

Developments of National Significance Inception Meeting: CAS-02379-G1Z1J0
Nant Mithil Grid Connection Project
Thursday 08 December 2022 10:00

Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Bute Energy
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LUC consulting
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**Planning and Environment Decisions
Wales (PEDW)**

[REDACTED] NS Case Officer

[REDACTED] Planning & Environment

Manager

[REDACTED] – Planning Officer

**Welsh Government Planning
Directorate (Decisions Branch)**
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Meeting Note:

Planning Environment and Decisions Wales (PEDW) and the Welsh Government representatives met with the above potential project team regarding a proposed grid connection application. The proposal currently of a connection between renewable energy parks in mid-Powys to a new a substation in Carmarthenshire (location to be confirmed – the new substation also falls outside of the remit of this proposal). The connection route will be approximately 90 km long and will utilise L7 lattice towers.

The project team highlighted that, due to the complexity and nature of the scheme, significant study work had already been undertaken that has informed the emerging development proposals. It is anticipated that the Scoping Report will be submitted to PEDW around June 2023, with submission of the DNS scheme itself being around Quarter 1 of 2025. The project team informed the attendees that consultation with statutory consultees was ongoing, and that a non-statutory round of consultation would be undertaken prior to submitting a Scoping request to inform the final choice of connection route to be specified in the Scoping request. The Notification step of the DNS project is likely to be undertaken once the applicants are ready to undertake statutory pre-application publicity and consultation.

There was a brief conversation relating to Peat and Best Most Versatile (BMV) Agricultural Land; the project team notes that they have taken these considerations into account in the process of defining the emerging development proposals. PEDW referred the project team to the agricultural land classification predictive map guidance <https://gov.wales/agricultural-land-classification-predictive-map-guidance> and the email address for Agricultural Land Use Planning lqas@gov.wales. PEDW confirmed that they are also consulting this team within Scoping Requests moving forward.

There was a brief discussion relating to secondary consents. The developer confirmed that at this time, it is not known what secondary consents may be needed. PEDW advises the team to consult with the DNS guidance published online should they need any assistance - <https://gov.wales/developments-national-significance-dns-guidance>

PEDW asked to be informed of any changes to the expected submission timetable to assist with Inspector resource planning.

If further pre-app advice is required the project team should contact PEDW to discuss their paid pre-application service, however, any advice given is on a without prejudice basis to the outcome.