

SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (SIP): Request for Pre-Application Services from PEDW, including Environmental Impact Assessment Screening or Scoping

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PLEASE READ BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS FORM:

The pre-application services that we provide are offered without prejudice to any future consideration of related applications and is given on the basis of the information provided at the time of the your request. Our provision of pre-application services attracts the payment of fees, as set out here:

www.gov.wales/fees-significant-infrastructure-project-sip-applications

We strongly encourage you to discuss your request with us in advance of submitting this form, so that we can ensure that the resources necessary to deal with your request and arrangements for the invoicing of fees are in place when we receive it. If you do not provide advance notice, this may delay the handling of your request and the provision of our advice.

Advice on pre-application services is contained in our guidance here: www.gov.wales/significant-infrastructure-projects-sip-pre-application-services-planning-and-environment-decisions

You should refer to that advice when making your request and completing this form.

On receipt we will check if your pre-application request is valid and if not we will confirm why. If valid we will write to confirm the deadline for providing our response.

PEDW Reference If not previously registered, please enter N/A.

SIP CAS-02913-L1W3K0

Project Title

RHIWLAS GREEN ENERGY NETWORK (GEN)

Relevant Planning Authorities

If any part of the site falls within a Planning Authority (PA) area, that PA is a 'relevant PA' for the SIP application. This can mean that there may be more than one relevant PA per application.

POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

Welsh Marine Area

Is the project located in the Welsh Marine Area as defined in Section 143(1) of the infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024?

No

1. APPLICANT

Name

Organisation Name
(if applicable)

GREEN GEN CYMRU

2. AGENT (IF ANY) FOR THE APPLICATION

Contact Name

KATE GIRLING

Organisation Name
(if applicable)

CARTER JONAS

3. SITE LOCATION

For development in Wales, 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.

If any part of the project is located in the Welsh Marine Area, provide co-ordinates of latitude and longitude based on the World Geodetic System 1984, which identify the location to which the application relates.

Description of location of the application site(s), or for schemes with a linear element, the route of development (site address).

The Proposed Development is between Rhiwlas Energy Park (near Llangurig), and the Lyn Lort Energy Park (near Cefn Coch). The OHL would connect between substations located at each of these Energy Parks.

Please provide Grid reference(s). Where there are multiple sites please provide Grid reference(s) for each on a separate sheet.

4. DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

The Proposed Development would provide a new 132 kilovolt (kV) overhead line (OHL) supported on a single circuit wood pole line between the Rhiwlas Energy Park (near Llangurig), and the Lyn Lort Energy Park (near Cefn Coch). The OHL would connect between substations located at each of these Energy Parks. The Proposed Development also comprises an underground cable (approximately 3km in length)

5. DETAILS OF ANY REQUESTS FOR A SCREENING OPINION OR DIRECTION, OR A SCOPING OPINION OR DIRECTION MADE UNDER THE EIA REGULATIONS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM

N/A - EIA SCOPING RECEIVED JUNE 2024

6. PRE-APPLICATION SERVICES REQUIRED

Please check the relevant box(es) and complete the supporting fields to indicate the services required.

Inception Meeting (to be held virtually unless otherwise agreed)

We recommend holding an Inception Meeting before requesting other pre-application services.

Preferred date(s) and start time(s)

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening

EIA Screening and/or EIA Scoping services are best sought before bespoke pre-application services to help resolve queries at an early stage.

PEDW will not process simultaneous requests for Screening and Scoping. It is likely that many SIP projects will be EIA development.

Advice on information needed for EIA Screening is contained in our guidance here www.gov.wales/environmental-impact-assessment-eia-guidance

For developments which include onshore or offshore wind turbines, include a standalone ‘one-sheet’ that summarises for each indicative turbine:

- i. easting and northings or marine co-ordinates
- ii. turbine height
- iii. hub height
- iv. rotor diameter

Failure to provide this information in a separate document may lead to delays, as some consultees will not extract this information from supporting documents.

You must send a copy of Screening requests to all relevant Planning Authorities when you submit your request to PEDW.

EIA Scoping

Advice on information needed for EIA Scoping is contained in our guidance here www.gov.wales/environmental-impact-assessment-eia-guidance. For developments which include onshore or offshore wind turbines, include a standalone ‘one-sheet’ as for Screening requests above’.

