Council and NRW in advance of statutory pre-application. Non-statutory consultation is ongoing with the community. Public consultation events will be planned across Bridgend through the summer with a focus on the ward area.

Non-planning updates

The applicant stated that the site licensing process with the Office for Nuclear Regulation has begun, which is expected to take 1.5 to 2 years. Progress has also

been made with National Grid regarding a grid connection offer to connect to the nearby substation.

Publication of meeting notes

Given the project is now in the public domain, the applicant agreed the inception meeting note and pre-application services meeting note can be published to PEDW's casework portal.

DNS Guidance

PEDW drew the applicant's attention to the recently updated DNS guidance: <https://www.gov.wales/developments-national-significance-dns-procedural-guidance>