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REF: Heolddu Solar Farm first stage of consultation launched

Dear Ms Rees,

Further to our introduction letter sent on January 23rd regarding our Heolddu Solar Farm proposals located near you, I am now writing to let you know that the first stage of community consultation on the project has just been launched.

This is our first phase of consultation where we are consulting with the local community alongside our ongoing technical work to understand local perspectives and gather feedback on our proposals. Throughout the consultation process, there will be several phases, each providing different opportunities to submit feedback and help shape the proposals. This informal consultation period will run from Wednesday 19th February until Wednesday 19th March 2025. After this, we will hold a second consultation on our draft planning application submission in Summer 2025, before submitting it at the end of this year. Once the application is submitted, there will be an additional consultation led by Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW).

As you know, we are still at an early stage of developing our proposed designs for the project. We are keen to seek involvement in this process from yourself, the wider local community and other stakeholders, throughout this initial round of consultation. At this stage, the project is proposed to comprise of:

- A solar farm producing up to c.40MW of electricity (enough to power approximately 10,770 homes, almost all the homes in Kidwelly and St Ishmael, Trimsaran, St Clears and Camarthen put together)
- Onsite grid connection into an existing pylon
- Associated ancillary infrastructure
- Landscaping and environmental enhancements including significant benefits for wildlife

The project, which is proposed on a number of field parcels to the east of Ferryside, and southwest of Llandyfaelog would have an operational life of 40 years, exporting renewable energy directly to the grid. Following the operational life of the project, the land would be restored to its current animal grazing use. This would be a legal requirement of any planning permission.

As previously explained, because the solar farm would produce more than 10MW of electricity it is a Development of National Significance (DNS). This means that the planning application will be submitted to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW), who will assess and determine whether our application is granted planning consent. Additionally, we will be engaging with Carmarthenshire County Council and the nearby community councils as part of the informal consultation process.

We will be hosting a public information event on Thursday 6 March 2025, at Calon y Fferi Community Centre, where members of the project team will be present to help assist with any questions you may have about the development. Further details about the public consultation event can be found below:

Calon y Fferi Community Centre, Carmarthen Rd, Ferryside, SA17 5TE

Thursday 6th March 2025

1pm – 7pm

During the consultation period we will be engaging with the local community and relevant local organisations to understand local perspectives about the development. For example, we are seeking feedback on the Community Benefit Fund, the extent of fields covered by the solar panels, desired wildlife benefits, potential improvements to the public footpath on the site, and suggestions for planting to help screen the solar farm. We encourage you to share your feedback using any of the feedback methods outlined below:

Email: info@heolddusolar.co.uk

Freephone: 0800 699 0081

Freepost: send to FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION (no further address or stamp required)

Feedback forms: available on the website info@heolddusolar.co.uk or at the public consultation event.

Please note that the deadline for feedback is Wednesday 19 March 2025.

Additionally, if you haven't already, but would like to meet with the project team, please email info@heolddusolar.co.uk to organise a suitable date and time to meet at your convenience. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to get in touch with the project team by using the contact information provided.

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

Yours sincerely,

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