You must send a copy of Scoping requests to all relevant Planning Authorities when you submit your request to PEDW.

Bespoke Pre-application Advice

Please tick what you require advice on:

- The form and content of the application. ☒
- Technical reports that may be provided as part of the application. ☒
- Any relevant policy. Please note that relevant Planning Authorities are best placed to provide advice on local planning policies. ☐
- The procedure for making, examining, and deciding SIP applications. Please ensure you have read our guidance: www.gov.wales/significant-infrastructure-projects-sip-guidance ☒
- Any consents that could be deemed or the requirements for which could be removed by provision in an infrastructure consent order. ☐

Deemed and Removed Consents

Please specify which consents you seek to deem or remove and provide your specific queries in relation to each. Please attach a separate document if necessary.

Pre-application Queries

What are your specific pre-application queries?

Providing specific queries and sufficient supporting information will result in a response that is likely to add more value for applicants. Please attach a separate document if necessary.

FOLLOWING ON FROM AN INITIAL INCEPTION MEETING IN APRIL GGC ARE SEEKING FURTHER GUIDANCE IN RESPECT OF THE DOCUMENT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFIC POINTS OF CLARIFICATION. PLEASE REFER TO ACCOMPANYING PRE-APPLICATION REQUEST DOCUMENT.

Pre-Submission Validation Check

PEDW will check whether any required application documents are missing. This service does not include a completeness check of the Environmental Statement. This check is non-binding on the formal checks that must be conducted when the application is submitted.

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Pre-Submission check of the draft Environmental Statement (ES)

PEDW will check whether the draft ES is ‘complete’ against the relevant EIA Regulations and, if there is one, the latest Scoping Opinion or Direction for the project. This does not preclude the Examining Authority or decision maker from identifying issues during the examination stage or seeking further information at a later stage where necessary.

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7. REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION TO BE DELAYED (OPTIONAL)

PEDW must keep and publish a register of requests for pre-application advice to include:

- a copy of the form
- any plan submitted, and
- any documentation, reports or other information submitted.

PEDW must normally publish our advice when it is issued. Please tick if you want to request that we delay publication of your request and/or the pre-application response. Please state reasons for delay, and the date or stage you wish PEDW to delay until.

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For PEDW to delay publication, we must be satisfied that the public interest in disclosure is outweighed by the justification provided. The latest we can delay is the earlier of:

- Three years from the date of our advice
- The date of your Notification of intention to submit a SIP

You should note our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act and/or the Environmental Information Regulations. These may, following a request, require us to disclose any unpublished information for which it has been agreed to delay publication, either where an exemption or exception does not apply or if, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in maintaining the exemption or exception.

8. FEE

Our pre-application services fees are set out here: www.gov.wales/fees-significant-infrastructure-project-sip-applications

See ‘Making a payment in’ the above fees guidance.

Please provide details of invoice and date of payment:

PEDW TO ADVISE OF PRE-APPLICATION FEE

9. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Please confirm you are submitting the following necessary documents:

A plan drawn to an identified scale and showing the direction of north.



A copy of any additional plans (must be drawn to an identified scale and show the direction of North), drawings or documents necessary to describe the project and inform this request for pre-application advice.



A GIS shapefile of the proposal in the following format:



- Polygon geometry type, consisting of one or more polygon features representing the DNS site boundary;
- A single Shapefile provided as a *.zip file using the default WinZip settings (i.e. no encryption, normal compression etc.);
- The *.zip file must contain one of each of the following files: *.prj, *.dbf, *.shp, *.shx; and
- There must not be any other files within the *.zip file;
- In British National Grid (OSGB1936) format;
- If the proposed DNS site boundary comprises a number of separate discrete polygons, these should all be included within the single shape file contained in the *.zip file.”

Please note for Screening and Scoping requests, the shapefile will be passed onto our consultees as part of our consultation process, however we will not publish this data publicly on our website, nor on DataMapWales. We will also state on our consultation that our consultees should not publish/pass on the shapefile without express permission from yourselves.

List supporting documents. Please attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Submitting your request

We prefer electronic submission. We can accept e-mails up to 30 MB. If your submission is too large to submit over a series of e-mails, please contact us and we will arrange an alternative.

SEND AN ELECTRONIC COPY TO US AT:

E-mail: **PEDW.infrastructure@gov.wales**

Or send to:

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