Y Bryn ONSHORE WIND FARM

We are exploring the potential for a new wind farm on Welsh Government Woodland Estate managed by Natural Resources Wales, north east of Port Talbot. The project is classed as a Development of National Significance and could have a generating capacity of over 170MW.

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

*26 x 6.6MW x 8760hrs/yr x 30% load factor = 450,964.8 MWh/yr, divided by average household consumption 3578kWh/yr = 126,038 homes. (BEIS statistics/RenewableUK Wind Energy Statistics)

**Reference: NPTCBC + BCBC = 125,31 households (statswales.gov.wales: Households by Local Authority and Year)

Project Overview

The proposed wind farm is located within two forestry blocks 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 sub station and access tracks.

Further detailed information can be found on the project website.

About us

This project is being developed by Coriolis Energy and ESB in partnership.

Coriolis Energy is an experienced, professional wind energy developer, which has delivered projects around the UK that are currently bringing benefits to both communities and the environment.

ESB is Ireland's premier energy company and is a leading independent power generator in the UK, committed to investing in Wales's natural resources.





Pre-application public consultation - involving you

This project is deemed a Development of National Significance, meaning that we will need to apply 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.

We are still at a very early stage in the development of our proposals, and will be undertaking a number of phases of consultation prior to submitting an application for the Project.

We'd like to invite you take part in the first stage of consultation on the early proposals. We've arranged a number of public drop in sessions and an online virtual exhibition to provide you with information about the proposals and seek your feedback.

These face to face and virtual events will provide an overview of the project proposals; the environmental impact assessment, development and construction processes; as well as how an industry leading 'Community Benefit Fund' and innovative 'Community Shared Ownership' proposals, together with local supply chain opportunities, will seek to secure a lasting legacy.

Feedback can be provided in a number of ways, including at the public / virtual events, via email, freepost, or through using the online form on the project website.

Further details about the consultation events are overleaf.

Public Consultation Events

Maesteg RFC

Llynfi Road, Maesteg, CF34 9DS Monday 21st June 2021, 1pm - 7pm

Bryn Community Centre

Maesteg Road, Bryn, Neath Port Talbot, SA13 2RY Tuesday 22nd June 2021, 1pm - 7pm

Cwmafan Community Engagement Centre

Depot Road, Cwmafan, Port Talbot, SA12 9DF Wednesday 23rd June, 1pm - 7pm

Cefn Cribwr Athletic Club

Cae Gof, Cefn Road, Cefn Cribwr, Bridgend CF32 OBA Thursday 24th June, 1pm - 7pm

Taibach Community Centre

Duke Street, Taibach, Neath Port Talbot, SA13 1NA Saturday 26th June, 12pm - 4pm

Coronavirus considerations

We are conscious that Covid guidelines can change at short notice. Therefore, if you intend to visit us at one of the above events, please check the project website immediately prior to your visit for the latest arrangements. Please bring a mask to wear. Whilst we hope this won't be the case, if we have to change or cancel an event due to increased restrictions, information will be posted on the website in advance.

What's happening when?

Winter/Spring 2021

Project inception, early investigative surveys and EIA scoping

We are here

Phase 1 Community Consultation on EIA scoping

Early Autumn 2021

Phase 2 Community Consultation on refined proposals

Winter 2021/2022

Statutory consultation on draft planning documents

Spring 2022

Anticipated application submission to Welsh Government

Online virtual exhibition

We appreciate that in these challenging times, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, traditional face to face consultation events may not be an option for everyone.

Therefore, we have adapted our consultation processes to utilise digital, remote and online communications.

Our online virtual exhibition space will be available throughout the pre application public consultation process for those who wish to feedback on the Project remotely.

You can access the virtual consultation via the website: www.ybryn-windfarm.cymru/

Keep in touch:

If you have any further questions or comments about the proposals or the consultation process currently underway, you can get in touch with us using the information below:

- Project website project documents and plans detailing the nature and location of the project are available at www.ybryn-windfarm.cymru/
- Email written feedback can be provided utilising the project email address – info@ybryn-windfarm.cymru
- Feedback forms available via the project website above, or at the public / virtual exhibition events. Alternatively, get in touch and request a hard copy and we will post it to you
- Freepost written feedback can be provided utilising the project freepost address FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION (no further address or stamp required)
- Freephone opportunities to speak with the project team and seek further information or provide verbal feedback can be achieved via the project freephone number 0800 699 0081 during normal office hours (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm excluding public holidays)

Supply Chain

Interested in supply chain opportunities? You can register your interest at our public / virtual events or on the project website.

We are also holding a 'Meet the Buyer' session at each of the exhibition events (see top left) between 1pm and 2pm. We look forward to seeing you there.