



## The Abergelli Power Gas Fired Generating Station Order

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Dear Ryan – further to the above project, please find attached a covering letter together with our draft document containing the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), consultation plan and Abbreviated SoCC Notice and formal request for comments.

Pursuant to section 47(2) of the Planning Act 2008, Abergelli Power Limited must consult the Council about what is to be in the SoCC and so we request that the Council provides comments on the draft SoCC and consultation plan and Abbreviated SoCC Notice . The deadline for comment is the end of the period of 28 days which begins with the day after the day on which the Council receives the attached documents.

If you have any queries or would like a hard copy of the attached documents, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We would be grateful if you would confirm receipt of this email and attachments.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely

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**For the attention of Ryan Thomas Esq, Development, Design & Conservation Manager**

Dear Sirs,

**Re: Abergelli Power Project, Abergelli Power Limited (APL)**

**Land adjacent to the National Grid compressor station at Abergelli Farm, Felindre, Swansea SA5 7NN**

**Draft Statement of Community Consultation**

On behalf of Abergelli Power Ltd (APL), we are pleased to attach a draft consultation plan together with a draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and Abbreviated SoCC Notice in respect of APL's proposals to construct and operate a gas-fired power station and associated gas and electrical connections (the Project) on land at Abergelli Farm, Felindre, Swansea SA5 7NN. These describe how APL intends to consult people living in the vicinity about a proposed application for a development consent order for the Project under the Planning Act 2008.

For completeness, a link to the EIA Scoping Report is provided below in order to provide contextual project information to the City and County of Swansea Council to ensure that the Council is able to make an informed response with regard to the SoCC and the consultation plan. The scoping report can be found on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website following this link:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/wales/abergelli-power/?ipcsection=overview>

Pursuant to section 47(2) of the Planning Act 2008, APL must consult the Council about what is to be in the SoCC and it therefore requests that the Council provides comments on the attached draft SoCC and consultation plan.

The deadline for the receipt of the Council's response is the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day after the day on which the Council receives the attached documents. Following this consultation period, APL will have regard to any comments received from the Council in preparing the final SoCC. The SoCC will then be published in accordance with section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008 and APL will subsequently carry out consultation in accordance with the proposals set out in the SoCC.



Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

We would be grateful if you would confirm receipt of this letter and attachments.

Yours faithfully,

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Attachments:

Draft APL Consultation and Statement of Community Consultation (draft dated 31 July 2014)

## **Appendix 4.A: Phase 1 2014 SoCC and Consultation Plan**

**4.A II Draft 2014 SoCC, draft 2014 SoCC Notice and draft 2014 Consultation Plan**





ABERGELLI POWER PROJECT

**Abergelli Farm,  
Felindre, Swansea**

DRAFT S47 CONSULTATION PLAN  
(including draft SoCC)

31 July 2014

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## **ABERGELLI POWER PROJECT**

### **S47 LOCAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PLAN, STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION &**

### **STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION NOTICE**

**DRAFT FOR STATUTORY REVIEW – 31 JULY 2014**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Abergelli Power Limited (“APL”) proposes to develop a gas-fired power generation plant and connections to the electricity and gas networks on land adjacent to the National Grid compressor station at Abergelli Farm, Felindre, Swansea SA5 7NN, located north of the M4 (Junction 46), approximately 1km southeast of Felindre, 750m south-west of Llwynceilyn and 1.5km north of Llanyfelach.

The proposed power generation plant would be capable of generating up to 299 MW of electricity. Using the latest and most efficient power generating technology, it will burn natural gas to generate electricity that is delivered into the National Grid. Due to its size, the Abergelli Power Project would be a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project and as such it would require a Development Consent Order (DCO).

#### **STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

The community consultation described is carried out under section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended); the Act sets out requirements for formal pre-application consultation for those applications that are considered by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the relevant Secretary of State.

Section 47(1) of the Planning Act 2008 states that the applicant must prepare a statement setting out how it proposes to consult those people, who are living in the vicinity of the Project Site, about the proposed application.

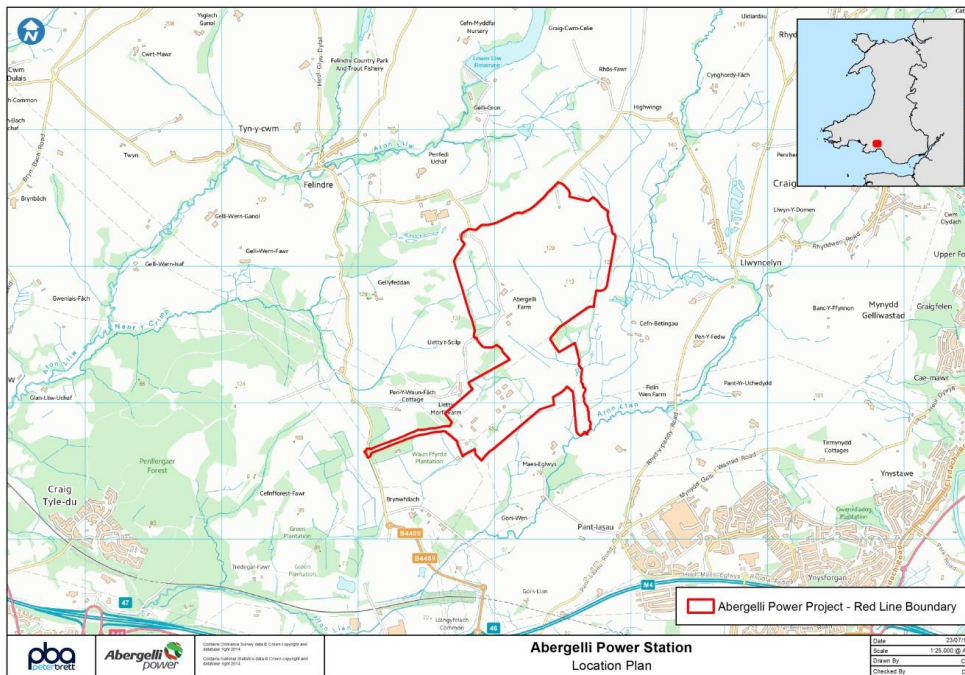
Furthermore, a draft Statement of Community Consultation must be consulted on with the City & County of Swansea Council (CCS) as the local planning authority, before being made available to the public for inspection and publishing a notice of this in local newspapers.

This plan sets out how Abergelli Power Limited intends to meet these s47 consultation requirements. A draft of the SoCC is included at Appendix 1 and a draft Abbreviated Statement of Community Consultation Notice (to be published in local press) is included at Appendix 2.

#### **1. PURPOSE**

- a. This document explains how Abergelli Power Limited (APL) intends to consult people living and working in the vicinity of the proposed gas-fired power station,

including its integral gas and electrical connections (the Project), on land adjacent to the National Grid compressor station at Abergelli Farm, Felindre, Swansea SA5 7NN. The Project Site is situated north of Swansea in the City & County of Swansea (north of M4, Junction 46), approximately 1km southeast of Felindre, 750m south-west of Llwyncelyn and 1.5km north of Llangyfelach.



***APL: location plan and application boundary***

- b. The Project's infrastructure that is integral to the Power Generation Plant includes a new purpose built access road, a gas pipeline connection and a new electrical connection that will facilitate the export of power to the National Grid for onward distribution to homes and businesses.
- c. APL has been established by Watt Power Limited to develop the Project at Abergelli Farm. Watt Power is seeking to develop flexible gas fired power generation assets at three other sites in the UK to support the UK Government's drive towards a low carbon economy: one at Eye Airfield in Suffolk, one at



Hirwaun near Aberdare in south Wales, and a third at Rookery South Pit in Bedfordshire.

- d. Stag Energy provides the resources to APL through a management services agreement with Watt Power. Stag Energy was founded in 2002 and the company draws on a depth of experience with a team that has created and delivered more than 10,000 MW of power generation and related infrastructure projects across the globe, of which, 2,500 MW has been delivered in the UK.
  
- e. The details of the consultation methodology set out in this document aim to explain how APL will satisfy the community consultation requirements for an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008, which if granted, would enable the Project to be constructed and operated. APL intends to submit an application for a DCO which will be examined by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change (SoS). It should be noted that the application will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement as the development is considered to be an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Development. A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) will be produced which will describe the preliminary findings of the assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the proposed Power Generation Plant and its associated infrastructure. The PEIR is expected to be published and made available for public scrutiny and consultation in the autumn of this year.
  
- f. APL requests that CCS, as the planning authority, reviews this document and the accompanying draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), and respond with comments within 28 days so that APL can have regard to the comments before APL commences its Section 47 consultation activities. Once any comments have been received and considered, APL will publish notice of the SoCC in the local media and make the SoCC available to the public for inspection. Copies of the SoCC will also be placed in local libraries and on the Abergelli Power website ([www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)).

- g. As part of the DCO Application, APL is required to produce a Consultation Report explaining how the three strands of consultation required under the Planning Act 2008 (s42, s47 and s48) have been complied with. APL intends that its Consultation Report will include an explanation of how the relevant local authorities were consulted about the content of the draft SoCC and what the local authorities' comments were. The Consultation Report will demonstrate that the local authorities were given sufficient time to provide comments, explain how APL has had regard to those comments and provide evidence that the SoCC was made available to the public and notice published in the correct manner.
- h. The Consultation Report will also explain what activities were undertaken to enable consultation with the local community, how those consulted responded and how APL had regard to representations received in the development of the Project and the DCO Application, prior to its submission to the SoS.
- i. This document does not set out how APL intends to undertake the other strands of statutory consultation and publicity relating to those organisations and individuals defined by Sections 42 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008. Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 requires consultation with certain local authorities, listed statutory consultees and those with an interest in the land on which the proposed Project will be built and operated or who may be particularly affected by it. Section 48 sets out publicity requirements on a UK basis.

## **2. THE PROPOSED SITE**

- a. The site for the proposed Power Generation Plant (which comprises part of the Project) is located on land located at Abergelli Farm, on pastoral fields north of Swansea (north of M4, Junction 46) approximately 1 km south-east of Felindre and 1.4km north of Llanyfelach. The western extent of the Project Site encompasses National Grid's two 400kV electrical substations and Felindre Gas Compressor Station. In addition, areas within the site have in the past been subject to a variety of permissions for mineral extraction, inert landfill and



other commercial activities. The site is wholly located within the principal area of City & County of Swansea Council.

### 3. THE PROJECT

The Project would comprise:

- A new Power Generation Plant in the form of a Simple Cycle Gas Turbine (SCGT) gas fired peaking power generating station fuelled by natural gas and with a rated electrical output of between 50 - 299 Megawatts (MW) comprising:
  - The Generating Equipment including the Gas Turbine Generators and balance of plant, which are located within the Generating Equipment Site;
  - A new purpose built Access Road to the Generating Equipment Site. Two options are being considered:
    - From the north via the Rhyd-y-pandy Road and the existing access road west of Brynheulog past Abergelli Farm. The existing road would need to be extended to the Generating Equipment Site; and
    - From the west via the B4489, along the access road to National Grid's two 400kV electrical substations and Felindre Gas Compressor Station and then along a purpose built access road to be constructed across undeveloped land to the Generating Equipment Site; or
  - During construction, a temporary construction compound (the Laydown Area).
- A new Gas Connection to bring natural gas to the Generating Equipment from the National Transmission System (NTS) which is located within the Gas Connection Opportunity Area; and
- A new Electrical Connection to export power from the Generating Equipment to the National Grid Electricity Transmission System (NETS) for onward distribution to homes and businesses which are located within the Electrical Connection Opportunity Area.



The Generating Equipment, Access Road and Laydown Area are together known as the Power Generation Plant, and are located within the Power Generation Plant Site.

The Power Generation Plant, Gas Connection, and Electrical Connection, are all integral to the generation of electricity and together are referred to as the 'Project'. The land upon which the Project would be developed, or which would be required in order to facilitate the development of the Project, is referred to as the 'Project Site'.

#### **4. CONSULTATION BACKGROUND**

- a. APL is committed to open and responsive consultation with local communities and interested parties. The programme recommended within this document sets out a framework for a formal and inclusive consultation process.
- b. The draft SoCC appended to this document is designed to meet the legal requirements set out in s47 of the Planning Act 2008 and follows a range of advice and guidance set out by the Planning Inspectorate and the Department for Communities & Local Government. The consultation process is designed to enable informed, detailed and two-way communication. Through this process, relevant matters identified during consultation will be taken into account during the development of the proposal and before submission of the application for a DCO.
- c. Since June 2014, APL has actively communicated its intentions with elected representatives and directly within local communities, in order to introduce and discuss aspects of the Project. These non-statutory information activities and other forthcoming initiatives will also be detailed in the Consultation Report.

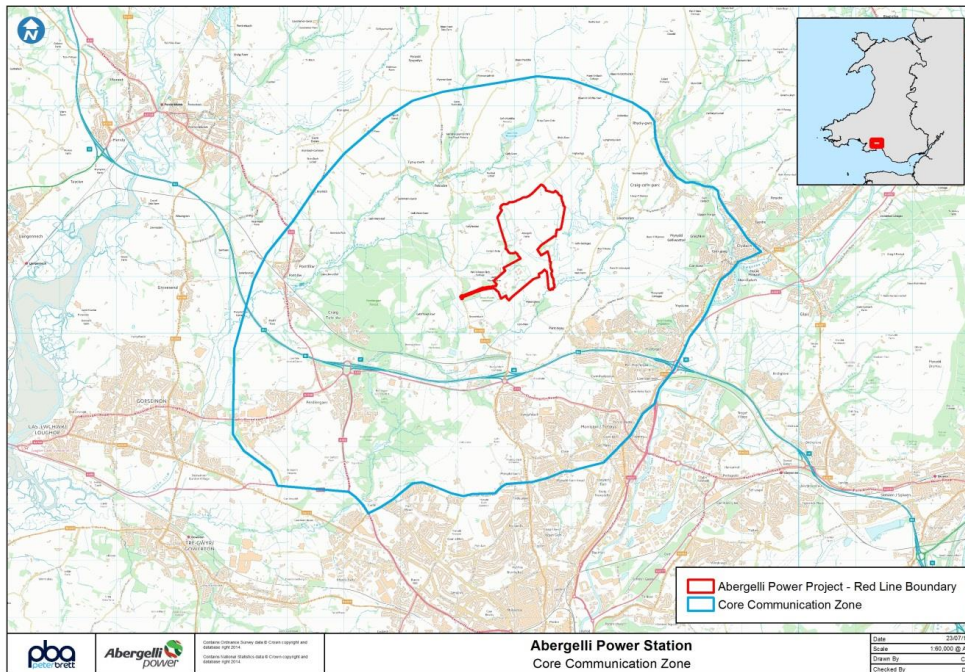
#### **4.1 CONSULTATION AREAS**

- a. APL proposes to carry out its consultation in two areas: a core consultation zone (CCZ) that equates to an approximate 3.5 km radius from the Project Site (see map overleaf), and an outer consultation zone (OCZ) that equates to a radius of



approximately 8km, defined by the community council areas adjacent to that of the CCZ.

- b. The CCZ has been designed to include the main population areas in the vicinity of the Project Site that have the potential to be affected by the Project's construction and operation and which are expected to have the greatest interest in the Project. These include the villages of Clydach, Felindre, Llanyfelach and Tircoed, as well as other, smaller settlements. Whilst a 3.5km radius has been used as a guide, where settlements fall only partially within this area discretion has been exercised.



***Proposed Core Consultation Zone – approx. 3.5km radius from the Project Site***

- c. Whilst the Project Site is located directly within the CCS ward of Mawr the following neighbouring wards also fall within the proposed CCZ:

- Clydach;





- Llangyfelach;
- Morriston;
- Mynyddbach; and
- Penllergaer.

d. The CCZ would include all or parts of the following community council areas:

- Clydach;
- Llangyfelach;
- Mawr;
- Morriston;
- Mynyddbach;
- Penllergaer; and
- Pontlliw & Tircoed.

The CCZ will be APL's primary focus of activity when consulting about its plans.

e. Communities in the OCZ will be informed about the Project and will have the opportunity to comment on the plans. The OCZ includes the main population area of Swansea. APL does not anticipate that the communities and businesses that lie within the OCZ will be significantly affected by the Project's construction and operation although APL recognises that they may be interested in it.

f. Communities outside the OCZ will be informed about the Project as the circulation areas and reach of the media (TV, radio, printed media) that will be used to communicate details of the Project and the consultation activities are far greater than the boundaries of the OCZ.



## **5. INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION PERIOD / NON-STATUTORY CONSULTATION**

As an introduction to the Project, APL undertook an introductory information exercise/non-statutory consultation in June 2014. This included:

- a. Discussions with officers and councillors at CCS about the Project and the proposed non-statutory consultation exercise including exhibition venues and representatives who should be invited.
- b. As every home and business in the CCZ is represented by a CCS county councilor and a community council, APL communicated its plans to the local councils and community council, as well as the local MP Martin Caton, local AM Edwina Hart and regional AMs. APL has an ongoing programme of engagement with the AMs and MP in question to discuss the Project and answer any questions they may have.
- c. A Project website was launched to coincide with the Project being introduced to the local community. The website ([www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)) provides information on the Project and enables people to ask questions and provide feedback to APL about the Project. The website is bilingual, in both English and Welsh. It carries the latest information about the Project (technical, environmental and communications), contact details and a mechanism to enable people to ask questions and provide feedback.
- d. A letter of introduction about the Project was sent to approximately 5,500 households and businesses in the immediate vicinity of the Project Site. The letter contained details about the Project and an invitation to attend information exhibitions near the Project Site. The letter was sent and distributed by Royal Mail a week prior to the first exhibition date, and was produced in both English and Welsh.



