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**Subject:** Fwd: Y Bryn onshore windfarm – Update and invitation to attend Y Bryn Project Forum

Morning all.

Attached has come in overnight - for information/action as needed.

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**From:** (Thirty 4/7)

**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 7:45:22 AM

**Cc:** (Y Bryn Windfarm. Cymu)

**Subject:** Y Bryn onshore windfarm – Update and invitation to attend Y Bryn Project Forum

Dear Stakeholder,

I am emailing on behalf of Coriolis Energy in relation to the proposed Y Bryn onshore windfarm to update you on our plans for consultation, and to invite you to discuss the proposals with us over the coming weeks. Please see the attached letter, which was also posted.

### **Project background**

The wind farm proposed by Coriolis Energy and ESB is intended to be located within two blocks of turbines which fall largely within Neath Port Talbot County Borough, but do stretch, in parts, into Bridgend County Borough. The Afan Valley and Neath lie to the west, with the Llynfi Valley and Maesteg to the east.

Whilst the design of the proposed wind farm will be refined as we consult with local communities and stakeholders through the pre-application process, at this initial stage, the Project is currently envisaged to comprise up to 26 turbines, along with associated infrastructure such as a battery storage facility, onsite substation and access tracks.

This Project will deliver in excess of 170MW of wind energy and therefore constitutes a Development of National Significance (DNS) under the Planning (Wales) Act 2015, requiring application to the Planning Inspectorate Wales, which will make a recommendation to Welsh Ministers with whom lies the final decision on whether or not to grant planning permission.

This scheme would deliver enough clean energy to power over 125,000 homes - equivalent to powering nearly all households within Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend combined - and go a long way in contributing to our carbon reduction targets.

### **Project Forum**

In advance of the broader public consultation process beginning, as a local community representative, I would like to invite you to attend our Stakeholder Project Forum, which will be taking place virtually (via Teams) between **9.30am and 12.15pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021**. The Forum will provide an overview of the proposals and key planning and environmental considerations, discussion on our approach to community benefit and community ownership opportunities, as well as explain the approach to consultation and project timeline.

If you would like to attend the Forum, please RSVP to [info@ybryn-windfarm.cymru](mailto:info@ybryn-windfarm.cymru). We will issue an agenda for the meeting to those who have RSVP'd one week before the event. This event is by invitation, however if you are unable to attend, please feel free to pass to a colleague to attend in your place.

Places at the event are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Depending on the number of attendees we may request that just one representative from each organisation attends in the first instance.

### **Public consultation – June/July 2021**

We will be undertaking a public consultation on our proposals in June and July. As part of this consultation exercise, we intend to host a series of events in the locality of the project providing the public with a first opportunity to formally comment on the proposals and provide feedback to help shape the project. Details of these events will be included in our first project newsletter, which will be posted out to local residents at the beginning of June. I will also ensure that you receive a copy for your information.

More details will be available on our website, [www.ybryn-windfarm.cymru](http://www.ybryn-windfarm.cymru), where you can also register for regular updates as the project progresses.

Thank you in advance for your time, we look forward to speaking with you soon.

Y Bryn Project Team  
**Coriolis Energy**

**Website:** [www.ybryn-windfarm.cymru](http://www.ybryn-windfarm.cymru)

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