

External Email – 3 November 2022

From: [Information redacted – Welsh Government Official] **On Behalf Of** PEDW – Seilwaith / Infrastructure

Sent: 03 November 2022 15:26

To: [Information redacted – External contact]

Subject: DNS - CAS-01907-D7Q6Z1 - Nant Mithil Energy Park

Dear Information redacted – External contact]

Thank you for your e-mail relating to the potential Developments of National Significance (DNS) planning application for the Nant Mithil Energy Park. It has been passed to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) for a response as we are the division of the Welsh Government who process DNS applications on behalf of the Welsh Ministers. An appointed Planning Inspector will then make a recommendation to the Welsh Ministers, who will take the final decision on whether planning permission should be granted.

The best e-mail address to use for queries regarding cases is PEDW.Infrastructure@gov.wales

Our guidance on the DNS process is available online:

<https://gov.wales/developments-national-significance-dns-engaging-process> - Guide for communities and interested persons

<https://gov.wales/developments-national-significance-dns-procedural-guide> - Detailed guidance aimed at applicants and relevant Local Planning Authorities

Our reference number for this case is **CAS-01907-D7Q6Z1**. The status of the case and existing documentation held by PEDW can be viewed on our Casework Portal at the following link:

<https://planningcasework.service.gov.wales/> - Search **CAS-01907-D7Q6Z1**

This DNS is at the pre-application stage. PEDW does not accept representations regarding DNS schemes at the pre-application stage. We will not therefore add your e-mail to the case file at this time.

The developers requested an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Direction from PEDW on 06 September 2022. The purpose of EIA Scoping is to confirm what aspects of the environment must be assessed in the Environmental Statement (ES) that will be prepared to support the application. PEDW consults various Specialist Consultees as part of preparing our Scoping Direction. The Scoping Directions for this project has not yet been completed; we aim to issue the Scoping Directions by 21 December 2022. When the Scoping Direction is issued it will be published to the casework portal on the relevant case page, and the Direction will include all consultee responses as an appendix.

The developer's website is available here: <https://nantmithilenergypark.wales/>

The applicants have not yet undertaken the formal 'Notification of Intention to Submit a DNS' (Notification) stage. Until they have received an 'Acceptance of Notification' from PEDW they cannot undertake their statutory consultation and publicity measures. However, this does not prevent them from undertaking additional, non-statutory, engagement measures at any time.

Following PEDW's acceptance of notification, the applicant would then be able to undertake the statutory period of six weeks' publicity and consultation. During that period you will be able to submit any representation you wish to make directly to the developer / their representative. Any responses they receive must be summarised along with how they have addressed the matters raised in a Consultation Report which must be submitted along with their application.

Once we are in receipt of the applicants' full application submission, PEDW will have 42 days to determine the applications validity. If the application is accepted, PEDW will also undertake a five week period of publicity and consultation during which you can submit any representations you wish to make to us to be considered by the appointed Inspector who will make the recommendation to the Welsh Ministers. In making their recommendation to the Welsh Ministers an Inspector will consider all relevant material planning considerations, including the impacts on the environment and neighbouring properties. When the relevant representations period is open you can submit either electronically using the email address above or in hard copy by post to our offices:

Planning and Environment Decisions Wales
2nd Floor, West Wing
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

I am not aware of the applicant's expected submission date(s) at this stage, but as the Notification stage has yet to be undertaken for either project, it will be at least a matter of months.

I hope this information is useful. If you have any other queries about the DNS process after reading our guidance, please let me know.

Kind regards

[Information redacted – Welsh Government Official]

Rheolwr Cynllunio a'r Amgylchedd | Planning & Environment Manager
Penderfyniadau Cynllunio ac Amgylchedd Cymru | Planning and Environment
Decisions Wales
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<https://gov.wales/planning-and-environment-decisions-wales>

From: [Information redacted – External contact]

Sent: 31 October 2022 11:06

To: Energy Policy Mailbox <EnergyPolicyMailbox@gov.wales>

Subject: Nant Mithel consultation.