- e. Exhibitions were held at the following locations to give local people the maximum opportunity to attend:
- Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> - Forge Fach Community Resource Centre, Clydach (3.00pm till 7.00pm);
  - Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> - Felindre Welfare Hall, Felindre (3.00pm till 7.00pm);  
and
  - Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> - Tircoed Village Hall, Tircoed (10.00am till 1.00pm)
- f. Exhibition locations were chosen because they were considered convenient to those communities within the CCZ that surround the Project Site. These events featured relevant information that was known at the time in a variety of formats (display panels, maps, plans, leaflet etc) about the proposal, in both English and Welsh. Members of the APL project team were available to discuss the proposal, answer questions and to receive feedback from members of the public. Feedback was sought during the non-statutory consultation / information period as to whether APL should do anything differently during the statutory consultation process.
- g. APL used venues that met Disability Discrimination Act 1995 requirements and upon a reasonable and timely request had provisions in place for those with special requirements who were unable to attend or access a consultation event (for example, private transport to the exhibition event).
- h. More than 90 people attended the exhibitions, including local councillors. The local media (print, TV, radio and social media) published news reports about the exhibitions in advance of them being held.
- i. APL issued news releases before the exhibitions were held, and these were posted on the APL website. The news releases were issued to the local media and reports were published in the media as a result.



- j. APL advertised the informal information exhibitions via a display advertisement in the South Wales Evening Post newspaper, published on June 12<sup>th</sup> 2014.
- k. A leaflet about the Project was produced for people who attended the exhibition, and additional copies were provided to local councillors and others for wider dissemination. The leaflet contained details of the Project, the consultation process, an indicative timeframe for the Project's development and also the Abergelli Power website address and contact details. In addition, a feedback form was available for people to fill in on the day or to return via Freepost to APL.
- l. Posters advertising the consultation events were displayed at community venues within the CCZ, for example local shops, post offices and doctors' surgeries.
- m. APL will consider the provision, upon request, of written materials about the Project in different formats (for example, large print or braille).
- n. Comments and queries via telephone (as well as via post, email or fax) were accepted following the launch of the non-statutory period of consultation.
- o. In summary, the Project has been introduced to the local community which is now broadly aware of its key points. The proposed statutory consultation process detailed in section 6.0 will therefore build upon this awareness with a view to gaining formal feedback from local people and interested stakeholders before the application for the DCO is submitted.

## **6. STATUTORY CONSULTATION METHODOLOGY & ACCESSIBILITY**

Following the introductory information period described in section 5.0, the consultation programme will be conducted according to the following methodology:



- a. APL will consult with officers at CCS on the content of this consultation plan and the draft SoCC.
- b. APL will begin statutory consultation engagement with elected members of CCS, community councils, the local MP and AMs whose constituency covers the CCZ, as it develops its plans.
- c. APL will use elected members of CCS and community councils as communication channels, via meetings and correspondence, to share information and seek community feedback during the period of statutory consultation.
- d. Exhibitions/consultation events will be held at the following locations:
  - Forge Fach Resource Centre, Clydach;
  - Felindre Welfare Hall;
  - Tircoed Village Hall; and
  - Llangyfelach Village Hall.
- e. After consideration of the outcomes of the non-statutory consultation process these are considered the most convenient to those communities within the CCZ that surround the Project Site. It also takes into account feedback received from local people and community councils in the area regarding the locations of exhibitions. These events will feature relevant information in a variety of formats (display panels, plans, leaflet etc) about the Project, in both English and Welsh. The Preliminary Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) will also be made available for review. Members of the APL project team will be available to discuss the Project, answer questions and to receive feedback from members of the public.
- f. In order to ensure that people have the maximum opportunity to attend the exhibitions, APL will arrange for them to be held at convenient times. An event will be held on a Saturday for those unable to visit during the working week.

- g. APL will use venues that meet Disability Discrimination Act 1995 requirements and upon a reasonable and timely request will make provision for those with special requirements who are unable to attend or access a consultation event (for example, private transport to a consultation event).
- h. In consultation with CCS, APL will share information about the Project with those “hard to reach groups” living and working within the CCZ. These groups are likely to be accessed through informal and formal channels - via council services and relevant specialist organisations (for example the local branches of the Women’s Institute and local business representative groups such as the South Wales Chamber of Commerce).
- i. Posters in colleges, schools, youth clubs and awareness via social media may be used to reach the younger members of the community, whilst consideration will be given to presentations at local schools and colleges about the Project. Local schools and colleges will be notified of the consultation events.
- j. APL will advertise the consultation events via the Swansea-based South Wales Evening Post, for two weeks prior to the first event taking place. In addition APL will announce via the issue of one or more news releases to local and regional news publications, the local radio and TV stations (and via online media) that the events are taking place. The newspaper advertisements (and media coverage), will reach the CCZ, the OCZ and further afield. The content will give information on APL’s proposals and details of the consultation events, including contact information.
- k. A leaflet or letter about the Project and the consultation programme will be distributed by Royal Mail (and other means as required) to households, businesses and institutions in the CCZ at least one week in advance of the first consultation event, informing them of the consultation events taking place. The leaflet or letter will include details of the Project, the location and dates of the

**Comment [DAS1]:** CCS to advise



consultation events, the APL website address. This letter will be produced in both English and Welsh.

- l. Posters advertising the consultation events will be displayed at community venues within the CCZ and the OCZ, for example local libraries, local shops and post offices, local schools and colleges and doctors' surgeries.
- m. APL will inform those community councils within the OCZ about the Project and the exhibition/consultation event via letter.
- n. The APL team will actively and reactively meet with individuals and interested groups in the local area as part of the formal consultation period to answer questions and provide updates about the Project.
- o. The APL website will carry the latest information about the Project (technical, environmental and communications), contact details and a mechanism to enable people to ask questions and provide feedback.
- p. Comments and queries via telephone (as well as via post, email or fax) will be considered and addressed within the scheme where possible, as well as comments noted. Comments will be accepted for a period of 35 days following the launch of the statutory period of consultation. These will be collated, considered and included in the Consultation Report that will accompany the DCO Application.
- q. APL may choose to undertake additional consultation and information activities. In addition, APL will consider the provision, upon request, of written materials about the Project in different formats (for example, large print or braille).
- r. All statutory and non-statutory consultation activities and efforts will be detailed in the Consultation Report which will accompany the DCO Application. This will



detail the consultation activities, the feedback received and APL's response to the issues that are raised during the process.

**ENDS**





**APPENDIX 1**

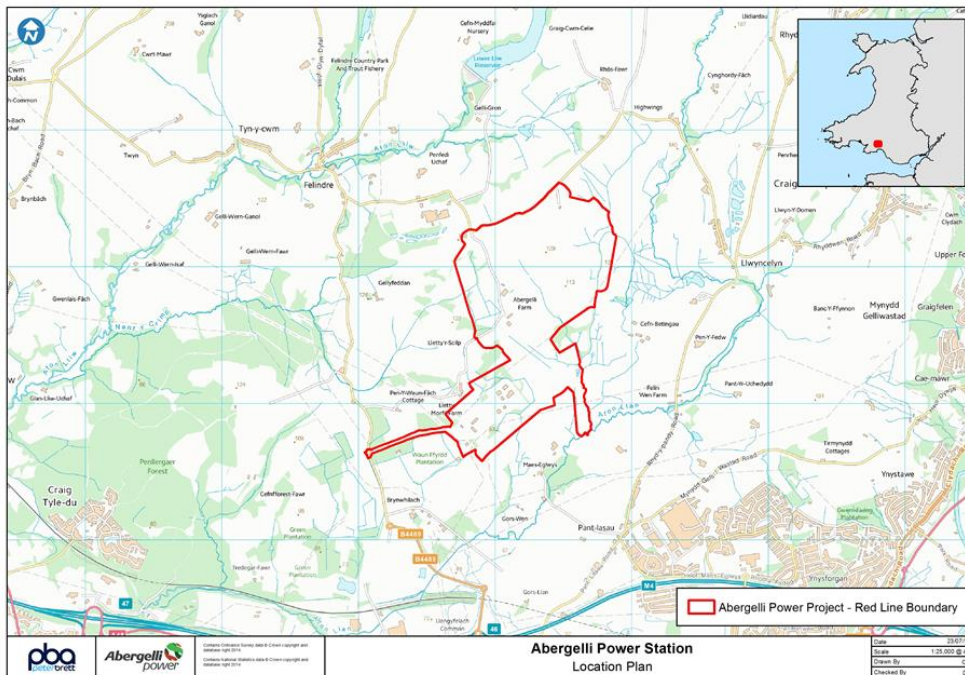
**DRAFT: Statement of Community Consultation**

*(To be placed in local libraries, council offices and on the Abergelli Power website.*

*The local press will publish an abbreviated version of the SoCC, subject to the agreement of CCS, referred to as the ‘SoCC Notice’, a draft of which is included at Appendix 2.)*

This Statement of Community Consultation is published in connection with a proposed gas-fired power station, including its integral gas and electrical connections, at Abergelli Farm (the Project). It explains how individuals living and working locally, as well as other interests such as local businesses and local civic/community organisations, can comment on the proposals to construct and operate the Project. The Project Site is situated north of Swansea in the City & County of Swansea (north of M4, Junction 46), approximately 1km southeast of Felindre, 750m south-west of Llwynceilyn and 1.5km north of Llanyfelach.

**Comment [DAS2]:** CCS to advise if there are any other NSIPs in the area that are at the pre-submission stage that we should be expressly considering dovetailing with. AN16 states "If relevant, the SOCC should also take account of any other major consultation exercises being undertaken in the area, for example in relation to planning applications or development plans proceeding under different legislation. The aim should be to achieve a programme that minimises confusion and possible "consultation fatigue".



**APL: location plan and application boundary**



The Project is being promoted by Abergelli Power Limited (APL), a company established by Watt Power Limited. Watt Power is seeking to develop gas fired power stations at Abergelli Farm and elsewhere in the UK to support the UK Government's drive to a low carbon economy.

APL has consulted City & County of Swansea Council as the local planning authority about the content of this Statement of Community Consultation and has had regard to their responses.

The capacity of the proposed Project will be in excess of 50 MW of electricity. As such, it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008. This requires a Development Consent Order (DCO) to build and operate, granted by the Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change.

The Statement of Community Consultation is part of a consultation process that APL is carrying out before it makes a formal application to the Secretary of State for a DCO.

A consultation/communication plan has previously been developed and is available from APL or via its website [www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk).

**This Statement explains:**

- Some details about the Project;
- How APL is publishing preliminary environmental information about the Project;
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- How people can provide feedback to APL from consultation activities and ensure that they are informed about the Project.

## The Project

The key details of the proposed Project are:

- The construction of a Power Generation Plant with a rated electrical output of between 50 - 299 MW of electricity. The plant will have up to 5 stacks each up to **xxm** in height. The plant will have a dedicated access road.
- The site for the Power Generation Plant covers an area of approximately **xxxha**;
- The Power Generation Plant will produce electricity from natural gas;
- Construction of a new underground or overhead electrical connection (up to **xxx** in length) to the National Grid and the construction of a new underground pipeline (up to **xxx** m in length) to bring natural gas to the power generating plant from the National Transmission System;
- Creation of approximately 150 jobs during a construction period lasting two years and 15 permanent jobs once commercial operations have begun;
- It responds to the UK Government's need for new gas generation in order to underpin the country's energy security and its transition to a low-carbon economy;
- The station would emit about 50% less carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) than an equivalent sized coal-fired power plant, and is designed to operate flexibly so that it can respond quickly and efficiently to short-term variation in customer demand and intermittent output from wind power generation; and
- It is acknowledged that during construction and operation there is potential for adverse effects on some local communities and the environment, for example noise and traffic during the construction phase and the visual effects of the of the new stacks. An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is being undertaken to understand and seek to minimise these and other potential effects of the Project's construction and operation. More information on this process is provided below. The EIA process is also considering the potential positive effects of the operation of the Project.

**Comment [DAS3]:** Stack heights and other details to be confirmed



## **The Planning Process**

DCO applications for NSIPs are submitted to the Planning Inspectorate which will process and examine the application before making a recommendation to the relevant Secretary of State. The final decision on the application is made by the Secretary of State and if it is successful, a DCO will be made.

The Government's policies in relation to NSIPs are set out in National Policy Statements (NPSs). The Project has been developed with regard to the relevant Energy NPSs, in particular EN-1 (Energy), EN-2 (Fossil Fuel Electricity Generating Infrastructure) and EN-5 (Electricity Networks Infrastructure). EN-1 states that *"gas will continue to play an important role in the electricity sector- providing vital flexibility to support an increasing amount of low-carbon generation and to maintain security of supply."*

When determining a DCO Application, the Secretary of State must have regard to the relevant NPSs and must make a decision in accordance with these unless she/he is satisfied that the adverse impact of the Project would outweigh its benefits.

When considering whether to accept an application for examination, the Planning Inspectorate must be satisfied that the applicant has undertaken effective pre-application consultation. Pre-application consultation is essential in allowing APL to understand and seek to minimise the effects of the Project and to allow a thorough examination by the Planning Inspectorate. APL is required to submit a Consultation Report with its application for a DCO. This report will include details of the local community feedback received, explain how APL has had regard to the feedback and will detail how APL has complied with the consultation requirements of the Planning Act 2008.

The community consultation described in this statement is carried out under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. It is in addition to consultation that will be carried out with specific statutory consultees (such as statutory nature conservation bodies) and those with relevant interests in land (including owners and occupiers within the



Project boundary) under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008. It is also in addition to wider publication of the proposed Project under Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008.

Information on the planning process and the NPSs can be found at:

[www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/planninginspectorate](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/planninginspectorate)

[www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting\\_energy/consents\\_planning/nps\\_en\\_infra/nps\\_en\\_infra.aspx](http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting_energy/consents_planning/nps_en_infra/nps_en_infra.aspx)

### **Environmental Information & Impacts**

The Project will be designed and developed to meet or exceed current quality, safety and environmental standards and efforts will be made to minimise its impact on the local environment, both during its construction and its operation. The extent and scale of the Project and APL's proposals to mitigate its impacts will be amongst the issues considered by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Because of the nature and size of the Project, APL is undertaking an EIA. Therefore, the Project is classed as an EIA development. The EIA considers the potential impacts of the Project including: air quality; noise and vibration; ecology; water quality and resources; geology, ground conditions and agriculture; landscape and visual; traffic, transport and access; cultural heritage and archeology; and socio-economics.

APL has consulted with various statutory bodies concerning the scope of the EIA, including local authorities, Natural Resources Wales (NRW), the South Wales Trunk Road Agency, and utility providers. A request for a Scoping Opinion was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2014, accompanied by a Scoping Report. The Scoping Report outlines which environmental topics will be covered by the EIA and how the assessments will be undertaken. The Planning Inspectorate [issued] its formal Scoping Opinion on [7 August 2014].



All documents are available on the Abergelli Power website ([www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)) and via the dedicated section on the Planning Portal website:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/wales/abergelli-power/>

As part of the pre-application consultation materials on the proposed Project, APL will publish a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and an associated non-technical summary (NTS). The PEIR will present the information gathered to date and provides the results of APL's preliminary assessments as to the likely significant environmental effects. It will not set out the final findings but will include information on provisional mitigation measures. During consultation, APL will make available details on landscaping proposals and other measures to mitigate the Project's impact. APL will provide copies of the PEIR and its associated NTS to City & County of Swansea Council as the local planning authority. Both documents will also be made available at: Swansea Central Library; local libraries; at public exhibitions held as part of the consultation process and on the APL website.

When the EIA process is complete and APL submits its application for a DCO, it will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement. This will report on the likely significant environmental effects of the Project identified in the EIA and will explain the mitigation measures to avoid or reduce these.

### **Public Consultation**

The views of the local community about the Project are important. In June 2014, APL carried out a non-statutory consultation process sharing its initial plans with the public at three exhibitions held in Clydach, Felindre and Tircoed. At the exhibitions and since, APL has received and responded to comments on the Project and its impact on the environment, local communities and the local economy.

#### ***a. What are we now consulting on and when?***

In the statutory phase of consultation commencing in Autumn 2014, APL will seek views on the overall scope and preliminary environmental effects of the Project,



including the option(s) for the proposed new access road and the electrical and gas connections. Only after responses have been considered will the design be finalised and the application for a DCO be submitted.

Responses will be invited on:

- The layout of the Power Generation Plant within the Project Site;
- Route option(s) for the new access road and gas and electrical connections (as appropriate); and
- Findings of the preliminary assessment for construction and operational phases of the project, as set out in the PEIR.

The consultation explained in this Statement will run for 35 days ending on **xxxx** **2014**. Comments about the Project must be received by APL by this date.

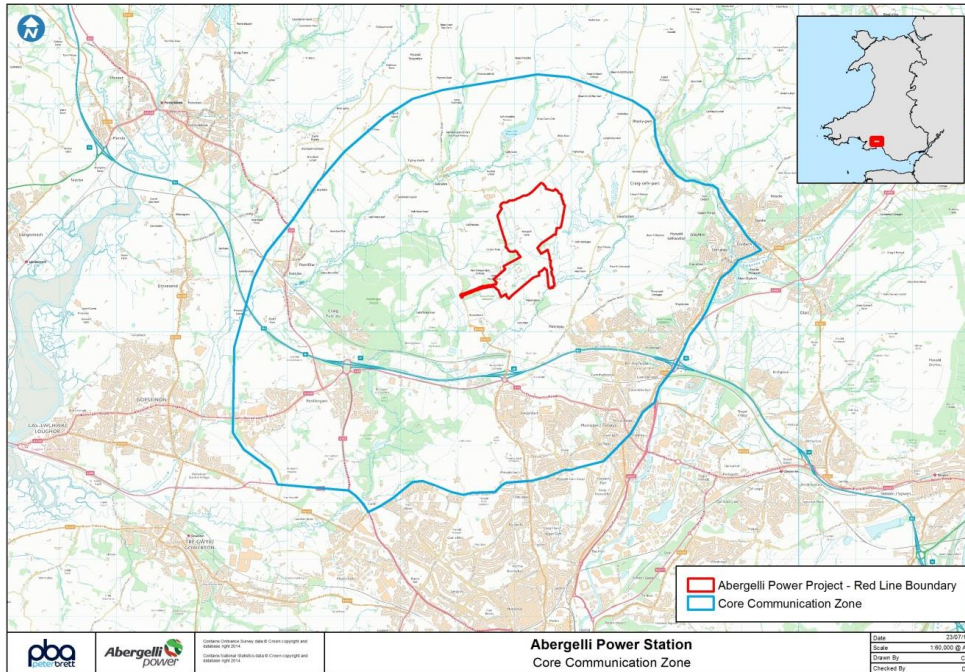
***b. Who will we consult with?***

The Planning Act 2008 states that those *'living in the vicinity of the land'* should be consulted. We have discussed the scope of the consultation with City & County of Swansea as the local planning authority, and have identified and agreed the Consultation Zones that form the basis of the community consultation.

