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From: Sparey, Robert (COOG - Planning & Environment Decisions Wales) on behalf of PEDW – Seilwaith / Infrastructure
Sent: 24 November 2023 14:31
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Correspondence mail - JJ
Subject: TO/JJ/03137/23 - DNS CAS-01900-V0J7C7 - RE: Parc Solar Caenewydd, Gowerton

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail and attached letter from [REDACTED] to Julie James MS in her constituency capacity. The subject of your e-mail is a proposed Developments of National Significance (DNS) planning application. These applications are normally determined by the Welsh Ministers. For that reason, it would not be appropriate for any of the Welsh Ministers to comment on the potential merits of the scheme. Your e-mail has therefore been passed to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) for a response. PEDW is the division of the Welsh Government responsible for processing DNS planning applications. The best e-mail address to use for queries about DNS is PEDW.infrastructure@gov.wales.

The best way to ensure that the appointed Inspector(s), and ultimately the Welsh Ministers, know that local concerns have been addressed is via the Pre-Application Consultation Report that is required to be submitted with the DNS application by virtue of Article 11 of the Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016 (as amended).

Pre-application consultation reports

- (1) Where an applicant submits an application to the Welsh Ministers in accordance with article 12, that application must be accompanied by a pre-application consultation report which gives particulars of—
- (a) how the applicant complied with section 61Z of the 1990 Act;
 - (b) any response to the consultation received from persons consulted under section 61Z(3) or (4) of the 1990 Act; and
 - (c) the account taken of those responses.
- (2) The pre-application consultation report must include—
- (a) a copy of the notice referred to in article 8(1)(a)(i);
 - (b) a declaration that the notice referred to in article 8(1)(a)(i) was displayed in accordance with the requirements of that article;
 - (c) a list of the addresses of the persons who were given notice of the proposed application in accordance with article 8(1)(a)(ii) and a copy of the notice given to such persons;
 - (d) a copy of the publication referred to in article 8(1)(a)(iii);
 - (e) a declaration that the applicant has complied with the publication requirements in article 8(1)(b);
 - (f) copies of all notices given to community consultees, relevant persons and specialist consultees in accordance with articles 9(2) and 9(3);
 - (g) a summary of all issues raised by any person notified of the proposed application in accordance with section 61Z(3) of the 1990 Act and articles 8 and 9(2), including confirmation of whether the issues raised have been addressed and, if so, how; and
 - (h) copies of all responses received from specialist consultees with an explanation of the account taken of each response.

I note you refer to UK Government policy regarding Biodiversity Net Gain. Please note that the position is different in Wales. This CIEEM Briefing Paper may be of interest: <https://cieem.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Net-Benefits-briefing.pdf>

Please also note the recent changes to Planning Policy Wales: <https://www.gov.wales/addressing-nature-emergency-through-planning-system-update-chapter-6-planning-policy-wales>

You may also wish to review the recent guidance from the Design Commission for Wales 'Designing for Renewable Energy in Wales': <https://dcfw.org/designing-for-renewable-energy-in-wales/>

If you have any queries about the DNS process not answered by our guidance, please let us know. I apologise for the fact that the guidance has not been updated to reflect the transfer of functions from the former Planning Inspectorate for Wales to PEDW in October 2021. <https://www.gov.wales/developments-national-significance-dns-procedural-guide>

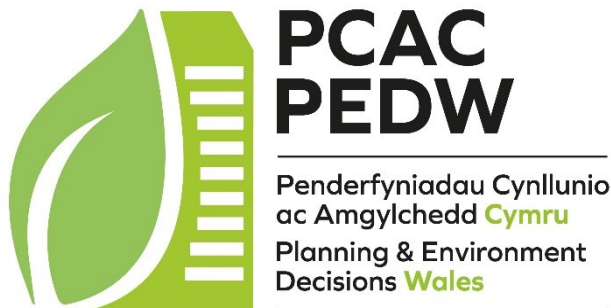
As this case is at the pre-application stage, we will not retain a copy of your e-mail and letter on the case file.

Yours sincerely

Robert Sparey

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2023 10:59 AM
To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Parc Solar Caenewydd, Gowerton

Dear Julie James,

Please find attached a position statement to respond to concerns raised by local constituents.

Kind regards,


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