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**From:** Sparey, Robert (COOG - Planning & Environment Decisions Wales) on behalf of PEDW – Seilwaith / Infrastructure  
**Sent:** 30 September 2022 13:07  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**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-mail. As this development is a proposed Developments of National Significance (DNS) application, the final decision will be made by the Welsh Ministers. It would not therefore be appropriate for Julie James MS, the Minister for Climate Change, to comment or give pre-application advice. Your e-mail has therefore been passed to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) for a response, as we are responsible for processing these applications.

There is a statutory mechanism to obtain pre-application advice from the Local Planning Authority by virtue of Regulations 6 and 7 of the Developments of National Significance (Wales) Regulations 2016 (as amended) [‘the 2016 Regulations’].

There is a statutory mechanism to obtain pre-application advice from PEDW (on behalf of the Welsh Ministers) by virtue of Regulations 6 and 8 of the 2016 Regulations.

If you do wish to seek pre-application advice from PEDW at this time, please complete the relevant form: <https://gov.wales/developments-national-significance-request-pre-application-services>

Guidance is available in Section 2 of the Procedural Guide: <https://gov.wales/developments-national-significance-dns-procedural-guide>

I am sorry that our literature has not yet been updated to reflect the transfer of functions from the former Planning Inspectorate for Wales to PEDW; please use this mailbox for the submission of any request for pre-application advice.

If you have any queries, please let us know.

Yours sincerely

Robert Sparey

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Dear Ms James

**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 you 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.

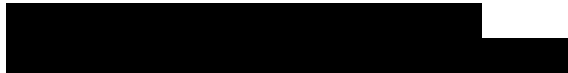
The proposal directly responds to the climate, carbon reduction and biodiversity emergencies and commitments declared by the Welsh Government and Swansea Council and will help to decarbonise the local power circuits supplying existing and future housing and industrial estate facilities, as allocated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