APL will carry out its consultation activities in two areas: a Core Consultation Zone (CCZ) that equates to a 3.5km radius from the Project Site and an Outer Consultation Zone (OCZ) that equates to a radius of approximately 8km.

The CCZ has been designed to include the main population areas in the vicinity of the Project Site that have the potential to be impacted by the Project and expected to have the greatest interest in the Project. The zone includes the villages of Clydach, Felindre, Llangyfelach and Tircoed, and all or parts of the following community council areas: Clydach, Llangyfelach, Mawr, Morryston, Mynyddbach, Penllergaer and Pontlliw & Tircoed.





***Proposed Core Communication Zone – approx. 3.5 km radius from the Project Site***

Communities within the OCZ will be informed about the Project (via newspaper advertisements, posters, media coverage and contact with local elected members and community councils in the OCZ and other relevant local organisations) and given the opportunity to comment on the plans. The outer zone includes the main population area of the city of Swansea.

APL does not anticipate that the communities and businesses that lie within the OCZ will be significantly impacted by the Project’s construction and operation although APL recognises that they may be interested in it. Outside the two zones, there may well be others interested in APL’s plans. They will also be reached through local/regional newspaper advertising and media coverage (print, broadcast and social media). Feedback that is received within the consultation period will be considered.



**c. How will we consult?**

APL will seek and receive people’s views through a number of activities:

- Public exhibitions will be held at Clydach, Felindre, Llangyfelach and Tircoed within the CCZ. Feedback forms, allowing people to provide their views on the Project, will be available at these exhibitions;
- A leaflet or letter will be delivered to households, businesses and institutions in the CCZ, and made available at local council offices, local libraries and other venues as appropriate. The leaflet will also be distributed to those groups that are defined as “hard to reach” (for example, the elderly, the young and minority groups). It will give background on the Project, the consultation process (including exhibitions) and how individuals can engage in it. The leaflet will be made available at libraries and council offices in the OCZ;
- Copies of the leaflet, the SoCC, the Preliminary Environmental Information Report and its Non-Technical Summary as well as other information about the Project will be available at the following libraries:

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| <p><b>Swansea Central Library</b><br/>Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road, Swansea SA1 3SN</p> | <p>Mon: CLOSED<br/>Tue – Fri:8.30am – 8.00pm<br/>Wed:8.30am – 8.00pm<br/>Thur:8.30am – 8.00pm<br/>Fri:8.30am – 8.00pm<br/>Sat/Sun:10.00am – 4.00pm</p> |
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| <p><b>Pontarddulais Library</b><br/>St Michael's Avenue, Pontarddulais, Swansea SA4 8TE</p> | <p>Mon – Thur:9.00am – 1.00pm<br/>and 2.00pm – 5.00pm<br/>Fri: 9.00am – 1.00pm and<br/>2.00pm – 6.00pm<br/>Sat:9.00am - 1.00pm<br/>Sun: CLOSED</p> |
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- The leaflet and other information about the Project can be made available in other formats (eg large print or braille) and languages upon request;
- A website ([www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)) provides information on the Project as well as access to documents, and provide visitors the opportunity to ask questions or make comments online;
- An e-mail address to which individuals can write (provided at the end of this document);
- A Freepost mailbox to which people can send questions or comments (provided at the end of this document);
- APL will also notify the local community about the Project and the consultation events via posters in the local community, newspaper advertisements and media coverage;
- In addition, APL will contact a broad spectrum of local stakeholders. These will include elected representatives, local community, special interest groups (including those “*hard to reach groups*” such as the young, elderly and the disabled), and local business groups. APL will provide them with information on the Project and undertake briefings where appropriate.

Individuals and organisations wishing to respond should include their name and an address where correspondence about the response can be sent. Responses may be made public, subject to data protection laws.

Comments made at any stage of the consultation process will be recorded and carefully considered by APL as part of the process of preparing the final proposals for its application to the Planning Inspectorate.



| KEY DATES | ACTIVITY                                                                         |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TBC       | Statement of Community Consultation published                                    |
| TBC       | Consultation period starts                                                       |
| TBC       | <b>PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS</b>                                                        |
|           | Forge Fach Resource Centre, Hebron Road, Clydach, Swansea, SA6 5EJ               |
|           | Felindre Welfare Hall, Felindre, Swansea, SA5 7NA                                |
|           | Tircoed Village Hall, Y Cyswllt, Tircoed SA4 9QZ                                 |
|           | Llangyfelach Village Hall, Heol Pentrefelin Road, Llangyfelach, Swansea, SA5 7JD |
| TBC       | Consultation period closes                                                       |
|           | DCO Application submitted                                                        |

#### Contact details

APL welcomes queries and comments:

Website: [www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)

Email: [info@abergellipower.co.uk](mailto:info@abergellipower.co.uk)

Post: Freepost RTEY-JYYB-ERSR, Abergelli Power Ltd, 49 York Place,  
Edinburgh EH1 3JD

Phone: 0131 550 3380



## Appendix 2

### **DRAFT: Abbreviated Statement of Community Consultation Notice**

*[to be published in local press]*

Abergelli Power Ltd (APL) proposes to construct and operate a gas-fired power generation plant and connections to the gas and electricity networks in land adjacent to the National Grid compressor station at Abergelli Farm, Felindre, Swansea SA5 7NN. The proposed site is situated north of Swansea in the City & County of Swansea (north of M4, Junction 46), approximately 1km southeast of Felindre, 750m south-west of Llwynceilyn and 1.5km north of Llangyfelach.

The project includes a power generation plant, a gas connection and an electrical connection that would connect the power generation plant to the existing nearby transmission networks. The power generation plant would have rated electrical output of between 50 and 299 MW of electricity. Subject to public consultation, planning and financing, it could enter commercial operation in 2019.

The Project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008 which means a Development Consent Order (DCO) is required to build, operate and maintain it.

Due to the nature and size of the Project, APL is undertaking an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Therefore the Project is classified as EIA development. The EIA will consider the potential impacts, both positive and negative, of the Project on topics including air and water quality, noise, landscape and visual impact, traffic, local ecology, archaeology and heritage, and socio-economics.

The DCO application will be processed and examined by the Planning Inspectorate who will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. The final decision on the application is made by the Secretary of State.

Consultation with local people, businesses, and other organisations is an essential part of the DCO application process and will help to influence the final design of the project. Only after all inputs have been considered will designs be finalised and the application for a DCO be submitted.

The Government's policies in relation to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects are set out in National Policy Statements (NPSs). NPS EN-1 (Energy) states that "gas will continue to play an important role in the electricity sector- providing vital flexibility to support an increasing amount of low-carbon generation and to maintain security of supply." The need for the Project is established through NPSs and is therefore not a topic of consultation.

APL has prepared a statement setting out how it proposes to consult people living and working in the vicinity of the site about the proposed DCO application; this is the Statement of Community Consultation. It is available for inspection at [www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk), at council offices (TBA with contact details) and at these local libraries (opening times vary).



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| <b>Swansea Central Library</b><br>Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road, Swansea SA1 3SN   | Mon: CLOSED<br>Tue – Fri:8.30am – 8.00pm<br>Wed:8.30am – 8.00pm<br>Thur:8.30am – 8.00pm<br>Fri:8.30am – 8.00pm<br>Sat/Sun:10.00am – 4.00pm |
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Households and businesses within an approximate 3.5km radius of the power generation plant site will receive a leaflet about the proposal on or around [DATE TBC].

Exhibitions about the project will be held at these locations:

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| Dates & times TBC | Forge Fach Resource Centre, Hebron Road, Clydach, Swansea, SA6 5EJ               |
|                   | Felindre Welfare Hall, Felindre, Swansea, SA5 7NA                                |
|                   | Tircoed Village Hall, Y Cyswllt, Tircoed SA4 9QZ                                 |
|                   | Llangyfelach Village Hall, Heol Pentrefelin Road, Llangyfelach, Swansea, SA5 7JD |

From [DATE TBC], information about the proposed Project, including a leaflet about the proposal, a Preliminary Environmental Information Report and a non-technical summary (which contain a preliminary assessment of the effects of the Project) will be made available for inspection at the same locations and on the APL website.

The consultation period will be 35 days long ending on **xx November 2014**, and we would welcome your views on or before this date. Please include your name and an address. Responses may be made public, subject to data protection laws.

**Website:** [www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk) **Email:** [info@abergellipower.co.uk](mailto:info@abergellipower.co.uk)

**Tel:** 0131 550 3380

**Freepost:** RTE-Y-JYYB-ERST, Abergelli Power Ltd, 49 York Place, Edinburgh EH1 3JD

## **Appendix 4.A: Phase 1 2014 SoCC and Consultation Plan**

**4.A III Email to CCS notifying updates to draft 2014 SoCC (19th August 2014)**

## Emma Knapp

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**From:** Dermot Scanlon  
**Sent:** 19 August 2014 14:13  
**To:** Ryan.Thomas@swansea.gov.uk  
**Cc:** Norman Campbell (ncampbell@stagenergy.com); Reece Emmitt (Reece@wepr.co.uk); Adam Heffill (AHeffill@stagenergy.com)  
**Subject:** Proposed Abergelli Power Project, land adjacent to the National Grid compressor station at Abergelli Farm, Felindre, Swansea SA5 7NN  
**Attachments:** APL Meeting CCS\_v01\_draft\_issued.pdf

Dear Ryan – further to the above project, we write to provide an update following our meeting and submission of a draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) last month:

1. **Gas and electrical connections** – we have undertaken further design work in relation to the proposed gas and electrical connections to the Generating Equipment such that the need for route options has now been removed. Our formal public consultation will therefore include only the preferred route alignments for both the gas and electrical connections. For clarity, two route options for the proposed new access road are still under consideration and these will be presented as part of our formal consultation. This alters the wording set out in bullet 2, p22 of the draft SoCC.
2. **Deposit locations for consultation materials** - at our meeting we noted the lack of suitable, secure locations within the Core Consultation Zone (CCZ) to deposit and display material for public inspection. We also discussed possible options although have not identified anything further. The table contained in the draft SoCC pp24-25 sets out the proposed deposit locations and we would be grateful if you would confirm that these are acceptable, noting that the locations are outside of the CCZ.
3. **Consultation period** – we anticipate that the formal public consultation will take place for a 35 day period from mid-October through to mid-November 2014. The provisional dates for our public exhibitions are 22-25 October 2014 which avoid the half term school holiday and include one exhibition on a Saturday. The table contained in the draft SoCC p26 will be updated as a result.
4. **Planning applications on proposal site** – para 3.69 of the PINS Scoping Opinion (published 1 August 2014) sets out the details of three developments for inclusion in the cumulative assessment. We would be grateful for confirmation of any further planning applications or developments on or around the proposed DCO application site which need to be included in our assessment work.

Also attached is a brief note of our meeting last month. Grateful if you would advise if you have any comments.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

With thanks and best wishes

Dermot Scanlon

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## **Appendix 4.A: Phase 1 2014 SoCC and Consultation Plan**

### **4.A IV CCS response to 2014 Draft Consultation Documents**



## Jonathan Sebbage

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**From:** Thomas, Ryan <Ryan.Thomas@swansea.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 27 August 2014 17:09  
**To:** Dermot Scanlon  
**Cc:** ncampbell@stagenergy.com; Reece@wepr.co.uk  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Abergelli Power Project, land adjacent to the National Grid compressor station at Abergelli Farm, Felindre, Swansea SA5 7NN

Dermot,

I refer to your consultation pursuant to section 47 (2) of the Planning Act 2008 regarding the above development.

I can confirm that I have consulted relevant internal Departments and Ward members regarding the content of the attached documentation and that the Authority has no further comment to make other than to recommend that as part of the consultation exercise, in addition to those sites identified at Page 24 and 28 of the Draft SoCC and Abbreviated SoCC Notice, documentation also be deposited at the City & County of Swansea Council Offices, Penllergaer, Swansea, SA4 9GJ.

I appreciate that concern has been expressed that there appeared to be no suitable, secure locations open to inspect the application documents within the CCZ, and whilst this site is not generally open to the public, arrangements have been made to allow the documentation to be inspected once deposited at these offices during normal working hours (8.30-5.00pm Monday-Thursday, 8.30-4.30 Friday).

You have also requested details on "hard to reach groups" and I am in the process of reviewing our current LDP database to establish those that fall within the CCZ and will advise accordingly. In addition you have also requested details of any other NSIP's in the area that are at the pre-submission stage and any other major consultation exercises being undertaken in the area in relation to planning applications and/or the development plan. In this respect whilst there are a number of planning applications within the vicinity of the site currently under consideration for example, for solar park developments, the LDP will not be subject to any further consultation until January 2015 and I am not aware of any other major land use related consultation exercises that would conflict with dates you have indicated.

Should you require any further clarification or wish to discuss the matter in further detail, however, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Regards,

Ryan Thomas  
Development, Conservation & Design Manager

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**From:** Dermot Scanlon [mailto:dscanlon@peterbrett.com]  
**Sent:** 31 July 2014 15:00  
**To:** Thomas, Ryan  
**Cc:** Norman Campbell (ncampbell@stagenergy.com); Reece Emmitt (Reece@wepr.co.uk)  
**Subject:** Proposed Abergelli Power Project, land adjacent to the National Grid compressor station at Abergelli Farm, Felindre, Swansea SA5 7NN

## Appendix 4.A: Phase 1 2014 SoCC and Consultation Plan

[4.A V Published 2014 SoCC \(English\)](#)



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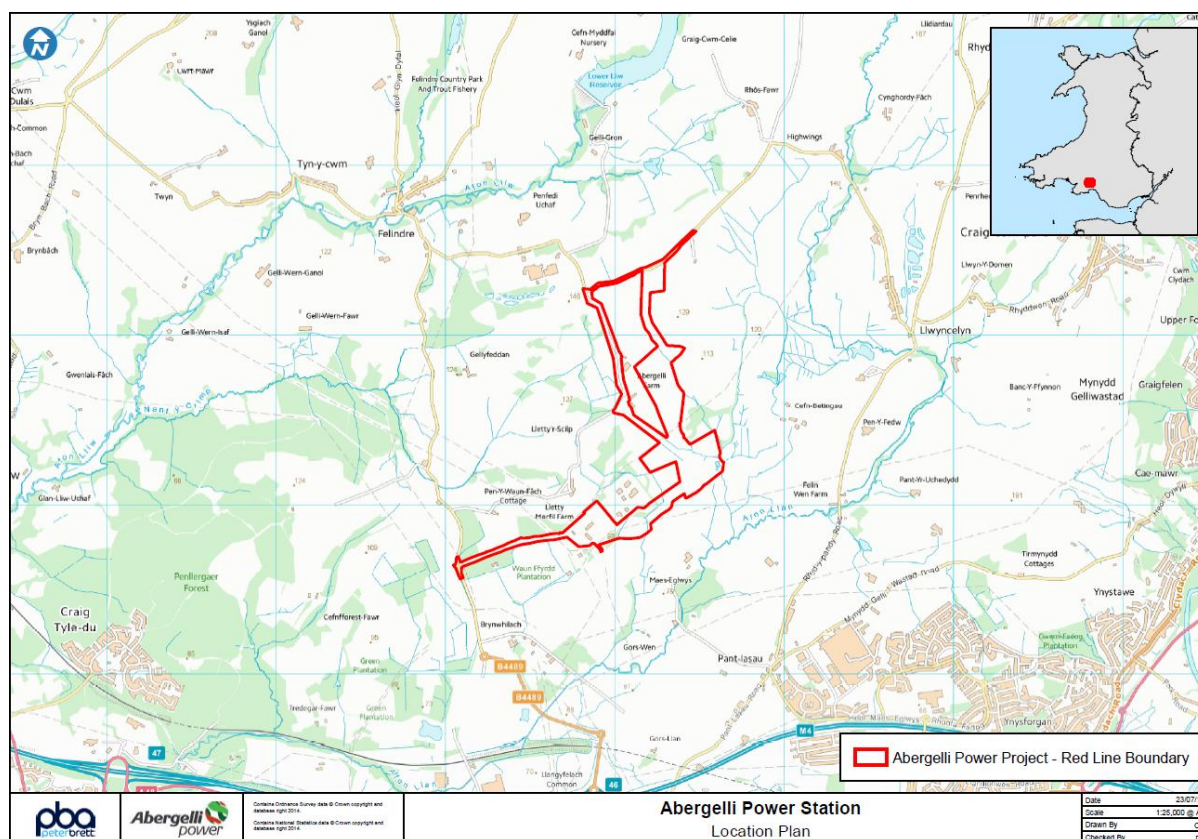
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Felindre, Swansea

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY  
CONSULTATION

30<sup>th</sup> September 2014

[www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)

This Statement of Community Consultation is published in connection with a proposed gas-fired power station, including its integral gas and electrical connections, at Abergelli Farm (the Project). It explains how individuals living and working locally, as well as other interests such as local businesses and local civic/community organisations, can comment on the proposals to construct and operate the Project. The Project Site is situated north of Swansea in the City & County of Swansea (north of M4, Junction 46), approximately 1km southeast of Felindre, 750m south-west of Llwyncelyn and 1.5km north of Llanyfelach.



### ***APL: location plan and application boundary***

The Project is being promoted by Abergelli Power Limited (APL), a company established by Watt Power Limited. Watt Power is seeking to develop gas fired power stations at Abergelli Farm and elsewhere in the UK to support the UK Government's drive to a low carbon economy.

APL has consulted City & County of Swansea Council as the local planning authority about the content of this Statement of Community Consultation and has had regard to the council's response.

