

Dear PCAC/PEDW

**Application by” Brynwell Farm Solar Ltd**

**Site: Land at Brynwell Farm, on Land between the A4232 and Leckwith Village.  
Brynwell Solar Renewable Hub DNS 3261558**

In response to the additional information submitted by the Applicant and the Local Planning Authorities for the above application, I would like to submit the following comments on behalf of Michaelston-le-Pit & Leckwith Community Council.

**Annex 026 Hydrock Revised Transport Statement**

**Paragraph 4.2.6** There is a claim that 16.5m HGVs and 12m rigid trucks can “safely enter the site off the B4267 Leckwith Road”. This manoeuvre onto Leckwith Green is simply not possible.

**Paragraph 4.4.4** The removal of ancient hedgerows to improve passing bays is against the law. The 1997 Hedgerow Regulations (Statutory Instruments No 1160).

**Paragraph 4.6.2** Access by 16.5m articulated HGVs and 12m rigid trucks via the B4267 passing Llandough Hospital and through Llandough village would cause tremendous congestion.

**Paragraph 4.6.3** The proposition that “It is not anticipated that there will be a requirement to close the Gower Lanes” followed by “if the position changes then any potential road closures will be agreed with the LHA” would be totally unacceptable to the residents and businesses that use the lane.

**Paragraphs 5.2.1 – 5.2.9** The vehicle movements are calculated at 482 deliveries, plus 154 stone tipper lorries, plus skip deliveries, plus general construction traffic. Gower Lane is a single track, rural lane and totally unsuitable for this sort of traffic.

**Annex 027 Passing Bays**

The map has marked in blue “Formal existing Passing Bay”, this in fact used for the residents of the Foresters Cottages for parking.

Marked in green, “Informal existing passing bays”, on the east of the map the small layby is at the end of the Gower Common held by Michaelston Community Council. The other passing bays are field entrances where two cars can barely pass.

**Annex 025 Archaeology and Heritage Assessment**

**Paragraph 2.25** The grade 2 listed Brynwell Farmhouse and farm buildings are adjacent to the proposed solar development. I disagree with the contention that “the change being only visible in approximately 90 degrees of the view of the farm” In fact the main, traditional, entrance to the farm faces the proposed development and the 14<sup>th</sup> century lancet window also has a northern aspect, overlooking the proposed development.

In the Applicants Addendum EPD – there appears to be no mention of ringwork at Brynwell. There is also no mention of the deserted medieval village of Begganstone.

Regarding the Visual Impact of the proposal. Some of the photographs in the Addendum, were taken many miles away from the location and appear to have no relevance to the proposal. There does not appear to be a single photograph taken from the lane where the Meadowvale footpath crosses the White Farm turn off.

The views northwards from this vantage point are framed by the hills around Llantrisant and the valley in the foreground (which includes Brynwell Farm) exemplifies and is integral to this landscape being part of the Cwrt Yr Ala Landscape Area.

Yours faithfully

Jeanette Haigh  
Clerk, on behalf of Michaelston-le-Pit & Leckwith Community Council