[Information redacted – contact details]

Good morning

I wish to draw attention to the woefully inadequate proposals from Nant Mithel energy park.

<https://nantmithilenergypark.wales/>

Firstly. The online response form states that the 'consultation' ends 31st but the online feedback option ended 27th. Another case of deliberate obfuscation?

The consultation does not detail vital infrastructure needed to support the application.

In particular:-

1. Why the park is outside of the development area that is already in place for future projects.
2. Infrastructure requirements - most notably where while pylons and energy lines be situated. Are they underground for example
3. How will the park be serviced and routes to deliver the windmills. Will there be new service roads?
4. Aspect simulations of plans are shown only from one side (the West side. So only shows visual impact from one side of the development). There is no visual aspect statement from the New Radnor side.

This 'consultation' is woefully inadequate and therefore must be deemed inadmissible.

There needs to be a full and open process that lists these important items rather than several different applications.

This is not a relevant admission for planning or determining the validity of the current proposals.

I look forward to your response.

[Information redacted – External contact]

Email - 20 September 2022

From: mailings@tracmail.co.uk <mailings@tracmail.co.uk> **On Behalf Of** [Information redacted – Bute Energy Official]

Sent: 20 September 2022 14:43

To: Cadw Planning <CadwPlanning@gov.wales>

Subject: Mae ymgynghoriad ymgysylltu cynnar Parc Ynni Nant Mithil yn fyw - Nant Mithil Energy Park early engagement consultation is live

This is a bilingual message - please scroll down for English.

P'nawn Da,

Mae Bute Energy yn cyflwyno cynigion ar gyfer prosiect Parc Ynni Nant Mithil, ger Llandeglaau, Powys.

Rydym yn cynnal ymgynghoriad ymgysylltu cynnar i ganfod barn leol am y prosiect. Rydym yn falch o gadarnhau bod yr ymgynghoriad cynnar bellach **yn fyw**. Rydym wedi atodi ein llyfryn ymgynghori y mae croeso i chi ei rannu ag eraill.

Os oes gennych ddi-ddordeb mewn cyfarfod â'r tîm a chael sgwrs, dewch i'n harddangosfeydd cyhoeddus cerdded i mewn:

- **Digwyddiad 1: Dydd Mercher 28 Medi, 3-8pm**
Canolfan Gymunedol Maesyfed, Lôn y Neuadd, Maesyfed, Llanandras, LD8 2SW
- **Digwyddiad 2: Dydd Iau 29 Medi, 3-8 pm**
Penybont & Canolfan Gymunedol Ardal, A44, Pen-y-bont, Llandrindod, LD1 5UA

Fel arall, gallwch gofrestru ar gyfer ein gweminar ar-lein **ddydd Mawrth 4 Hydref, 6-7pm**. Gweminar ar-lein. [Cliciwch yma](#) i gofrestru.

I gael rhagor o wybodaeth, ewch i wefan bwrpasol yr ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus: nantmithilenergypark.wales. Gallwch ddod o hyd i ragor o wybodaeth am ein cynigion drafft, cofrestru i gael diweddariadau a llenwi'r ffurflen adborth ar-lein. Byddwn yn darparu diweddariadau prosiect rheolaidd ar y wefan.

Daw'r cyfnod ymgynghori i ben **ddydd Llun 31 Hydref**.

Edrychwn ymlaen at gwrdd â chi yn un o'n digwyddiadau.

Os oes gennych unrhyw gwestiynau, anfonwch e-bost at nant.mithil@bute.energy neu ffoniwch 0292 167 9750.

Cofion gorau,

Tîm Prosiect Nant Mithil

Good afternoon,

Bute Energy is bringing forward proposals for the Nant Mithil Energy Park project, near Llandegley, Powys.

We are carrying out an early engagement consultation to find out local views about the project. We're pleased to confirm that the early consultation is **now live**. We have attached our consultation brochure which you're welcome to share with others.