The capacity of the proposed Project will be in excess of 50 MW of electricity. As such, it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008. This requires a Development Consent Order (DCO), granted under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011 and the Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013 – hereafter referred to as ‘Planning Act 2008 (as amended)’), to build and operate, granted by the Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change.

The Statement of Community Consultation is part of a consultation process that APL is carrying out before it makes a formal application to the Secretary of State for a DCO.

A consultation/communication plan has previously been developed and is available from APL or via its website [www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk).

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- Some details about the Project;
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- It responds to the UK Government's need for new gas generation in order to underpin the country's energy security and its transition to a low-carbon economy;
- The station would emit about 50% less carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) than an equivalent sized coal-fired power plant, and is designed to operate flexibly so that it can respond quickly and efficiently to short-term variation in customer demand and intermittent output from wind power generation; and
- It is acknowledged that during construction and operation there is potential for adverse effects on some local communities and the environment, for example noise and traffic during the construction phase and the visual effects of the of the new stacks. An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is being undertaken to understand and seek to minimise these and other potential effects of the Project's construction and operation. More information on this process is provided below. The EIA process is also considering the potential positive effects of the operation of the Project.

### **The Planning Process**

DCO applications for NSIPs are submitted to the Planning Inspectorate which will process and examine the application before making a recommendation to the relevant Secretary of State. The final decision on the application is made by the Secretary of State and if it is successful, a DCO will be made.

The Government's policies in relation to NSIPs are set out in National Policy Statements (NPSs). The Project has been developed with regard to the relevant Energy NPSs, in particular EN-1 (Energy), EN-2 (Fossil Fuel Electricity Generating Infrastructure) and EN-5 (Electricity Networks Infrastructure). EN-1 states that *"gas will continue to play an important role in the electricity sector- providing vital flexibility to support an increasing amount of low-carbon generation and to maintain security of supply"*.

When determining a DCO Application, the Secretary of State must have regard to the relevant NPSs and must make a decision in accordance with these unless she/he is satisfied that the adverse impact of the Project would outweigh its benefits.

When considering whether to accept an application for examination, the Planning Inspectorate must be satisfied that the applicant has undertaken effective pre-application consultation. Pre-application consultation is essential in allowing APL to understand and seek to minimise the effects of the Project and to allow a thorough examination by the Planning Inspectorate. APL is required to submit a Consultation Report with its application for a DCO. This report will include details of the local community feedback received, explain how APL has had regard to the feedback and will detail how APL has complied with the consultation requirements of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended).

The community consultation described in this statement is carried out under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended). It is in addition to consultation that will be carried out with specific statutory consultees (such as statutory nature conservation bodies) and those with relevant interests in land (including owners and occupiers within the Project boundary) under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended). It is also in addition to wider publication of the proposed Project under Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended).

Information on the planning process and the NPSs can be found at:

[www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/planninginspectorate](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/planninginspectorate)

[www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting\\_energy/consents\\_planning/nps\\_en\\_infra/nps\\_en\\_infra.aspx](http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting_energy/consents_planning/nps_en_infra/nps_en_infra.aspx)



## **Environmental Information & Impacts**

The Project will be designed and developed to meet or exceed current quality, safety and environmental standards and efforts will be made to minimise its impact on the local environment, both during its construction and its operation. The extent and scale of the Project and APL's proposals to mitigate its impacts will be amongst the issues considered by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Because of the nature and size of the Project, APL is undertaking an EIA. Therefore, the Project is classed as an EIA development. The EIA considers the potential impacts of the Project including: air quality; noise and vibration; ecology; water quality and resources; geology, ground conditions and agriculture; landscape and visual; traffic, transport and access; cultural heritage and archeology; and socio-economics.

APL has consulted with various statutory bodies concerning the scope of the EIA, including local authorities, Natural Resources Wales (NRW), the South Wales Trunk Road Agency, and utility providers. A request for a Scoping Opinion was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2014, accompanied by a Scoping Report. The Scoping Report outlines which environmental topics will be covered by the EIA and how the assessments will be undertaken. The Planning Inspectorate issued its formal Scoping Opinion on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014.

All documents are available on the Abergelli Power website ([www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)) and via the dedicated section on the Planning Portal website: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/wales/abergelli-power/>

As part of the pre-application consultation materials on the proposed Project, APL will publish a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and an associated non-technical summary (NTS). The PEIR will present the information gathered to date and provide the results of APL's preliminary findings of the assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the Project. It will not set out the final findings but will include information on provisional mitigation measures. During consultation, APL will make available details on landscaping proposals and other measures to mitigate the Project's impact. APL will provide



copies of the PEIR and its associated NTS to City & County of Swansea Council as the local planning authority. Both documents will also be made available at: Swansea Central Library; local libraries; at public exhibitions held as part of the consultation process and on the APL website.

When the EIA process is complete and APL submits its application for a DCO, it will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement. This will report on the likely significant environmental effects of the Project identified in the EIA and will explain the mitigation measures to avoid or reduce these.

### **Public Consultation**

The views of the local community about the Project are important. In June 2014, APL carried out a non-statutory consultation process sharing its initial plans with the public at three exhibitions held in Clydach, Felindre and Tircoed. At the exhibitions and since, APL has received and responded to comments on the Project and its impact on the environment, local communities and the local economy.

#### ***a. What are we now consulting on and when?***

In the statutory phase of consultation commencing in Autumn 2014, APL will seek views on the preliminary environmental information presented about the Project as well as on other key elements of the Project. Only after responses have been considered will the design be finalised and the application for a DCO be submitted.

Responses will be invited on:

- The preliminary findings of the assessment as to the likely significant environmental effects of the Project;
- The proposed route option(s) for accessing the Project; and
- The indicative layout of the power generation plant within the Project site.

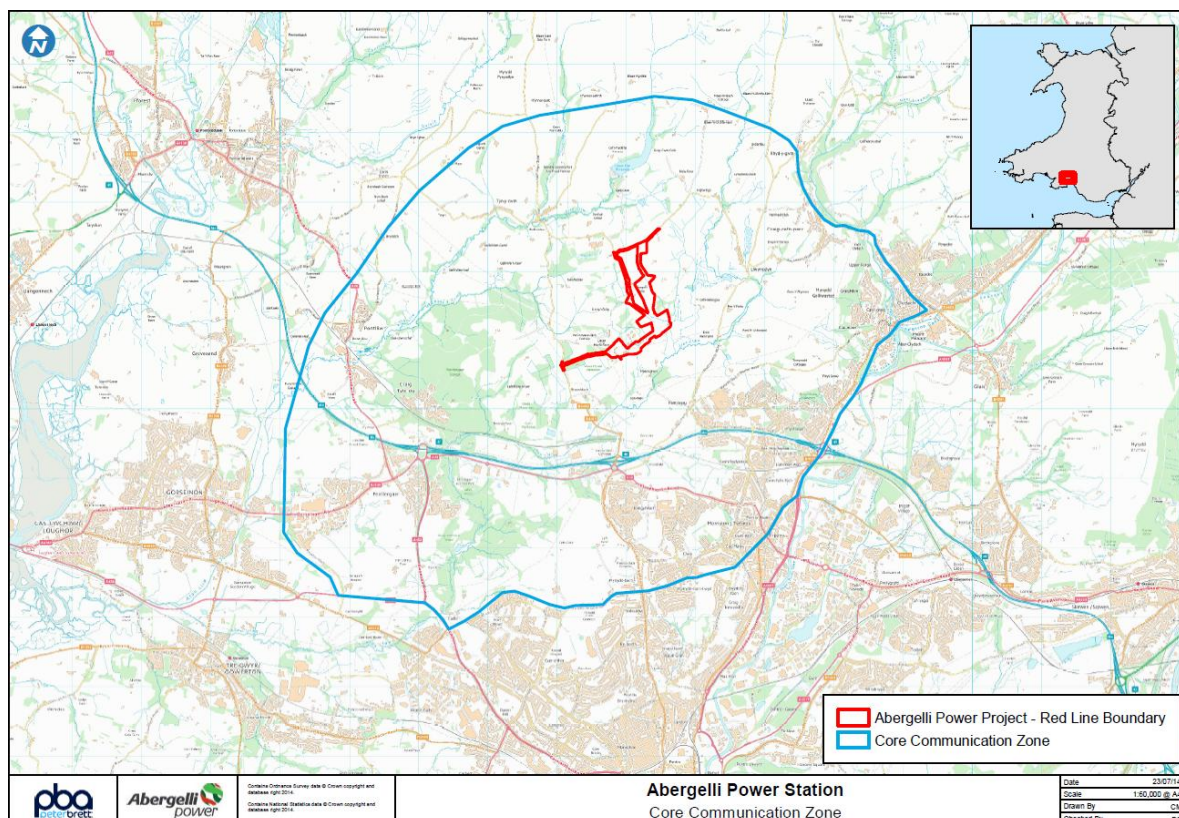
The consultation explained in this Statement will run for 35 days ending on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Comments about the Project must be received by APL by this date.

#### ***b. Who will we consult with?***

The Planning Act 2008 (as amended) states that those *'living in the vicinity of the land'* should be consulted. APL has discussed the scope of the consultation with City & County of Swansea as the local planning authority, and has identified and agreed the Consultation Zones that form the basis of the community consultation.

APL will carry out its consultation activities in two areas: a Core Consultation Zone (CCZ) that equates to an approximate radius of 3.5km from the Project Site and an Outer Consultation Zone (OCZ) that equates to a radius of approximately 8km.

The CCZ has been designed to include the main population areas in the vicinity of the Project Site that have the potential to be affected by the Project and expected to have the greatest interest in the Project. The zone includes the villages of Clydach, Felindre, Llangyfelach and Tircoed, and all or parts of the following community council areas: Clydach, Llangyfelach, Mawr, Morriston, Mynyddbach, Penllergaer and Pontlliw & Tircoed.



***Proposed Core Consultation Zone – approx. 3.5 km radius from the Project Site***

Communities within the OCZ will be informed about the Project (via newspaper advertisements, posters, media coverage and contact with local elected members and community councils in the OCZ and other relevant local organisations) and given the opportunity to comment on the plans. The outer zone includes the main population area of the city of Swansea.

APL does not anticipate that the communities and businesses which lie within the OCZ will be significantly impacted by the Project's construction and operation although APL recognises that they may be interested in it. Outside the two zones, there may well be others interested in APL's plans. They will also be reached through local/regional newspaper advertising and media coverage (print, broadcast and social media). Feedback that is received within the consultation period will be considered.

**c. *How will we consult?***

APL will seek and receive people's views through a number of activities:

- Public exhibitions will be held at Clydach, Felindre, Llangyfelach and Tircoed within the CCZ. Feedback forms, allowing people to provide their views on the Project, will be available at these exhibitions;
- A leaflet or letter will be delivered to households, businesses and institutions in the CCZ, and made available at local council offices, local libraries and other venues as appropriate. The leaflet will also be distributed to those groups that are defined as "hard to reach" (for example, the elderly, the young and minority groups). It will give background on the Project, the consultation process (including exhibitions) and how individuals can engage in it. The leaflet will be made available at libraries and council offices in the OCZ;
- Copies of the leaflet, the SoCC, the Preliminary Environmental Information Report and its Non-Technical Summary as well as other information about the Project will be available to be inspected at the following locations:

|           | <b>City and County of Swansea Council Offices,</b><br>Penllergaer<br>Swansea SA4 9GJ<br>(01792) 636000 | <b>Swansea Central Library</b><br>Civic Centre<br>Oystermouth Road<br>Swansea SA1 3SN<br>(01792) 636464 | <b>Clydach Library</b><br>High Street<br>Clydach,<br>Swansea SA6 5LN<br>(01792) 843300 | <b>Gorseinon Library</b><br>15 West Street<br>Gorseinon<br>Swansea SA4 4AA<br>(01792) 516780 | <b>Morrleston Library</b><br>Treharne Road<br>Morrleston<br>Swansea SA6 7AA<br>(01792) 516770 | <b>Pontarddulais Library</b><br>St Michael's<br>Avenue<br>Pontarddulais<br>Swansea SA4 8TE<br>(01792) 882822 |
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| Monday    | 8.30-17.00                                                                                             | CLOSED                                                                                                  | 9.30-17.30                                                                             | 9.00-18.00                                                                                   | 9.00-18.00                                                                                    | 9.00- 13.00 and<br>14.00 - 17.00                                                                             |
| Tuesday   | 8.30-17.00                                                                                             | 8.30-20.00                                                                                              | 9.30-17.30                                                                             | 9.00-18.00                                                                                   | 9.00-18.00                                                                                    | 9.00- 13.00 and<br>14.00 - 17.00                                                                             |
| Wednesday | 8.30-17.00                                                                                             | 8.30-20.00                                                                                              | 9.30-17.30                                                                             | 9.00-18.00                                                                                   | 9.00-18.00                                                                                    | 9.00- 13.00 and<br>14.00 - 17.00                                                                             |
| Thursday  | 8.30-17.00                                                                                             | 8.30-20.00                                                                                              | 9.30-17.30                                                                             | 9.00-18.00                                                                                   | 9.00-18.00                                                                                    | 9.00- 13.00 and<br>14.00 - 17.00                                                                             |
| Friday    | 8.30-16.00                                                                                             | 8.30-20.00                                                                                              | 9.30-17.30                                                                             | 9.00-19.00                                                                                   | 9.00-18.00                                                                                    | 9.00- 13.00 and<br>14.00 - 18.00                                                                             |
| Saturday  | CLOSED                                                                                                 | 10.00-16.00                                                                                             | 9.30-17.30                                                                             | 9.00-17.00                                                                                   | 9.00-17.00                                                                                    | 10.00- 13.00                                                                                                 |
| Sunday    | CLOSED                                                                                                 | 10.00-16.00                                                                                             | CLOSED                                                                                 | CLOSED                                                                                       | CLOSED                                                                                        | CLOSED                                                                                                       |

- The leaflet and other information about the Project can be made available in other formats (e.g. large print or braille) and languages upon request;
- A website ([www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)) provides information on the Project as well as access to documents, and provide visitors the opportunity to ask questions or make comments online;
- An e-mail address to which individuals can write (provided at the end of this document);
- A Freepost mailbox to which people can send questions or comments (provided at the end of this document);
- APL will also notify the local community about the Project and the consultation events via posters in the local community, newspaper advertisements and media coverage;
- In addition, APL will contact a broad spectrum of local stakeholders. These will include elected representatives, local community, special interest groups (including those *“hard to reach groups”* such as the young, elderly and the disabled), and local business groups. APL will provide them with information on the Project and undertake briefings where appropriate.

Individuals and organisations wishing to respond should include their name and an address where correspondence about the response can be sent. Responses may be made public, subject to data protection laws.

Comments made at any stage of the consultation process will be recorded and carefully considered by APL as part of the process of preparing the final proposals for its application to the Planning Inspectorate.

| KEY DATES                                       | ACTIVITY                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2014                 | Statement of Community Consultation published                                                                                         |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> October                        | Consultation period starts                                                                                                            |
| <b>PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS</b>                       |                                                                                                                                       |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2014,<br>15.00 – 20.00 | <b>Llangyfelach Church Hall</b> , Swansea Road,<br>Llangyfelach, Swansea SA5 7JA                                                      |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2014,<br>14.00 – 19.00 | <b>Felindre Welfare Hall</b> , Felindre, Swansea SA5 7NA                                                                              |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2014,<br>14.00 – 19.00 | <b>Forge Fach Resource Centre</b> , Hebron Road,<br>Clydach, Swansea SA6 5EJ                                                          |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2014,<br>9.00 – 13.00  | <b>Tircoed Village Hall</b> , Y Cyswllt, Tircoed SA4 9QZ                                                                              |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2014                  | Consultation period closes                                                                                                            |
| Q1 2015                                         | DCO Application submitted                                                                                                             |
| Q2 2015                                         | Planning Inspectorate publically notifies the acceptance of application and sets examination timetable, likely to run during Q3 2014. |

### Contact details

APL welcomes queries and comments:

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Email: [info@abergellipower.co.uk](mailto:info@abergellipower.co.uk)

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## **Appendix 4.A: Phase 1 2014 SoCC and Consultation Plan**

### **4.A VI Published 2014 SoCC (Welsh)**



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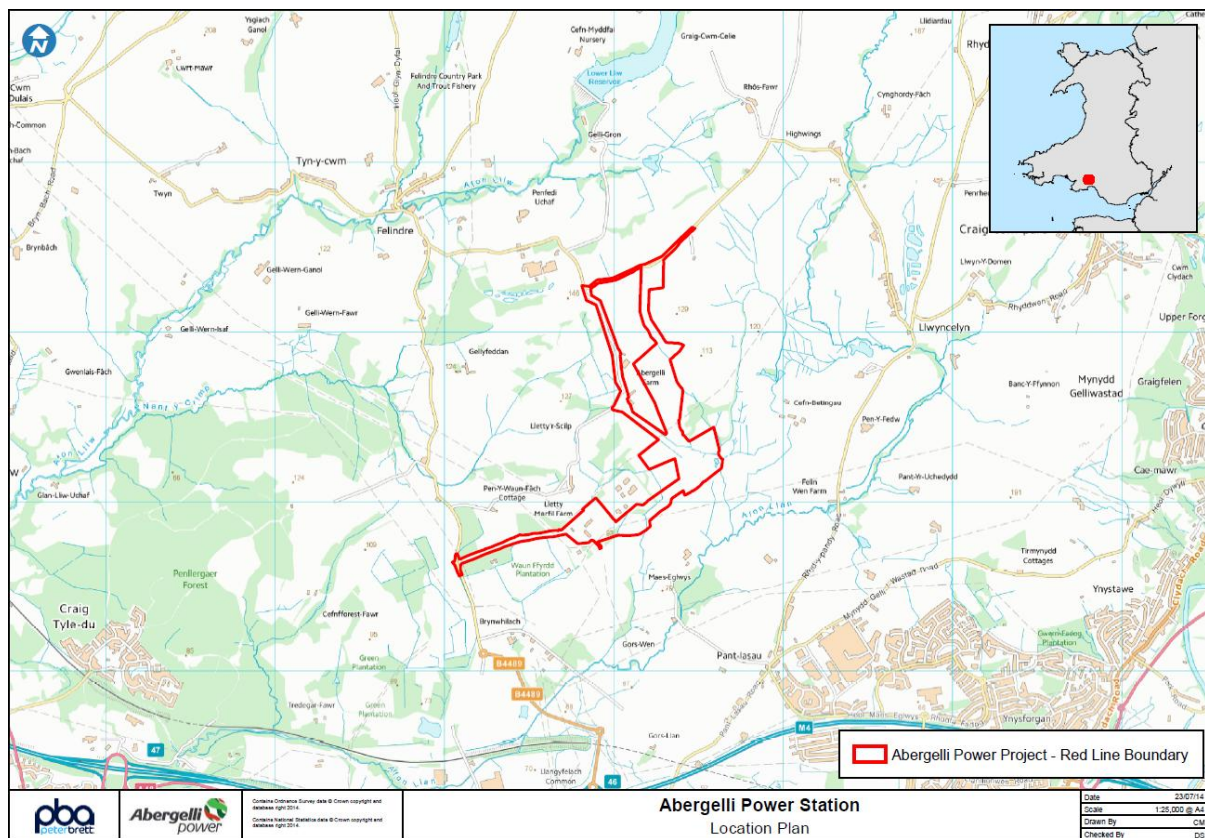
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Cyhoeddir y Datganiad hwn ynghylch Ymgynghori â'r Gymuned mewn cysylltiad â gorsaf bŵer arfaethedig sy'n rhedeg ar nwy, yn cynnwys ei chysylltiadau nwy a thrydanol annatod, ar Fferm Abergelli (y Prosiect). Mae'n egluro sut y gall unigolion sy'n byw ac yn gweithio'n lleol, yn ogystal â buddiannau eraill fel busnesau lleol a sefydliadau dinesig/cymunedol lleol, fwrw sylw ar y cynigion i adeiladu ac i weithredu'r Prosiect. Lleolir safle'r Prosiect i'r gogledd o Abertawe yn Ninas a Sir Abertawe (i'r gogledd o'r M4, Cyffordd 46), oddeutu 1 cilometr i'r de-ddwyrain o Felindre, 750 metr i'r de-orllewin o Lwyncelyn ac 1.5 cilometr i'r gogledd o Langyfelach.



