

Let us start by saying that we are not opposed to a renewable energy generation, but this scheme is far too big for the area, especially considering the existence of Clawdd Ddu Solar Farm and the Tycroes Solar Farm. This has nothing but a negative impact to the area considering the size and scale of the project. The environmental impact that would be felt on one area must outweigh for any further renewable energy generation due to the impact on the residents of Llanedi and Garnswllt.

Within this area there are many species including butterflies, bats, curlews and red kites, goshawks to name a few which will have their natural habitat destroyed by this project. The developers have claimed that allowing sheep to graze within the solar farm is maintaining the agricultural use of the land. This does still not justify the size and scale of this project and what was green being green no longer!

Having lived at Dyffryn Fach since June 21 we have accepted that we have one side of our property with solar panels but cannot imagine how this would affect us if we were surrounded. The impact for several homes that would be almost surrounded by solar panels is not good for anyone's wellbeing and long-term mental and physical health. We question has anyone considered what potential there could be as to any the long-term effect on humans. There is already evidence that proximity to the existing solar farm has a negative impact on the value and saleability of property primarily on account of the negative impact of the solar farms. We can see that the scheme is far larger than the existing Clawdd Ddu Solar Farm and the soon to be built Tycroes Solar Farm and this can only serve to further have a detrimental effect on more families in the area. Garnswllt will have glint and glare created by the development and will not only be visually undesirable but also potentially could cause ill health. These homes will be looking out to a blinding glare from this project which surely must be also dangerous to the drivers of vehicles coming down Heol y Mynydd.

There has now been permission granted for a second solar farm Ty Croes Solar Farm - DNS/3227364 which will border the existing Clawdd Ddu Solar Farm. The Brynrhyd Solar Farm would be the third solar farm in the area. We believe that the cumulative effect of a third solar farm in such proximity to two others would have a hugely detrimental effect on the villages of Llanedi the connecting road Heol Troeon Bach, Tycroes and Garnswllt - on their residents, and on the environment. This development would be using decent quality agricultural land that is currently used for milk and beef production. There is no shortage of former industrial land in East Carmarthenshire and there are already some good examples of where solar panels have been located on land that could not be used for agriculture— for example on the former site of the Cynheidre colliery 3 & 4 shafts. Alternatives must be considered.

The new panels would be clearly visible from many properties in the village and from Ebenezer Road (B4279) which runs from Fforest through Llanedi to Tycroes. It would turn beautiful unspoilt countryside into a mass of glaring glass and would turn good agricultural land, currently farmed by local inhabitants into an industrial site. The proposed solar farm would have an operational lifespan of 40 years, by which time the company behind the scheme might no longer be in existence leaving a blot on the landscape for others to decommission. This part of West Wales is still dealing with effects of coal extraction and the

public purse must foot the bill of clearing waste created by coal production. It is highly likely that history will repeat itself when the time comes to remove the photo-voltaic cells and their supports.

The main beneficiaries of this scheme would be Island Green Power, a multinational developer of solar farms and the main landowners, namely Sir John Michael Dillwyn-Venables-Llewelyn of Llysdinam, Newbridge-On-Wye and David Richard Mount of Camberley, Surrey. On 29 May 2020 they granted an option for a lease to Brynrhyd Solar Farm Limited to access the land that they own at Brynrhyd. Venables-Llewelyn is also a director to the two major estates that own land locally – Penllergaer Investments Ltd and Parcmawr Investments Ltd and if this scheme is accepted what further applications could be submitted? The economic benefit will not be felt locally. Residents and their elected representatives adamantly oppose this development and object to the fact that it being imposed on the communities of Llanedi and Garnswllt by people who have no connection with this area and care even less about its wellbeing and future impact.

Access to the proposed site is via two very narrow lanes. The disruption that will be caused by the high volume of HGVs that will need access will be considerable and the safety of those travelling along Heol Troeon Bach and Heol Ebeneser will be severely compromised. Considerable damage will certainly be caused to both roads, and it is likely that damage will also be caused to hedgerows, particularly along Heol Troeon Bach. This again will have a negative impact on the environment when we being encouraged to restore hedgerows for the wildlife. The volume of construction traffic along with that of workers arriving at the site will cause a dramatic increase to risk for residents going about their daily routine. Already a difficult lane to navigate with few small laybys how has the risk been assessed that multiple HGV's could be in a situation of reversing for horse riders or horse and carts farmers moving their stock?

As we have said above, we understand the need for renewable energy but the negative impact and size of this project in one area is unacceptable and we are saying that enough is enough and other sites must be considered as an alternative. There is no justification to impact the residents and environment with any further development and we oppose the proposed Brynrhyd Solar Farm DNS/3260565.

Kind Regards,

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