If you're interested to meet the team and have a chat, come along to our walk-in public exhibitions:

- **Event 1: Wednesday 28 September, 3-8pm**
New Radnor Community Centre, Hall Lane, New Radnor, Presteigne, LD8 2SW
- **Event 2: Thursday 29 September, 3-8pm**
Penybont & District Community Centre, A44, Penybont, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5UA

Alternatively, you can register for our online webinar on **Tuesday 4 October, 6-7pm**. Online webinar. Please [click here](#) to register.

For more information visit the dedicated public consultation website: nantmithilenergypark.wales. You can find further information about our draft proposals, register for updates, and complete the feedback form online. We will provide regular project updates on the website.

The consultation period ends on **Monday 31 October**.

We look forward to meeting you at one of our events.

If you have any questions, please email nant.mithil@bute.energy or call 0292 167 9750.

Best regards,

Nant Mithil Project Team

Website: nantmithilenergypark.wales

Email: nant.mithil@bute.energy

Call: 0292 167 9750

Email 24 October 2022

From: [Information redacted – Welsh Government Official]

Sent: 24 October 2022 05:32

To: [Information redacted – Land Use Representative]

Subject: RE: Nant Mithil Energy Park

Hi [Information redacted – Land Use Representative].

I can confirm that all RHP&Gs are of National importance. There has been no new legislation or guidance in regard to them since the statutory Register was launched in February,

Best wishes

[Information redacted – Welsh Government Official]

From: [Information redacted – Land Use Representative]

Sent: 21 October 2022 14:39

To: [Information redacted – Welsh Government Official]

Cc: [Information redacted – Land Use Representatives]

Subject: RE: Nant Mithil Energy Park

Hi [Information redacted – Welsh Government Official]

That is great news, I'll send something round later and see if [Information redacted – CPAT Representative] about.

Whilst I have you can I check something with you that I wrote down from our call about the grid connection project? I have down that RHPGs won't be having any new guidance just yet but are still to be treated as assets of national importance regardless of grade, did I take that down right?

All the best,



[Information redacted – Land Use Representative]

[Information redacted – contact details]

From: [Information redacted – Welsh Government Official]

Sent: 21 October 2022 12:31

To: [Information redacted – Land Use Representative]

Cc: [Information redacted – Land Use Representatives]

Subject: RE: Nant Mithil Energy Park

Hi [Information redacted – Land Use Representative]

I am free on Thursday morning (27th October). If that is OK with you please send me a link for the meeting. It might be an idea to see if [Information redacted – CPAT Representative] from CPAT is available so you could deal with designated and undesignated historic assets at the same time.

Best wishes

[Information redacted – Welsh Government Official]

From: [Information redacted – Land Use Representative]
Sent: 20 October 2022 14:23
To: [Information redacted – Welsh Government Official],
Cc: [Information redacted – Land Use Representative]
Subject: RE: Nant Mithil Energy Park

Hi [Information redacted – Welsh Government Official],
I hope this finds you well. Sorry for the delay in coming back to you with suggested dates for a call on this project. The scoping report was issued a few weeks ago now so, if it's made it across your desk now, would a call to talk about the scheme and information requirements for the ES be possible later next week? From our side we have availability next Weds (27th) and Thurs (28th) morning? If not, could you suggest some times after 2nd Nov that work for you?

All the best,



[Information redacted – Land Use Representative]

[Information redacted – contact details]

From: [Information redacted – Welsh Government Official]
Sent: 24 August 2022 05:41
To: [Information redacted – Land Use Representative]
Cc: [Information redacted – Land Use Representatives]
Subject: RE: Nant Mithil Energy Park

Hi [Information redacted – Land Use Representative]

Thank you for the information. It would be best if you contacted me after the scoping has been submitted with suggestions for a meeting date – I prefer meetings to be in the morning if possible

The grading for RHP&G has not been removed and can be found on Cof Cymru but I will inform our IT team about the information not being available on the download. The main change is that the statutory register does not include “essential settings” which were part of the voluntary register. In many cases the “essential settings” was actually part of the park which the owner did not want including in the register. So

this has been removed and setting should now be considered in the same way as the setting of other designated historic assets.