### ***APL: cynllun y lleoliad a ffin y cais***

Hyrwyddir y Prosiect gan Abergelli Power Cyfyngedig (APL), sef cwmni a sefydlwyd gan Watt Power Limited. Mae Watt Power yn bwriadu datblygu gorsafoddd pŵer sy'n rhedeg ar nwy ar Fferm Abergelli ac mewn mannau eraill yn y Deyrnas Unedig i gefnogi ymgyrch Llywodraeth y Deyrnas Unedig i gael economi carbon isel.

Mae APL wedi ymgynghori â Chyngor Dinas a Sir Abertawe fel yr awdurdod cynllunio lleol ynglŷn â chynnwys y Datganiad hwn ynghylch Ymgynghori â'r Gymuned, ac mae wedi ystyried ymateb y cyngor.



Bydd gan y Prosiect arfaethedig gapasiti o dros 50 megawat o drydan. O'r herwydd, caiff ei gategoreiddio fel Prosiect Seilwaith Cenedlaethol ei Arwyddocâd (NSIP) o dan Ddeddf Gynllunio 2008. Bydd yn rhaid i hyn gael Gorchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu (DCO), a roddir o dan Ddeddf Gynllunio 2008 (fel y'i diwygir gan Ddeddf Lleoliaeth 2011 a Deddf Twf a Seilwaith 2013 - y cyfeirir ati o hyn ymlaen fel 'Deddf Gynllunio 2008 (fel y'i diwygir)'), i adeiladu ac i weithredu, a roddwyd gan yr Ysgrifennydd Gwladol dros Ynni a Newid Hinsawdd.

Mae'r Datganiad ynghylch Ymgynghori â'r Gymuned yn rhan o broses ymgynghori y mae APL yn ymgymryd â hi cyn eu bod yn gwneud cais ffurfiol i'r Ysgrifennydd Gwladol am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu.

Mae yna gynllun ymgynghori/cyfathrebu wedi'i ddatblygu o'r blaen ac mae ar gael gan APL neu trwy'u gwefan [www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk).

### **Mae'r Datganiad hwn yn egluro:**

- Rhai manylion am y Prosiect;
- Sut mae APL yn cyhoeddi gwybodaeth amgylcheddol ragarweiniol am y Prosiect;
- Sut mae APL am fynd ati i ymgynghori â phobl a chymunedau lleol ynghylch y Prosiect a pha weithgareddau a gynhelir iddynt allu cyrchu gwybodaeth am y cynigiad ac i'w helpu i ddeall yr hyn y gall agweddau neilltuol o'r Prosiect ei olygu iddynt, gan eu galluogi i ddarparu adborth gwybodus;
- Sut y gall pobl gymryd rhan mewn llunio'r Prosiect cyn y cyflwynir Cais am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu drwy roi'u barn gerbron i ddylanwadu ar y Prosiect, yn enwedig parthed opsiynau penodol sydd o dan ystyriaeth; a
- Sut y gall pobl ddarparu adborth i APL oddi wrth weithgareddau ymgynghori, a sicrhau eu bod yn cael eu hysbysu am y Prosiect.

### **Y Prosiect**

Manylion allweddol y Prosiect arfaethedig yw:

- Adeiladu Gwaith Cynhyrchu Pŵer sydd â chyfradd allbwn trydanol o rhwng 50 – 299 megawat o drydan. Bydd gan y gwaith hyd at 5 simnai â phob un hyd at 40 metr o uchder. Bydd gan y gwaith ffordd fynediad benodedig.
- Mae'r safle ar gyfer y Gwaith Cynhyrchu Pŵer yn ymestyn dros ardal sydd oddeutu 6 hectar;
- Bydd y Gwaith Cynhyrchu Pŵer yn cynhyrchu trydan o nwy naturiol;
- Adeiladu cysylltiad trydanol newydd o dan ddaear (hyd at 1 cilometr o hyd) i'r Grid Cenedlaethol ac adeiladu piblinell newydd o dan ddaear (hyd at 1.4 cilometr o hyd) i ddod â nwy naturiol i'r Gwaith Cynhyrchu Pŵer o'r System Drawsyrru Genedlaethol;
- Creu oddeutu 150 o swyddi yn ystod cyfnod adeiladu fydd yn para dwy flynedd a 15 o swyddi parhaol unwaith y bydd gweithrediadau masnachol wedi dechrau;
- Mae'n ymateb i angen Llywodraeth y DU am gynhyrchu nwy newydd er mwyn tanategu sicrwydd ynni'r wlad a'i phroses o bontio i economi carbon isel;
- Byddai'r orsaf yn allyrru tua 50% yn llai o garbon deuocsid (CO<sub>2</sub>) na gwaith pŵer o faint cyfwerth sy'n rhedeg ar lo, ac mae wedi'i chynllunio i weithredu'n hyblyg fel y gall ymateb yn gyflym ac yn effeithlon i amrywiad byrdymor mewn galw gan gwsmeriaid ac allbwn ysbeidiol oddi wrth bŵer gwynt a gynhyrchir; a
- Chydnabyddir fod yna botensial yn ystod adeiladu a gweithredu ar gyfer effeithiau andwyol ar rai cymunedau lleol a'r amgylchedd, er enghraifft, sŵn a thraffig yn ystod y cyfnod adeiladu ac effeithiau gweledol y simneiau newydd. Cynhelir Asesiad o'r Effaith Amgylcheddol (EIA / AEA) i ddeall ac i geisio lleihau hyd yr eithaf ar yr effeithiau hyn ac effeithiau posib' eraill a gâi adeiladu a gweithredu'r Prosiect. Darperir mwy o wybodaeth am y broses hon isod. Mae'r broses Asesu'r Effaith Amgylcheddol hefyd yn ystyried effeithiau positif posib' gweithrediad y Prosiect.

## **Y Broses Gynllunio**

Cyflwynir ceisiadau am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu ar gyfer Prosiectau Seilwaith Cenedlaethol eu Harwyddocâd i'r Arolygiaeth Gynllunio fydd yn prosesu ac yn archwilio'r cais cyn gwneud argymhelliad i'r Ysgrifennydd Gwladol perthnasol.

Gwneir y penderfyniad terfynol ar y cais gan yr Ysgrifennydd Gwladol, ac os yw'n llwyddiannus, gwneir Gorchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu.

Amlinellir polisiâu'r Llywodraeth mewn perthynas â Phrosiectau Seilwaith Cenedlaethol eu Harwyddocâd mewn Datganiadau Polisi Cenedlaethol (NPSs). Datblygwyd y Prosiect gan ystyried y Datganiadau Polisi Cenedlaethol perthnasol ar Ynni, yn arbennig EN-1 (Ynni), EN-2 (Seilwaith Cynhyrchu Trydan o Danwydd Ffossil) ac EN-5 (Seilwaith Rhwydweithiau Trydan). Mae EN-1 yn datgan: *"y bydd nwy'n parhau i fod â rôl bwysig yn y sector trydan – gan ddarparu hyblygrwydd hanfodol i gefnogi cyfaint cynyddol o gynnyrch carbon isel ac i gynnal sicrwydd cyflenwad."*

Wrth bennu Cais am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu, mae'n rhaid i'r Ysgrifennydd Gwladol ystyried y Datganiadau Polisi Cenedlaethol perthnasol, ac mae'n rhaid iddo wneud penderfyniad yn unol â'r rhain oni bai ei fod ef/hi yn fodlon y byddai effaith andwyol y Prosiect yn gorbwyso'i fuddion.

Wrth ystyried p'run ai derbyn cais ar gyfer archwiliad, mae'n rhaid i'r Arolygiaeth Gynllunio fod yn fodlon bod yr ymgeisydd wedi cynnal ymgynghoriad effeithiol cyn ymgeisio. Mae ymgynghori cyn ymgeisio'n hanfodol i alluogi APL i ddeall ac i geisio lleihau hyd yr eithaf ar effeithiau'r Prosiect ac i ganiatáu archwiliad trylwyr gan yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio. Mae gofyn i APL gyflwyno Adroddiad Ymgynghori gyda'i gais am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu. Bydd yr adroddiad hwn yn cynnwys manylion yr adborth a dderbyniwyd oddi wrth y gymuned leol, yn egluro sut mae APL wedi ystyried yr adborth, a bydd yn rhoi manylion ynglŷn â sut y mae APL wedi cydymffurfio â gofynion ymgynghori Deddf Gynllunio 2008 (fel y'i diwygiwyd).

Cynhelir yr ymgynghoriad â'r gymuned a ddisgrifir yn y datganiad hwn o dan Adran 47 Deddf Gynllunio 2008 (fel y'i diwygiwyd). Mae o yn ychwanegol at yr ymgynghori a wneir ag ymgynghoreion statudol penodol (fel cyrff cadwraeth natur statudol) a'r rheiny sydd â buddiannau perthnasol mewn tir (yn cynnwys perchnogion a deiliaid o fewn ffiniau'r Prosiect) o dan Adran 42 Deddf Gynllunio 2008 (fel y'i diwygiwyd). Mae o hefyd yn ychwanegol at gyhoeddusrwydd ehangach i'r Prosiect arfaethedig o dan Adran 48 Deddf Gynllunio 2008 (fel y'i diwygiwyd).

Gellir canfod gwybodaeth am y broses gynllunio a'r Datganiadau Polisi Cenedlaethol yn:

[www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/planninginspectorate](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/planninginspectorate)

[www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting\\_energy/consents\\_planning/nps\\_en\\_infra/nps\\_en\\_infra.aspx](http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting_energy/consents_planning/nps_en_infra/nps_en_infra.aspx)

### **Gwybodaeth ac Effeithiau Amgylcheddol**

Dylinir a datblygir y Prosiect i gyrraedd neu i ragori ar safonau ansawdd, diogelwch ac amgylcheddol cyfredol, a gwneir ymdrechion i leihau hyd yr eithaf ar ei effaith ar yr amgylchedd lleol yn ystod y gwaith o'i adeiladu a'i weithredu. Bydd ehangder a graddfa'r Prosiect a chynigion APL i liniaru'i effeithiau ymysg y materion a ystyrir gan yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio ar ran yr Ysgrifennydd Gwladol.

Oherwydd natur a maint y Prosiect, mae APL yn cynnal Asesiad o'r Effaith Amgylcheddol. Felly, caiff y Prosiect ei gategoreiddio fel datblygiad Asesiad o'r Effaith Amgylcheddol. Mae'r Asesiad o'r Effaith Amgylcheddol yn ystyried effeithiau posib' y Prosiect, yn cynnwys: ansawdd yr aer; sŵn a dirgryndod; ecoleg; ansawdd ac adnoddau dŵr; daeareg, cyflwr y ddaear ac amaethyddiaeth; tirwedd ac effeithiau gweledol; traffig, trafnidiaeth a mynediad; etifeddiaeth ddiwylliannol ac archeoleg; a ffactorau economaidd-gymdeithasol.

Mae APL wedi ymgynghori ag amrywiol gyrff statudol yn ymwneud â chwmpas yr Asesiad o'r Effaith Amgylcheddol, yn cynnwys awdurdodau lleol, Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru, Asiantaeth Cefnffyrdd De Cymru, a darparwyr gwasanaethau cyfleustodau. Cyflwynwyd cais am Farn Gwmpasu i'r Arolygiaeth Gynllunio ar y 25<sup>ain</sup> o Fehefin, 2014, ynghyd ag Adroddiad Cwmpasu. Mae'r Adroddiad Cwmpasu yn amlinellu pa bynciau amgylcheddol fydd yn cael eu trin gan yr Asesiad o'r Effaith Amgylcheddol a sut y cynhelir yr asesiadau. Cyhoeddodd yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio eu Barn Gwmpasu ffurfiol ar y 1<sup>af</sup> o Awst, 2014.

Mae'r holl ddogfennau ar gael ar wefan Abergelli Power ([www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)) a thrwy'r adran benodedig ar wefan Y Porth Cynllunio:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/wales/abergelli-power/>

Fel rhan o'r deunyddiau ymgynghori cyn ymgeisio ar y Prosiect arfaethedig, bydd APL yn cyhoeddi Adroddiad Gwybodaeth Amgylcheddol Rhagarweiniol (PEIR) a chrynodeb annhechnegol cysylltiedig (NTS). Bydd y PEIR yn cyflwyno'r wybodaeth a gasglwyd hyd yn hyn ac yn darparu canlyniadau canfyddiadau rhagarweiniol APL o effeithiau amgylcheddol sylweddol tebygol y Prosiect. Ni fydd yn nodi'r canfyddiadau terfynol ond bydd yn cynnwys gwybodaeth am gamau lliniaru dros dro. Yn ystod yr ymgynghori, bydd APL yn rhoi manylion ar gael ynghylch cynigion tirlunio a champau eraill i liniaru effaith y Prosiect. Bydd APL yn darparu copïau o'r PEIR a'i grynodeb annhechnegol cysylltiedig i Gyngor Dinas a Sir Abertawe fel yr awdurdod cynllunio lleol. Rhoddir y ddwy ddogfen ar gael hefyd yn: Llyfrgell Ganolog Abertawe; llyfrgelloedd lleol; mewn arddangosfeydd cyhoeddus a gynhelir fel rhan o'r broses ymgynghori, ac ar wefan APL.

Pan fydd y broses Asesu'r Effaith Amgylcheddol wedi'i chwblhau ac y bydd APL yn cyflwyno'u cais am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu, bydd yn mynd law yn llaw â Datganiad Amgylcheddol. Bydd hwn yn adrodd ar effeithiau amgylcheddol sylweddol tebygol y Prosiect a nodir yn yr Asesiad o'r Effaith Amgylcheddol, a bydd yn egluro'r camau lliniaru er mwyn osgoi neu leihau'r rhain.

### **Ymgynghori â'r Cyhoedd**

Mae barn y gymuned leol am y Prosiect yn bwysig. Ym mis Mehefin 2014, cynhaliodd APL broses ymgynghori anstatudol gan rannu'u cynlluniau cychwynnol â'r cyhoedd mewn tair arddangosfa a gynhaliwyd yng Nghlydach, Felindre a Thircoed. Yn yr arddangosfeydd ac ers hynny, mae APL wedi derbyn ac wedi ymateb i sylwadau ynghylch y Prosiect a'i effaith ar yr amgylchedd, cymunedau lleol a'r economi lleol.

#### ***a. Beth rydym yn ymgynghori arno yn awr a pha bryd?***

Yng nghyfnod statudol yr ymgynghori sy'n dechrau yn hydref 2014, bydd APL yn ymofyn barn am y wybodaeth amgylcheddol rhagarweiniol a gyflwynwyd am y Prosiect, yn ogystal ag am elfennau allweddol eraill y Prosiect. Dim ond ar ôl i ymatebion gael eu hystyried y bydd y dyluniad yn cael ei gwblhau ac y bydd y cais am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu'n cael ei gyflwyno.

Gwahoddir ymatebion ar:

- Ganfyddiadau rhagarweiniol yr asesiad ynghylch effeithiau amgylcheddol arwyddocaol tebygol y Prosiect;
- Yr opsiwn (opsiynau) arfaethedig ar gyfer y llwybr i gael mynediad i'r Prosiect; a
- Chynllun dangosol y gwaith cynhyrchu pŵer o fewn safle'r Prosiect.

