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From: Sparey, Robert (COOG - Planning & Environment Decisions Wales) on behalf of PEDW – Seilwaith / Infrastructure
Sent: 23 November 2022 14:23
To: Gareth Roberts
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: DNS CAS-01900-V0J7C7 - RE: Parc Solar Caenewydd, Gowerton, Swansea - Preliminary meeting request

Thanks Gareth,

Rob

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2022 14:02
To: PEDW – Seilwaith / Infrastructure <PEDW.Infrastructure@gov.wales>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: DNS CAS-01900-V0J7C7 - RE: Parc Solar Caenewydd, Gowerton, Swansea - Preliminary meeting request

Thanks Rob

[REDACTED] processed PEDW's invoice for the notification a few weeks ago (copy attached for ref). Applicant has just processed the payment.

I will revert on those dates.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** PEDW.Infrastructure@gov.wales

Sent: 23 November 2022 13:47

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: DNS CAS-01900-V0J7C7 - RE: Parc Solar Caenewydd, Gowerton, Swansea - Preliminary meeting request

Hi Gareth,

Thanks for your e-mail. Have you / the applicant been invoiced for the Notification fee yet? As you know we can't accept payments without issuing an invoice first, and our 10 working days to process a Notification don't start until we are in receipt of the fee.

We have some availability for an Inception Meeting on Tuesday 06 December or Friday 09 December. If either of those days is convenient please confirm which and your preferred time (for a 1 hour meeting to start between 09:00 and 11:00 or 13:00 and 15:00).

Best wishes,

Rob

Robert Sparey

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2022 12:50
To: PEDW – Seilwaith / Infrastructure <PEDW.Infrastructure@gov.wales>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: DNS CAS-01900-V0J7C7 - RE: Parc Solar Caenewydd, Gowerton, Swansea - Preliminary meeting request

Good afternoon Rob

Notification

Just to update you on the latest for this project, the applicant is almost in position to submit the Notification and I expect that we will be instructed to carry this out within the next week.

Preliminary Meeting

The applicant has also asked if you are available for a meeting early December as it's the first DNS for them and they wish to discuss the procedure with yourselves. Have you any availability during w/c 5 December?

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** PEDW.Infrastructure@gov.wales
Sent: 17 October 2022 11:01
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: TO/JJ/02171/22 - DNS CAS-01900-V0J7C7 - RE: Parc Solar Caenewydd, Gowerton, Swansea - Request for Informal Pre-Application Advice

Dear Mr Roberts,

Thank you for your e-mails. As I explained in my previous response to your e-mail to Julie James MS, the Minister for Climate Change, as this application would be determined by the Welsh Ministers it would not be appropriate for a Welsh Minister to comment at this stage.

Please refrain from sending similar e-mails to the Welsh Ministers in future, as they will not be able to comment on the merits of potential DNS schemes or provide and pre-application advice.

My previous e-mail (attached for convenience) explains the pre-application advice options presented within the DNS legislation. If you or your colleague wish to discuss anything, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

Robert Sparey

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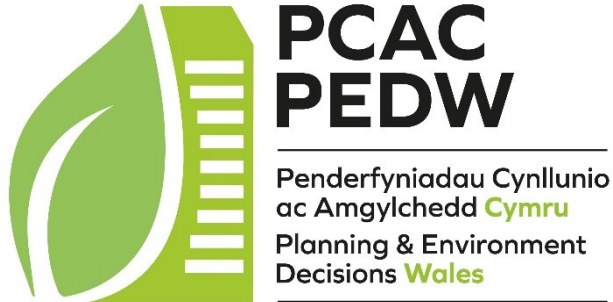
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 12 October 2022 11:46

To: Gething, Vaughan (Aelod o'r Senedd | Member of the Senedd) [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Parc Solar Caenewydd, Gowerton, Swansea - Request for Informal Pre-Application Advice

Dear Mr Gething

Have you had a chance to look at my previous email? Please let me know if you need any additional information to allow you to provide your informal pre-application advice.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Archie Roberts

Planner

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From: Archie Roberts

Sent: 28 September 2022 16:43

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Parc Solar Caenewydd, Gowerton, Swansea - Request for Informal Pre-Application Advice

Dear Mr Gething

Parc Solar Caenewydd

Land Fronting the A484 and Swansea Road (B4560), Swansea, SA4 4LE

Development of National Significance

DNS Ref: 01900-V0J7C7

Request for Informal Pre-Application Advice

Pegasus Group are working as planning consultants for Taiyo Power & Storage Ltd ("the applicant"), who intend to submit an application for a Development of National Significance to Planning & Environmental Decision Wales ("PEDW"). I write to cordially invite you to cooperate over the coming months in relation to the proposed green infrastructure and renewable energy facility, Parc Solar Caenewydd, that would: -

- generate power equivalent to that consumed by more than 11,500 homes across western Swansea;
- continue agricultural production on the land;
- improve the storage of rainwater within the fields;
- enhance habitats and species living within the Afon valley; and
- reduce emissions by keeping carbon stored within the soil

We have provided a OneDrive Link in order for you to view additional draft conceptual plans and supporting documents electronically. We have also sent you a letter in order for you to view the draft pack via an enclosed USB stick. If required, the Applicant is willing and able to provide you with hard copies of the plans in A2 or A1. Please contact me to request paper copies of plans.

The draft documents listed below are all available to download on the following OneDrive link:  [DNS REF 01900_PSC_INFORMAL_CONSULTATION](#)

- Draft Site Location Plan
- Draft Indicative Layout and elevations
- Draft Landscape Strategy Plan
- Draft Green Infrastructure Plan
- Draft Ecological Mitigation and Enhancement Plan
- Draft Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Report
- Draft Heritage Desk-Based Assessment Report
- Draft Phase 1 Ground Conditions & Coal Risk Assessment Report
- Draft Flood Consequence Assessment Report, including draft Drainage Strategy plans
- Draft Economic Benefits Statement
- Draft Ecological Report
- Draft Arboricultural Report
- Draft Construction Traffic Management Plan
- Draft Geophysical Survey Report
- Draft Geophysical Survey Report Non-Technical Summary
- EIA Screening Direction issued by PEDW.

The purpose of this next phase of informal pre-notification consultation is to give yourself as Minister for Economy the opportunity to influence the project design at the voluntary pre-notification stage and before the formal

notification of the project is made to PEDW. Importantly, the preparation of the application is an iterative process which means that the amount of detail will increase throughout the detailed design stages.

With regards to the Environmental Impact Assessment, PEDW, as authorised by the Welsh Minister to provide a Screening Direction, have assessed that this proposed nationally significant facility is not likely to cause significant environmental impacts, and an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required. A copy of the screening Direction is provided on the OneDrive link.

The proposal directly responds to the climate, carbon reduction and biodiversity emergencies and commitments declared by the Welsh Government and Swansea Council and will help to decarbonise the local power circuits supplying existing and future housing and industrial estate facilities, as allocated in the current Swansea Local Plan.

As I am sure you are already aware, Wales will require a significant increase in cheaper renewable energy generation in order to meet the target of 70% of energy being provided from renewable sources by 2030.

Could you please send your considered comments back to me by 21st October 2022. In the meantime we will contact you again on Friday 5th October 2022 to ascertain if you need additional information to allow you to provide you informal pre-application advice.

Yours sincerely,

Archie Roberts
Planner



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