Best wishes

[Information redacted – Welsh Government Official]

From: [Information redacted – Land Use Representative]

Sent: 23 August 2022 15:04

To: [Information redacted – Welsh Government Official]

Cc: [Information redacted – Land Use Representatives]

Subject: Nant Mithil Energy Park

Dear [Information redacted – Welsh Government Official]

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I hope this finds you well. We are in the process of preparing the Scoping Report for the Nant Mithil Energy Park, located at the far end of the grid route that we discussed with you in the meeting we had a few months back. The Scoping Report is due to be submitted to PEDW in the next few weeks and, as you will see when it gets to you, there are some scheduled monuments within the Site and other designated assets in its vicinity. As such, we are keen to have a meeting with you to discuss your initial thoughts on the scheme and also our proposed assessment. Would you be open to a meeting following the submission of the Scoping Report? If so, would you prefer us to get in touch a week after submission or would you prefer to contact us once you have seen the report?

Also, I have a query on registered parks and gardens prompted by this recent work which you may be able to help with. I've noticed that, in the most recent version of the publicly downloadable Cadw GIS layer for the registered areas, there is no longer any grading given against them (i.e. no I, II*, II). I've also noticed issues with that dataset on hyperlinks given for reports for information on the parks and gardens (many go to SM entries instead) so wanted to check if the dropping of grading was intentional or reflects an issue with that release of the layer? If that's not a query for you, would you be able to pass me on to an appropriate colleague?

All the best,



[Information redacted – Land Use Representative]

[Information redacted – contact details]

Thank you for your email to the Energy Team regarding the Nant Mithil Energy Park. I have been asked to reply.

Planning applications for onshore wind developments which have an installed generating capacity of over 10MW are made through the Development of National Significance (DNS) process. Nant Mithil Energy Park is likely therefore to qualify as a DNS. The prospective application is currently at an early stage and has not yet been formally submitted or validated. Planning and Environment Decision Wales (PEDW) is responsible for processing DNS applications. Further information on PEDW, the DNS process and progress on proposals can be found at <https://gov.wales/planning-and-environment-decisions-wales>.

The DNS process ensures the public have the opportunity to comment on proposals and all consultation responses are fully considered as part of the process of determining the application. I would encourage you to submit the specific issues of concern to you to the process at the appropriate time so that these are considered fully. All large scale renewable energy proposals can have an impact on their surrounding environments, and this is appropriately assessed within the planning system to minimise impacts as far as possible to make a scheme potentially acceptable. This assessment process (which includes an Environmental Impact Assessment and, where appropriate, a Habitats Regulations Assessment) addresses a scheme's impacts on the landscape and environment.

As decisions on DNS planning applications are made by Welsh Ministers, it is not appropriate for Ministers or any official of the Welsh Government to comment on the merits of this prospective application, as it could be seen as prejudicing consideration of the application.

Regards

[Information redacted – Welsh Government Official]
Cangen Polisi Cynllunio / Planning Policy Branch Y Gyfarwyddiaeth Gynllunio /
Planning Directorate Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

-----Original Message-----

From: [Information redacted – External contacts]

Sent: 26 October 2022 12:48

To: Energy Policy Mailbox <EnergyPolicyMailbox@gov.wales>; [Information redacted – External contacts]

Subject: Bute Energy - Nant Mithel Energy Park

[Information redacted – External contact personal details]

We are now appalled at the proposal to site 36+ wind turbines on our doorstep and so destroy the character of this magical area that we and many others hold dear!

Whilst appreciating today's need for tackling the UK/world's climate emergency, such a massive obscene invasion of the designated area will not be tolerated. Also suggestions have been made that monetary awards will be enjoyed by locals if the project went ahead. However, the damage to tourism and our individual property values would be heavily impacted by creation of this so called "park"

We, as very close residents to this frightful proposal earnestly beg the appropriate authorities to refuse further development, thoughts and action.

The Bute Energy presentation to locals and their brochure was sadly lacking important details and facts. A proper public consultation was needed and a full public enquiry essential if this frightening proposal goes any further.

Regards

[Information redacted – External contacts]

Sent from my iPad