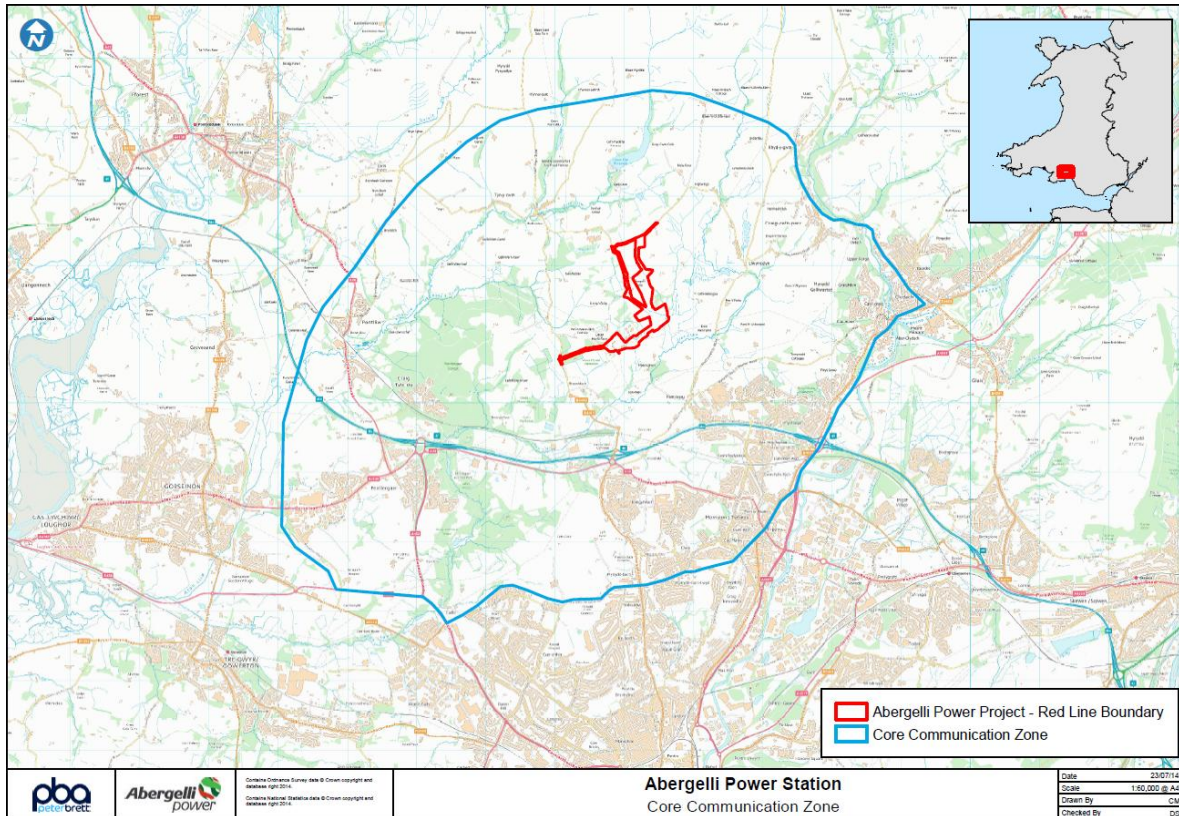
Bydd yr ymgynghoriad a eglurir yn y Datganiad hwn ar waith am 35 o ddiwrnodau gan orffen ar yr 16<sup>eg</sup> o Dachwedd, 2014. Bydd yn rhaid i APL dderbyn sylwadau am y Prosiect erbyn y dyddiad hwn.

***b. Gyda phwy y byddwn yn ymgynghori?***

Mae Deddf Gynllunio 2008 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) yn datgan y dylid ymgynghori â'r rheiny 'sy'n byw yng nghyffiniau'r tir'. Mae APL wedi trafod cwmpas yr ymgynghoriad â Chyngor Dinas a Sir Abertawe fel yr awdurdod cynllunio lleol, ac maent wedi nodi a chytuno ar y Parthau Ymgynghori sy'n ffurfio sail yr ymgynghori â'r gymuned.

Bydd APL yn cynnal eu gweithgareddau ymgynghori mewn dwy ardal: Parth Ymgynghori Craidd (CCZ) sy'n cyfateb yn fras i radiws o 3.5 cilometr o Safle'r Prosiect, a Pharth Ymgynghori Allanol (OCZ) sy'n cyfateb i radiws o thua 8 cilometr.

Mae'r Parth Ymgynghori Craidd wedi'i ddylunio i gynnwys y prif ardaloedd poblogaeth yng nghyffiniau Safle'r Prosiect sydd â'r potensial i gael eu heffeithio gan y Prosiect ac y disgwylir y bydd ganddynt y diddordeb mwyaf yn y Prosiect. Mae'r parth yn cynnwys pentrefi Clydach, Felindre, Llangyfelach a Thircoed, a'r cyfan neu rannau o ardaloedd canlynol y cynghorau cymuned: Clydach, Llangyfelach, Mawr, Treforys, Mynyddbach, Penllergaer a Phontlliw & Thircoed.



***Parth Ymgynghori Craidd arfaethedig – radiws o thua 3.5 cilometr o Safle'r Prosiect***

Hysbysir cymunedau o fewn y Parth Ymgynghori Allanol am y Prosiect (trwy hysbysebion mewn papurau newyddion, poster, sylw yn y cyfryngau a chysylltiadau ag aelodau etholedig lleol a chynghorau cymuned yn y Parth Ymgynghori Allanol a sefydliadau lleol perthnasol eraill) a rhoddir y cyfle iddynt fwrw sylw ar y cynlluniau. Mae'r parth allanol yn cynnwys prif ardal boblogaeth dinas Abertawe.

Nid yw APL yn rhagweld yr effeithir yn sylweddol ar y cymunedau a'r busnesau a leolir o fewn y Parth Ymgynghori Allanol gan waith adeiladu a gweithredu'r Prosiect, er bod APL yn cydnabod y gall fod ganddynt fuddiant ynddo. Y tu allan i'r ddau barth, efallai yn wir fod yna eraill sydd â buddiant yng nghynlluniau APL. Cânt hefyd eu cyrraedd drwy hysbysebion mewn papurau newyddion lleol/rhanbarthol a sylw yn y cyfryngau (cyfryngau print, darlledu a chyfryngau cymdeithasol). Ystyrir adborth a dderbynnir o fewn y cyfnod ymgynghori.

***c. Sut y gwnawn ymgynghori?***

Bydd APL yn ymofyn ac yn derbyn barn pobl drwy nifer o weithgareddau:

- Cynhelir arddangosfeydd cyhoeddus yng Nghlydach, Felindre, Llangyfelach a Thircoed o fewn y Parth Ymgynghori Craidd. Bydd ffurflenni adborth, i ganiatáu i bobl roi'u barn am y Prosiect, ar gael yn yr arddangosfeydd hyn;
- Danfonir taflen neu lythyr i gartrefi, busnesau a sefydliadau yn y Parth Ymgynghori Craidd, a rhoddir hwy ar gael mewn swyddfeydd cynghorau lleol, llyfrgelloedd lleol a mannau cyfarfod eraill, fel sy'n briodol. Dosbarthir y daflen hefyd i'r grwpiau hynny a ddiffinnir fel "anodd eu cyrraedd" (er enghraifft, yr henoed, yr ifainc a grwpiau lleiafrifol). Bydd yn rhoi gwybodaeth gefndirol am y Prosiect, y broses ymgynghori (yn cynnwys arddangosfeydd) a sut y gall unigolion gymryd rhan ynddo. Rhoddir y daflen ar gael mewn llyfrgelloedd a swyddfeydd cynghorau yn y Parth Ymgynghori Allanol;
- Bydd copïau o'r daflen, y Datganiad ynghylch Ymgynghori â'r Gymuned, yr Adroddiad Gwybodaeth Amgylcheddol Rhagarweiniol a'i Gynodeb Annhechnegol, yn ogystal â mathau eraill o wybodaeth am y Prosiect, ar gael i'w harchwilio yn y lleoliadau a ganlyn:

|              | <b>Cyngor Dinas a Sir Abertawe, Swyddfeydd y Cyngor,</b><br>Penllergaer,<br>Abertawe SA4 9GJ<br>(01792) 636000 | <b>Llyfrgell Ganolog Abertawe,</b><br>Y Ganolfan Ddinesig,<br>Heol Ystumllwynarth,<br>Abertawe SA1 3SN<br>(01792) 636464 | <b>Llyfrgell Clydach</b><br>Stryd Fawr Clydach<br>Abertawe SA6 5LN<br>(01792) 843300 | <b>Llyfrgell Gorseinon</b><br>15 Stryd y Gorllewin Gorseinon<br>Abertawe SA4 4AA<br>(01792) 516780 | <b>Llyfrgell Treforys</b><br>Heol Treharne Treforys<br>Abertawe SA6 7AA<br>(01792) 516770 | <b>Llyfrgell Pontarddulais</b><br>Rhodfa St Michael Pontarddulais<br>Abertawe SA4 8TE<br>(01792) 882822 |
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| Dydd Llun    | 8.30-17.00                                                                                                     | YNGHAU                                                                                                                   | 9.30-17.30                                                                           | 9.00-18.00                                                                                         | 9.00-18.00                                                                                | 9.00- 13.00 a 14.00 - 17.00                                                                             |
| Dydd Mawrth  | 8.30-17.00                                                                                                     | 8.30-20.00                                                                                                               | 9.30-17.30                                                                           | 9.00-18.00                                                                                         | 9.00-18.00                                                                                | 9.00- 13.00 a 14.00 - 17.00                                                                             |
| Dydd Mercher | 8.30-17.00                                                                                                     | 8.30-20.00                                                                                                               | 9.30-17.30                                                                           | 9.00-18.00                                                                                         | 9.00-18.00                                                                                | 9.00- 13.00 a 14.00 - 17.00                                                                             |
| Dydd Iau     | 8.30-17.00                                                                                                     | 8.30-20.00                                                                                                               | 9.30-17.30                                                                           | 9.00-18.00                                                                                         | 9.00-18.00                                                                                | 9.00- 13.00 a 14.00 - 17.00                                                                             |
| Dydd Gwener  | 8.30-16.00                                                                                                     | 8.30-20.00                                                                                                               | 9.30-17.30                                                                           | 9.00-19.00                                                                                         | 9.00-18.00                                                                                | 9.00- 13.00 a 14.00 - 18.00                                                                             |
| Dydd Sadwrn  | YNGHAU                                                                                                         | 10.00-16.00                                                                                                              | 9.30-17.30                                                                           | 9.00-17.00                                                                                         | 9.00-17.00                                                                                | 10.00- 13.00                                                                                            |
| Dydd Sul     | YNGHAU                                                                                                         | 10.00-16.00                                                                                                              | YNGHAU                                                                               | YNGHAU                                                                                             | YNGHAU                                                                                    | YNGHAU                                                                                                  |



- Gellir rho'r daflen a mathau eraill o wybodaeth am y Prosiect ar gael mewn fformatau eraill (e.e., print bras neu braille) ac mewn ieithoedd eraill ar gais;
- Mae gwefan ([www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)) yn darparu gwybodaeth am y Prosiect, yn ogystal â mynediad at ddogfennau, ac mae'n darparu'r cyfle i ymwelwyr i ofyn cwestiynau neu i wneud sylwadau ar-lein;
- Cyfeiriad e-bost y gall unigolion ysgrifennu ato (a ddarperir ar ddiwedd y ddogfen hon);
- Blwch negeseuon Rhadbost y gall pobl anfon cwestiynau neu sylwadau ato (a ddarperir ar ddiwedd y ddogfen hon);
- Bydd APL hefyd yn hysbysu'r gymuned leol am y Prosiect a'r digwyddiadau ymgynghori drwy bosteri yn y gymuned leol, hysbysebion papurau newyddion a sylw yn y cyfryngau;
- Yn ychwanegol, bydd APL yn cysylltu ag ystod eang o randdeiliaid lleol. Bydd y rhain yn cynnwys cynrychiolwyr etholedig, y gymuned leol, grwpiau buddiant arbennig (yn cynnwys y "*grwpiau anodd eu cyrraedd*" hynny, fel yr ifainc, yr henoed a'r anabl), a grwpiau busnes lleol. Bydd APL yn darparu gwybodaeth iddynt am y Prosiect ac yn cynnal cyfarfodydd briffio, ble y bo'n briodol.

Dylai unigolion a sefydliadau sy'n dymuno ymateb gynnwys eu henw a chyfeiriad lle y gellir anfon gohebiaeth am yr ymateb. Gellir rhoi ymatebion ar gael yn gyhoeddus, yn amodol ar gyfreithiau diogelu data.

Bydd sylwadau a wneir yn ystod unrhyw gam o'r broses ymgynghori yn cael eu cofnodi a'u hystyried yn ofalus gan APL fel rhan o'r broses o baratoi'r cynigion terfynol ar gyfer eu cais i'r Arolygiaeth Gynllunio.

| DYDDIADAU ALLWEDDOL                                | GWEITHGAREDD                                                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 30 <sup>ain</sup> o Fedi, 2014                     | Cyhoeddi Datganiad ynghylch Ymgynghori â'r Gymuned                                                                                                                              |
| 13 <sup>eg</sup> o Hydref, 2014                    | Dechrau'r cyfnod ymgynghori                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>ARDDANGOSFEYDD CYHOEDDUS</b>                    |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 22 <sup>ain</sup> o Hydref, 2014,<br>15:00 – 20:00 | <b>Neuadd Eglwys Llangyfelach</b> , Heol Abertawe, Llangyfelach, Abertawe SA5 7JA                                                                                               |
| 23 <sup>ain</sup> o Hydref, 2014,<br>14:00 – 19:00 | <b>Neuadd Les Felindre</b> , Felindre, Abertawe, SA5 7NA                                                                                                                        |
| 24 <sup>ain</sup> o Hydref, 2014,<br>14:00 – 19:00 | <b>Canolfan Adnoddau Forge Fach</b> , Heol Hebron, Clydach, Abertawe, SA6 5EJ                                                                                                   |
| 25 <sup>ain</sup> o Hydref, 2014,<br>9:00 – 13:00  | <b>Neuadd Bentref Tircoed</b> , Y Cyswllt, Tircoed SA4 9QZ                                                                                                                      |
| 16 <sup>eg</sup> o Dachwedd, 2014                  | Diwedd y cyfnod ymgynghori                                                                                                                                                      |
| Chwarter 1 <sup>af</sup> 2015                      | Cyflwyno Cais am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu                                                                                                                                     |
| 2 <sup>ail</sup> Chwarter 2015                     | Mae'r Arolygiaeth Gynllunio'n hysbysu'n gyhoeddus bod y cais wedi'i dderbyn ac mae'n pennu amserlen archwilio, sy'n debygol o ddigwydd yn ystod 3 <sup>ydd</sup> Chwarter 2014. |

### Manylion Cysylltu

Mae APL yn croesawu ymholiadau a sylwadau:

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## **Appendix 4.A: Phase 1 2014 SoCC and Consultation Plan**

**4.A VII Published 2014 SoCC Notice in South Wales Evening Post (30th September 2014)**





## Statement of Community Consultation Notice

Abergelli Power Ltd (APL) proposes to construct and operate a gas-fired power generation plant and connections to the gas and electricity networks on land adjacent to the National Grid compressor station at Abergelli Farm, Felindre, Swansea SA5 7NN. The proposed site is situated north of Swansea in the City & County of Swansea (north of M4, Junction 46), approximately 1km southeast of Felindre, 750m south-west of Llwynceilyn and 1.5km north of Llangyfelach.

The project includes a power generation plant, a gas connection and an electrical connection that would connect the power generation plant to the existing nearby gas and electricity transmission networks. The power generation plant would have a rated electrical output of between 50 and 299 MW. Subject to public consultation, planning and financing, it could enter commercial operation in 2019.

The Project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008 which means a Development Consent Order (DCO) is required to build, operate and maintain it.

Due to the nature and size of the Project, APL is undertaking an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Therefore the Project is classified as EIA development. The EIA will consider the potential impacts, both positive and negative, of the Project on topics including air and water quality, noise, landscape and visual impact, traffic, local ecology, archaeology and heritage, and socio-economics.

The DCO application will be processed and examined by the Planning Inspectorate who will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. The final decision on the application is made by the Secretary of State.

Consultation with local people, businesses, and other organisations is an essential part of the DCO application process and will help to influence the final design of the project. Only after all inputs have been considered will designs be finalised and the application for a DCO be submitted.

The Government's policies in relation to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects are set out in National Policy Statements (NPSs). NPS EN-1 (Energy) states that "gas will continue to play an important role in the electricity sector- providing vital flexibility to support an increasing amount of low-carbon generation and to maintain security of supply." The need for the Project is established through NPSs and is therefore not a topic of consultation.

APL has prepared a statement setting out how it proposes to consult people living and working in the vicinity of the site about the proposed DCO application; this is the Statement of Community Consultation. It is available for inspection at [www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk) and at the locations listed in the following table (opening times vary).

|           | City and County of Swansea Council Offices, Penllergaer Swansea SA4 9GJ (01792) 636000 | Swansea Central Library Civic Centre Oystermouth Road Swansea SA1 3SN (01792) 636464 | Clydach Library High Street Clydach, Swansea SA6 5LN (01792) 843300 | Gorseinon Library 15 West Street Gorseinon Swansea SA4 4AA (01792) 516780 | Morrleston Library Treharne Road Morrleston Swansea SA6 7AA (01792) 516770 | Pontarddulais Library St Michael's Avenue Pontarddulais Swansea SA4 8TE (01792) 882822 |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 8.30 - 17.00                                                                           | CLOSED                                                                               | 9.30 - 17.30                                                        | 9.00 - 18.00                                                              | 9.00 - 18.00                                                               | 9.00 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 17.00                                                         |
| Tuesday   | 8.30 - 17.00                                                                           | 8.30 - 20.00                                                                         | 9.30 - 17.30                                                        | 9.00 - 18.00                                                              | 9.00 - 18.00                                                               | 9.00 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 17.00                                                         |
| Wednesday | 8.30 - 17.00                                                                           | 8.30 - 20.00                                                                         | 9.30 - 17.30                                                        | 9.00 - 18.00                                                              | 9.00 - 18.00                                                               | 9.00 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 17.00                                                         |
| Thursday  | 8.30 - 17.00                                                                           | 8.30 - 20.00                                                                         | 9.30 - 17.30                                                        | 9.00 - 18.00                                                              | 9.00 - 18.00                                                               | 9.00 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 17.00                                                         |
| Friday    | 8.30 - 16.00                                                                           | 8.30 - 20.00                                                                         | 9.30 - 17.30                                                        | 9.00 - 19.00                                                              | 9.00 - 18.00                                                               | 9.00 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 18.00                                                         |
| Saturday  | CLOSED                                                                                 | 10.00 - 16.00                                                                        | 9.30 - 17.30                                                        | 9.00 - 17.00                                                              | 9.00 - 17.00                                                               | 10.00 - 13.00                                                                          |
| Sunday    | CLOSED                                                                                 | 10.00 - 16.00                                                                        | CLOSED                                                              | CLOSED                                                                    | CLOSED                                                                     | CLOSED                                                                                 |

Households and businesses within an approximate 3.5km radius of the power generation plant site will receive a leaflet about the proposal on or around 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

Exhibitions about the project will be held at these locations:

|                                                          |                                                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2014<br>15:00 - 20:00 | <b>Llangyfelach Church Hall</b> , Swansea Road, Llangyfelach, Swansea SA5 7JA |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2014<br>14:00 - 19:00  | <b>Felindre Welfare Hall</b> , Felindre, Swansea, SA5 7NA                     |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2014<br>14:00 - 19:00    | <b>Forge Fach Resource Centre</b> , Hebron Road, Clydach, Swansea, SA6 5EJ    |
| Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2014<br>09:00 - 13:00  | <b>Tircoed Village Hall</b> , Y Cyswllt, Tircoed SA4 9QZ                      |

From 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014, information about the proposed Project, including a leaflet about the proposal, a Preliminary Environmental Information Report and a non-technical summary (which contain a preliminary assessment of the effects of the Project) will be made available for inspection at the same locations and on the APL website.

The consultation period will be 35 days long ending on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2014, and we would welcome your views on or before this date. Please include your name and an address. Responses may be made public, subject to data protection laws.

**Website:** [www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)

**Email:** [info@abergellipower.co.uk](mailto:info@abergellipower.co.uk)

**Tel:** 0131 550 3395

**Freeport:** RTE-Y-JYYB-ERST, Abergelli Power Ltd, 49 York Place, Edinburgh EH1 3JD



## Hysbysiad o Ddatganiad ynghylch Ymgynghori â'r Gymuned

Mae Abergelli Power Cyf (APL) yn cynnig adeiladu a gweithredu gwaith cynhyrchu pŵer sy'n rhedeg ar nwy a chysylltiadau â'r rhwydweithiau nwy a thrydan ar dir gerllaw gorsaf gywasgydd y Grid Cenedlaethol ar Fferm Abergelli, Felindre, Abertawe SA5 7NN. Lleolir y safle arfaethedig i'r gogledd o Abertawe yn Ninas a Sir Abertawe (i'r gogledd o'r M4, Cyffordd 46), oddeutu 1 cilometr i'r de-ddwyrain o Felindre, 750 metr i'r de-orllewin o Lwyncelyn ac 1.5 cilometr i'r gogledd o Langyfelach.

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| Dydd Sadwrn, 25 <sup>ain</sup> o Hydref, 2014<br>9:00 – 13:00   | <b>Neuadd Bentref Tircoed, Y Cyswllt, Tircoed SA4 9QZ</b>                        |

O'r 13eg o Hydref 2014, bydd gwybodaeth am y Prosiect arfaethedig, yn cynnwys taflen am y cynigiad, Adroddiad Gwybodaeth Amgylcheddol Rhagarweiniol a chrynodeb annhechnegol (sy'n cynnwys asesiad rhagarweiniol o effeithiau'r Prosiect), yn cael eu rhoi ar gael ar gyfer eu harchwilio yn yr un lleoliadau ac ar wefan APL.

Bydd y cyfnod ymgynghori'n 35 diwrnod o hyd gan orffen ar yr 16eg o Dachwedd, 2014, a byddem yn croesawu'ch barn ar neu cyn y dyddiad hwn. Cofiwch gynnwys eich enw a chyfeiriad, os gwelwch yn dda. Gellir rhoi ymatebion ar gael yn gyhoeddus, yn amodol ar gyfreithiau diogelu data.

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# SCHOOL SUSPENDS WORKER IN 'PUPIL INCIDENT'

### Claims staff member had 'picked boy up by collar'

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A SCHOOL worker has been suspended from a Swansea primary following an incident involving a pupil.

Bosses at Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bryniago in

Pontarddulais took the decision after a complaint was lodged.

It has been claimed that the member of staff picked a child off the floor by their collar.

A school spokesman said the matter was now under investigation.

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## **Appendix 4.A: Phase 1 2014 SoCC and Consultation Plan**

**4.A VIII Published 2014 SoCC Notice in South Wales Evening Post (7th October 2014)**





## Statement of Community Consultation Notice

Abergelli Power Ltd (APL) proposes to construct and operate a gas-fired power generation plant and connections to the gas and electricity networks on land adjacent to the National Grid compressor station at Abergelli Farm, Felindre, Swansea SA5 7NN. The proposed site is situated north of Swansea in the City & County of Swansea (north of M4, Junction 46), approximately 1km southeast of Felindre, 750m south-west of Llwynceilyn and 1.5km north of Llangyfelach.

The project includes a power generation plant, a gas connection and an electrical connection that would connect the power generation plant to the existing nearby gas and electricity transmission networks. The power generation plant would have a rated electrical output of between 50 and 299 MW. Subject to public consultation, planning and financing, it could enter commercial operation in 2019.

The Project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008 which means a Development Consent Order (DCO) is required to build, operate and maintain it.

Due to the nature and size of the Project, APL is undertaking an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Therefore the Project is classified as EIA development. The EIA will consider the potential impacts, both positive and negative, of the Project on topics including air and water quality, noise, landscape and visual impact, traffic, local ecology, archaeology and heritage, and socio-economics.

The DCO application will be processed and examined by the Planning Inspectorate who will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. The final decision on the application is made by the Secretary of State.

Consultation with local people, businesses, and other organisations is an essential part of the DCO application process and will help to influence the final design of the project. Only after all inputs have been considered will designs be finalised and the application for a DCO be submitted.

The Government's policies in relation to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects are set out in National Policy Statements (NPSs). NPS EN-1 (Energy) states that "gas will continue to play an important role in the electricity sector- providing vital flexibility to support an increasing amount of low-carbon generation and to maintain security of supply." The need for the Project is established through NPSs and is therefore not a topic of consultation.

APL has prepared a statement setting out how it proposes to consult people living and working in the vicinity of the site about the proposed DCO application; this is the Statement of Community Consultation. It is available for inspection at [www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk) and at the locations listed in the following table (opening times vary).

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Households and businesses within an approximate 3.5km radius of the power generation plant site will receive a leaflet about the proposal on or around 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

Exhibitions about the project will be held at these locations:

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From 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014, information about the proposed Project, including a leaflet about the proposal, a Preliminary Environmental Information Report and a non-technical summary (which contain a preliminary assessment of the effects of the Project) will be made available for inspection at the same locations and on the APL website.

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ABERGELLI POWER PROJECT

Abergelli Farm,  
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S47 CONSULTATION PLAN (including  
SoCC)

30<sup>th</sup> September 2014

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## **ABERGELLI POWER PROJECT**

### **S47 LOCAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PLAN, STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION & STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION NOTICE**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Abergelli Power Limited (“APL”) proposes to develop a gas-fired power generation plant and integral connections to the electricity and gas networks on land adjacent to the National Grid compressor station at Abergelli Farm, Felindre, Swansea SA5 7NN, located north of the M4 (Junction 46), approximately 1km southeast of Felindre, 750m south-west of Llwyncelyn and 1.5km north of Llangyfelach.

The proposed power generation plant would have a rated electrical output of up to 299 megawatts (MW). Using the latest and most efficient power generating technology, it will burn natural gas to generate electricity that is delivered into the National Grid. Due to its size, the Abergelli Power Project would be a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project and as such it would require a Development Consent Order (DCO).

#### **STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

The community consultation described is carried out under section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended); the Act sets out requirements for formal pre-application consultation for those applications that are considered by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the relevant Secretary of State.

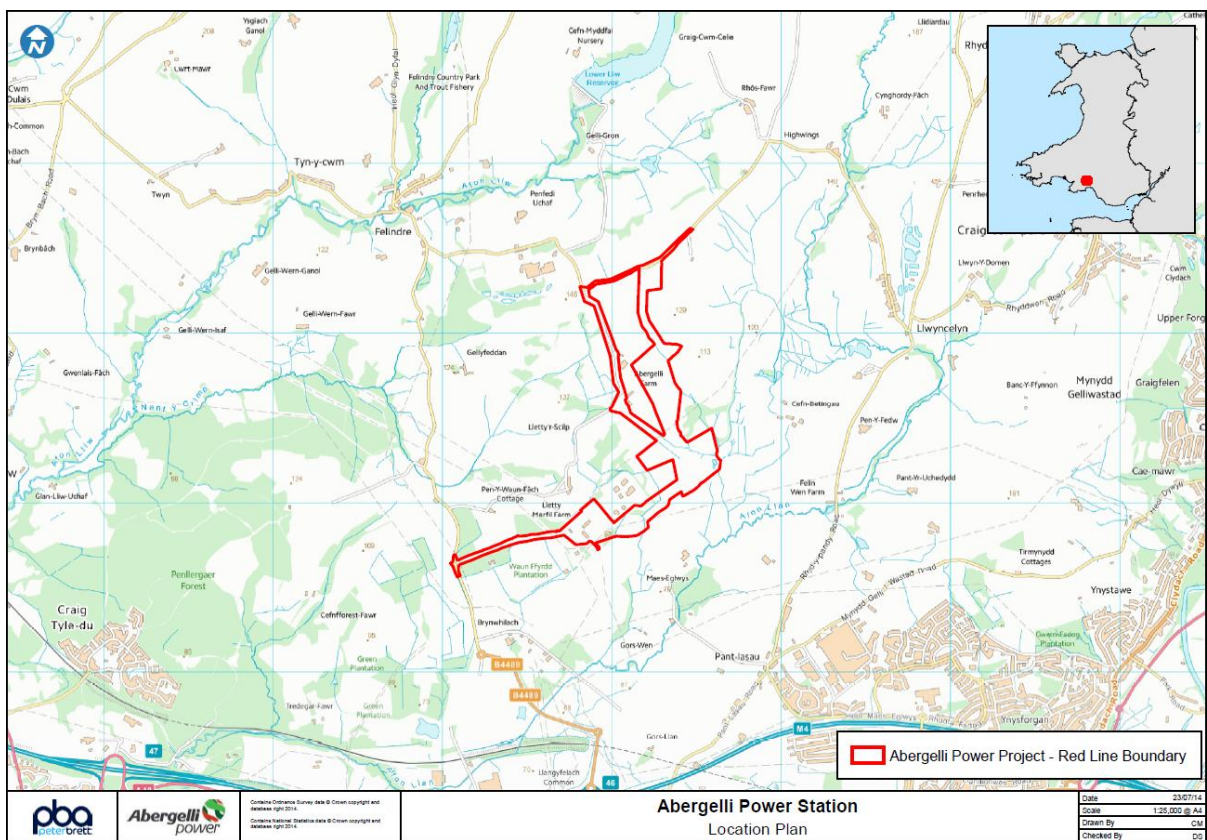
Section 47(1) of the Planning Act 2008 states that the applicant must prepare a statement setting out how it proposes to consult those people, who are living in the vicinity of the Project Site, about the proposed application.

Furthermore, a draft Statement of Community Consultation must be consulted on with the City & County of Swansea Council (CCS) as the local planning authority, before being made available to the public for inspection and publishing a notice of this in local newspapers.

This plan sets out how Abergelli Power Limited intends to meet these s47 consultation requirements. A draft of the SoCC is included at Appendix 1 and a draft Abbreviated Statement of Community Consultation Notice (to be published in local press) is included at Appendix 2.

# 1. PURPOSE

a. This document explains how Abergelli Power Limited (APL) intends to consult people living and working in the vicinity of the proposed gas-fired power generation plant and integral connections to the electricity and gas networks on land adjacent to the National Grid compressor station at Abergelli Farm, Felindre, Swansea SA5 7NN (the Project). The Project Site is situated north of Swansea in the City & County of Swansea (north of M4, Junction 46), approximately 1km southeast of Felindre, 750m south-west of Llwynyclyn and 1.5km north of Llanyfelach.



***APL: location plan and application boundary***

b. APL has been established by Watt Power Limited to develop the Project. Watt Power is seeking to develop electricity generation projects at Abergelli Farm and elsewhere in south Wales and the UK to support the UK Government's drive to a low carbon economy.

- c. The details of the consultation methodology set out in this document aim to explain how APL will satisfy the community consultation requirements for an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008, which if granted, would enable the Project to be constructed and operated. APL intends to submit an application for a DCO which will be examined by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change (SoS). It should be noted that the application will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement as the development is considered to be an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Development. A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) will be produced which will describe the preliminary findings of the assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the proposed Power Generation Plant and its associated infrastructure. The PEIR is expected to be published and made available for public scrutiny and consultation in the autumn of this year.
- d. APL requests that CCS, as the planning authority, reviews this document and the accompanying draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), and respond with comments within 28 days so that APL can have regard to the comments before APL commences its Section 47 consultation activities. Once any comments have been received and considered, APL will publish notice of the SoCC in the local media and make the SoCC available to the public for inspection. Copies of the SoCC will also be placed in local libraries and on the Abergelli Power website ([www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)).
- e. As part of the DCO Application, APL is required to produce a Consultation Report explaining how the three strands of consultation required under the Planning Act 2008 (s42, s47 and s48) have been complied with. APL intends that its Consultation Report will include an explanation of how the relevant local authorities were consulted about the content of the draft SoCC and what the local authorities' comments were. The Consultation Report will demonstrate that the local authorities were given sufficient time to provide comments, explain how APL has had regard to those comments and provide evidence that the SoCC was made available to the public and notice published in the correct manner.

- f. The Consultation Report will also explain what activities were undertaken to enable consultation with the local community, how those consulted responded and how APL had regard to representations received in the development of the Project and the DCO Application, prior to its submission to the SoS.
- g. This document does not set out how APL intends to undertake the other strands of statutory consultation and publicity relating to those organisations and individuals defined by Sections 42 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008. Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 requires consultation with certain local authorities, listed statutory consultees and those with an interest in the land on which the proposed Project will be built and operated or who may be particularly affected by it. Section 48 sets out publicity requirements on a UK basis.

## **2. THE PROPOSED SITE**

- a. The site for the proposed Power Generation Plant (which comprises part of the Project) is located on land located at Abergelli Farm, on pastoral fields north of Swansea (north of M4, Junction 46) approximately 1 km south-east of Felindre and 1.4km north of Llangyfelach. The western extent of the Project Site encompasses National Grid's existing 400kV Swansea North electrical substation and Felindre Gas Compressor Station. In addition, areas within the site have in the past been subject to a variety of permissions for mineral extraction, inert landfill and other commercial activities. The site is wholly located within the principal area of City & County of Swansea Council.

## **3. THE PROJECT**

The Project would comprise:

- A new Power Generation Plant in the form of a Simple Cycle Gas Turbine (SCGT) gas fired peaking power generating station fuelled by natural gas and with a rated electrical output of between 50 and 299 megawatts (MW) comprising:



- The Generating Equipment including the Gas Turbine Generators and balance of plant, which are located within the Generating Equipment Site;
- A new purpose built Access Road to the Generating Equipment Site. Two options are being considered:
  - From the north via the Rhyd-y-pandy Road and the existing access road west of Brynheulog past Abergelli Farm. The existing road would need to be extended to the Generating Equipment Site; or
  - From the west via the B4489, along the access road to National Grid's existing 400kV Swansea North electrical substation and Felindre Gas Compressor Station and then along a purpose built access road to be constructed across undeveloped land to the Generating Equipment Site.
- During construction, a temporary construction compound (the Laydown Area).
  - A new underground Gas Connection to bring natural gas to the Generating Equipment from the National Transmission System (NTS) which is located within the Gas Connection Opportunity Area; and
  - A new underground Electrical Connection to export power from the Generating Equipment to the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS) for onward distribution to homes and businesses which are located within the Electrical Connection Opportunity Area.

The Generating Equipment, Access Road and Laydown Area are together known as the Power Generation Plant, and are located within the Power Generation Plant Site.

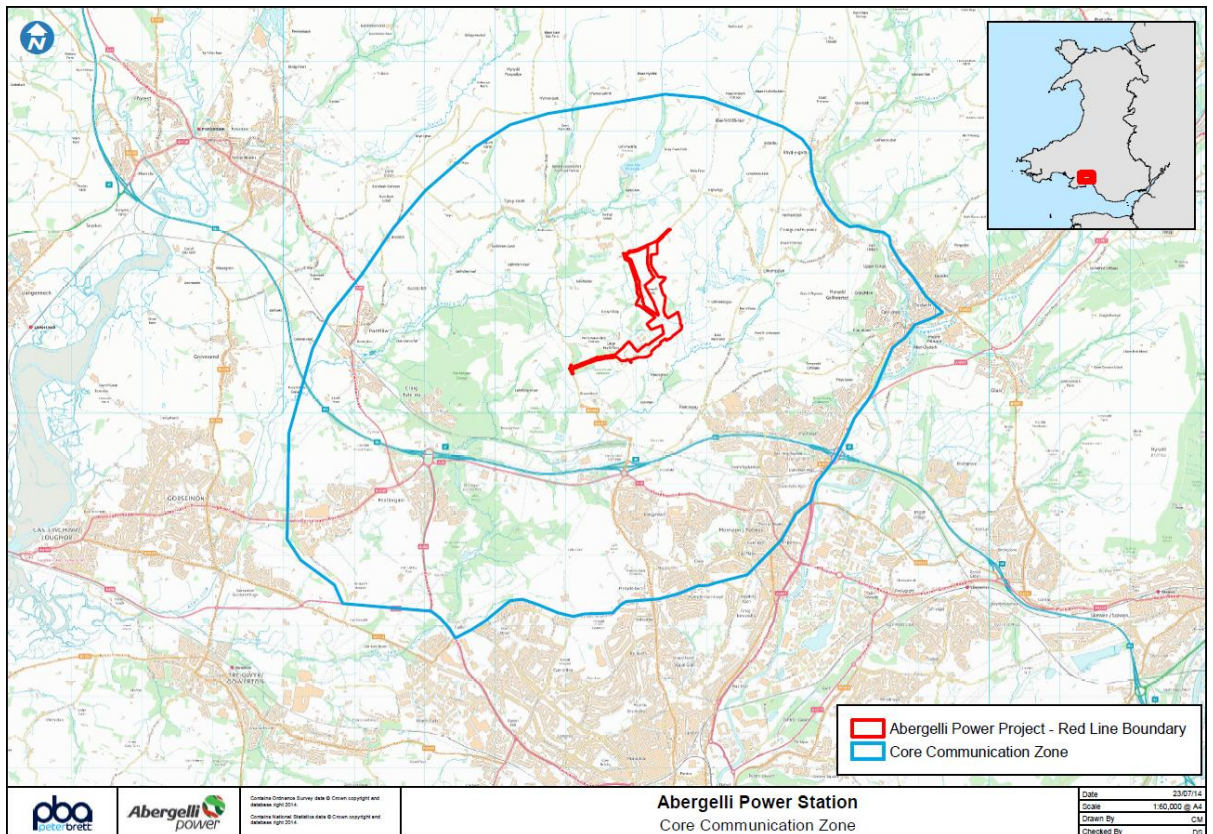
The Power Generation Plant, Gas Connection, and Electrical Connection, are all integral to the generation of electricity and together are referred to as the 'Project'. The land upon which the Project would be developed, or which would be required in order to facilitate the development of the Project, is referred to as the 'Project Site'.

#### **4. CONSULTATION BACKGROUND**

- a. APL is committed to open and responsive consultation with local communities and interested parties. The programme recommended within this document sets out a framework for a formal and inclusive consultation process.
- b. The draft SoCC appended to this document is designed to meet the legal requirements set out in s47 of the Planning Act 2008 and follows a range of advice and guidance set out by the Planning Inspectorate and the Department for Communities & Local Government. The consultation process is designed to enable informed, detailed and two-way communication. Through this process, relevant matters identified during consultation will be taken into account during the development of the proposal and before submission of the application for a DCO.
- c. Since June 2014, APL has actively communicated its intentions with elected representatives and directly within local communities, in order to introduce and discuss aspects of the Project. These non-statutory information activities and other forthcoming initiatives will also be detailed in the Consultation Report.

#### **4.1 CONSULTATION AREAS**

- a. APL proposes to carry out its consultation in two areas: a core consultation zone (CCZ) that equates to an approximate 3.5 km radius from the Project Site (see map overleaf), and an outer consultation zone (OCZ) that equates to a radius of approximately 8km, defined by the community council areas adjacent to that of the CCZ.
- b. The CCZ has been designed to include the main population areas in the vicinity of the Project Site that have the potential to be affected by the Project's construction and operation and which are expected to have the greatest interest in the Project. These include the villages of Clydach, Felindre, Llangyfelach and Tircoed, as well as other, smaller settlements. Whilst a 3.5km radius has been used as a guide, where settlements fall only partially within this area discretion has been exercised.



***Proposed Core Consultation Zone – approx. 3.5km radius from the Project Site***

c. Whilst the Project Site is located directly within the CCS ward of Mawr the following neighbouring wards also fall within the proposed CCZ:

- Clydach;
- Llangyfelach;
- Morriston;
- Mynyddbach; and
- Penllergaer.

d. The CCZ would include all or parts of the following community council areas:

- Clydach;
- Llangyfelach;
- Mawr;

- Morriston;
- Mynyddbach;
- Penllergaer; and
- Pontlliw & Tircoed.

The CCZ will be APL's primary focus of activity when consulting about its plans.

- e. Communities in the OCZ will be informed about the Project and will have the opportunity to comment on the plans. The OCZ includes the main population area of Swansea. APL does not anticipate that the communities and businesses that lie within the OCZ will be significantly affected by the Project's construction and operation although APL recognises that they may be interested in it.
- f. Communities outside the OCZ will be informed about the Project as the circulation areas and reach of the media (TV, radio, printed media) that will be used to communicate details of the Project and the consultation activities are far greater than the boundaries of the OCZ.

## **5. INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION PERIOD / NON-STATUTORY CONSULTATION**

As an introduction to the Project, APL undertook an introductory information exercise/non-statutory consultation in June 2014. This included:

- a. Discussions with officers and councillors at CCS about the Project and the proposed non-statutory consultation exercise including exhibition venues and representatives who should be invited.
- b. As every home and business in the CCZ is represented by a CCS county councilor and a community council, APL communicated its plans to the local councils and community council, as well as the local MP Martin Caton, local AM Edwina Hart and regional AMs. APL has an ongoing programme of

engagement with the AMs and MP in question to discuss the Project and answer any questions they may have.

- c. A Project website was launched to coincide with the Project being introduced to the local community. The website ([www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)) provides information on the Project and enables people to ask questions and provide feedback to APL about the Project. The website is bilingual, in both English and Welsh. It carries the latest information about the Project (technical, environmental and communications), contact details and a mechanism to enable people to ask questions and provide feedback.
- d. A letter of introduction about the Project was sent to approximately 5,500 households and businesses in the immediate vicinity of the Project Site. The letter contained details about the Project and an invitation to attend information exhibitions near the Project Site. The letter was sent and distributed by Royal Mail a week prior to the first exhibition date, and was produced in both English and Welsh.
- e. Exhibitions were held at the following locations to give local people the maximum opportunity to attend:
  - Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> - Forge Fach Community Resource Centre, Clydach (3.00pm till 7.00pm);
  - Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> - Felindre Welfare Hall, Felindre (3.00pm till 7.00pm); and
  - Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> - Tircoed Village Hall, Tircoed (10.00am till 1.00pm)
- f. Exhibition locations were chosen because they were considered convenient to those communities within the CCZ that surround the Project Site. These events featured relevant information that was known at the time in a variety of formats (display panels, maps, plans, leaflet etc) about the proposal, in both English and Welsh. Members of the APL project team were available to discuss the proposal, answer questions and to receive feedback from members of the

public. Feedback was sought during the non-statutory consultation / information period as to whether APL should do anything differently during the statutory consultation process.

- g. APL used venues that met Disability Discrimination Act 1995 requirements and upon a reasonable and timely request had provisions in place for those with special requirements who were unable to attend or access a consultation event (for example, private transport to the exhibition event).
- h. More than 90 people attended the exhibitions, including local councillors. The local media (print, TV, radio and social media) published news reports about the exhibitions in advance of them being held.
- i. APL issued news releases before the exhibitions were held, and these were posted on the APL website. The news releases were issued to the local media and reports were published in the media as a result.
- j. APL advertised the informal information exhibitions via a display advertisement in the South Wales Evening Post newspaper, published on June 12<sup>th</sup> 2014.
- k. A leaflet about the Project was produced for people who attended the exhibition, and additional copies were provided to local councillors and others for wider dissemination. The leaflet contained details of the Project, the consultation process, an indicative timeframe for the Project's development and also the Abergelli Power website address and contact details. In addition, a feedback form was available for people to fill in on the day or to return via Freepost to APL.
- l. Posters advertising the consultation events were displayed at community venues within the CCZ, for example local shops, post offices and doctors' surgeries.

- m. APL will consider the provision, upon request, of written materials about the Project in different formats (for example, large print or braille).
- n. Comments and queries via telephone (as well as via post, email or fax) were accepted following the launch of the non-statutory period of consultation.
- o. In summary, the Project has been introduced to the local community which is now broadly aware of its key points. The proposed statutory consultation process detailed in section 6.0 will therefore build upon this awareness with a view to gaining formal feedback from local people and interested stakeholders before the application for the DCO is submitted.

## **6. STATUTORY CONSULTATION METHODOLOGY & ACCESSIBILITY**

Following the introductory information period described in section 5.0, the consultation programme will be conducted according to the following methodology:

- a. APL will consult with officers at CCS on the content of this consultation plan and the draft SoCC.
- b. APL will begin statutory consultation engagement with elected members of CCS, community councils, the local MP and AMs whose constituency covers the CCZ, as it develops its plans.
- c. APL will use elected members of CCS and community councils as communication channels, via meetings and correspondence, to share information and seek community feedback during the period of statutory consultation.
- d. Exhibitions/consultation events will be held at the following locations:
  - Llanyfelach Church Hall;
  - Felindre Welfare Hall;
  - Forge Fach Resource Centre, Clydach; and

- Tircoed Village Hall.
- e. After consideration of the outcomes of the non-statutory consultation process these are considered the most convenient to those communities within the CCZ that surround the Project Site. It also takes into account feedback received from local people and community councils in the area regarding the locations of exhibitions. These events will feature relevant information in a variety of formats (display panels, plans, leaflet etc) about the Project, in both English and Welsh. The Preliminary Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) will also be made available for review. Members of the APL project team will be available to discuss the Project, answer questions and to receive feedback from members of the public.
  - f. In order to ensure that people have the maximum opportunity to attend the exhibitions, APL will arrange for them to be held at convenient times. An event will be held on a Saturday for those unable to visit during the working week.
  - g. APL will use venues that meet Disability Discrimination Act 1995 requirements and upon a reasonable and timely request will make provision for those with special requirements who are unable to attend or access a consultation event (for example, private transport to a consultation event).
  - h. In consultation with CCS, APL will share information about the Project with those “hard to reach groups” living and working within the CCZ. These groups are likely to be accessed through informal and formal channels - via council services and relevant specialist organisations (for example the local branches of the Women’s Institute and local business representative groups such as the South Wales Chamber of Commerce).
  - i. Posters in colleges, schools, youth clubs and awareness via social media may be used to reach the younger members of the community, whilst consideration



will be given to presentations at local schools and colleges about the Project. Local schools and colleges will be notified of the consultation events.

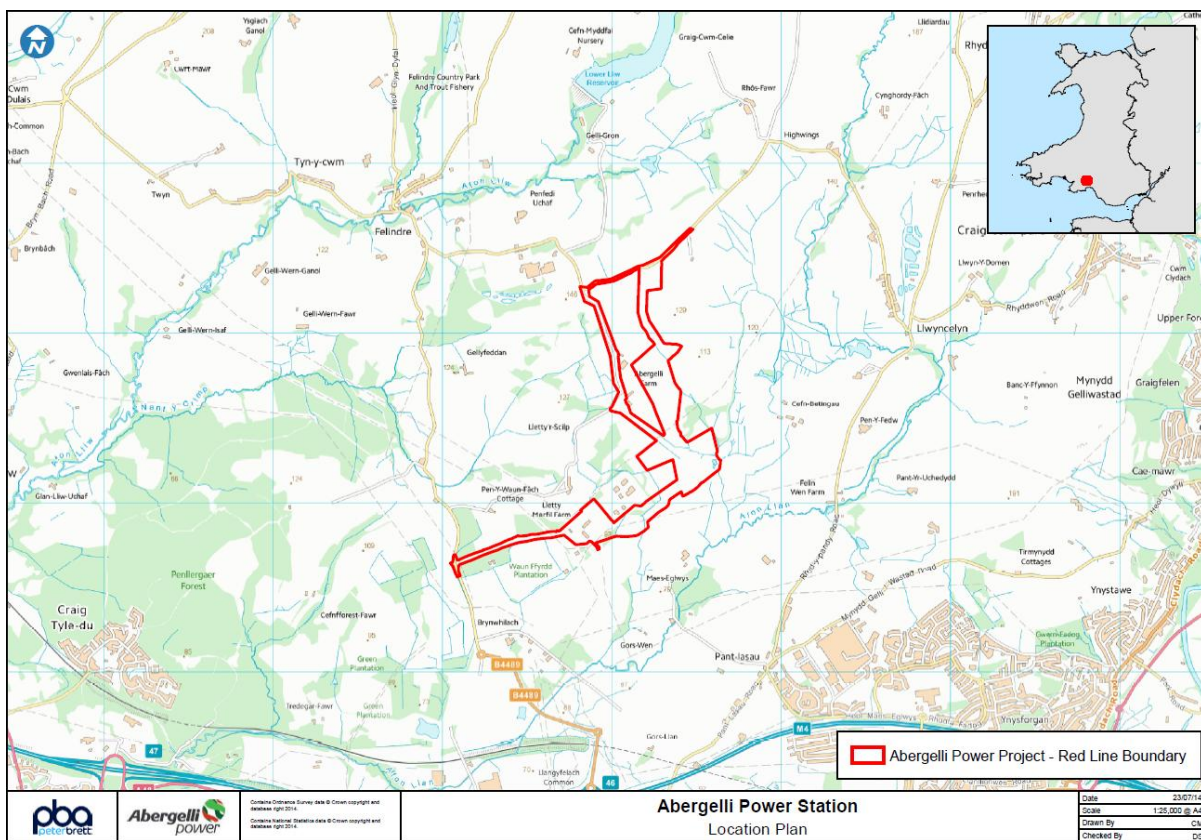
- j. APL will advertise the consultation events via the Swansea-based South Wales Evening Post, for two weeks prior to the first event taking place. In addition APL will announce via the issue of one or more news releases to local and regional news publications, the local radio and TV stations (and via online media) that the events are taking place. The newspaper advertisements (and media coverage), will reach the CCZ, the OCZ and further afield. The content will give information on APL's proposals and details of the consultation events, including contact information.
- k. A leaflet or letter about the Project and the consultation programme will be distributed by Royal Mail (and other means as required) to households, businesses and institutions in the CCZ at least one week in advance of the first consultation event, informing them of the consultation events taking place. The leaflet or letter will include details of the Project, the location and dates of the consultation events, the APL website address. This letter will be produced in both English and Welsh.
- l. Posters advertising the consultation events will be displayed at community venues within the CCZ and the OCZ, for example local libraries, local shops and post offices, local schools and colleges and doctors' surgeries.
- m. APL will inform those community councils within the OCZ about the Project and the exhibition/consultation event via letter.
- n. The APL team will actively and reactively meet with individuals and interested groups in the local area as part of the formal consultation period to answer questions and provide updates about the Project.

- o. The APL website will carry the latest information about the Project (technical, environmental and communications), contact details and a mechanism to enable people to ask questions and provide feedback.
- p. Comments and queries via telephone (as well as via post, email or fax) will be considered and addressed within the scheme where possible, as well as comments noted. Comments will be accepted for a period of 35 days following the launch of the statutory period of consultation. These will be collated, considered and included in the Consultation Report that will accompany the DCO Application.
- q. APL may choose to undertake additional consultation and information activities. In addition, APL will consider the provision, upon request, of written materials about the Project in different formats (for example, large print or braille).
- r. All statutory and non-statutory consultation activities and efforts will be detailed in the Consultation Report which will accompany the DCO Application. This will detail the consultation activities, the feedback received and APL's response to the issues that are raised during the process.

**ENDS**

## Statement of Community Consultation

This Statement of Community Consultation is published in connection with a proposed gas-fired power station, including its integral gas and electrical connections, at Abergelli Farm (the Project). It explains how individuals living and working locally, as well as other interests such as local businesses and local civic/community organisations, can comment on the proposals to construct and operate the Project. The Project Site is situated north of Swansea in the City & County of Swansea (north of M4, Junction 46), approximately 1km southeast of Felindre, 750m south-west of Llwyncelyn and 1.5km north of Llanyfelach.



### ***APL: location plan and application boundary***

The Project is being promoted by Abergelli Power Limited (APL), a company established by Watt Power Limited. Watt Power is seeking to develop gas fired power stations at Abergelli Farm and elsewhere in the UK to support the UK Government's drive to a low carbon economy.

APL has consulted City & County of Swansea Council as the local planning authority about the content of this Statement of Community Consultation and has had regard to the council's response.

The capacity of the proposed Project will be in excess of 50 MW of electricity. As such, it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008. This requires a Development Consent Order (DCO), granted under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011 and the Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013 – hereafter referred to as ‘Planning Act 2008 (as amended)’), to build and operate, granted by the Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change.

The Statement of Community Consultation is part of a consultation process that APL is carrying out before it makes a formal application to the Secretary of State for a DCO.

A consultation/communication plan has previously been developed and is available from APL or via its website [www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk).

**This Statement explains:**

- Some details about the Project;
- How APL is publishing preliminary environmental information about the Project;
- How APL is going to consult local people and communities about the Project and what activities will be undertaken to give them access to information about the proposal and help them to understand what particular aspects of the Project may mean to them, enabling them to provide informed feedback;
- How people can become involved in shaping the Project before a DCO Application is submitted by putting forward their views to influence the Project, particularly regarding specific options under consideration; and
- How people can provide feedback to APL from consultation activities and ensure that they are informed about the Project.

**The Project**

The key details of the proposed Project are:

- The construction of a Power Generation Plant with a rated electrical output of between 50 and 299 MW. The plant will have up to 5 stacks each up to 40m in height. The plant will have a dedicated access road.
- The site for the Power Generation Plant covers an area of approximately 6 ha;
- The Power Generation Plant will produce electricity from natural gas;
- Construction of a new underground electrical connection (up to 1km in length) to the National Grid and the construction of a new underground pipeline (up to 1.4km in length) to bring natural gas to the Power Generation Plant from the National Transmission System;
- Creation of approximately 150 jobs during a construction period lasting two years and 15 permanent jobs once commercial operations have begun;
- It responds to the UK Government's need for new gas generation in order to underpin the country's energy security and its transition to a low-carbon economy;
- The station would emit about 50% less carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) than an equivalent sized coal-fired power plant, and is designed to operate flexibly so that it can respond quickly and efficiently to short-term variation in customer demand and intermittent output from wind power generation; and
- It is acknowledged that during construction and operation there is potential for adverse effects on some local communities and the environment, for example noise and traffic during the construction phase and the visual effects of the of the new stacks. An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is being undertaken to understand and seek to minimise these and other potential effects of the Project's construction and operation. More information on this process is provided below. The EIA process is also considering the potential positive effects of the operation of the Project.

### **The Planning Process**

DCO applications for NSIPs are submitted to the Planning Inspectorate which will process and examine the application before making a recommendation to the relevant Secretary of State. The final decision on the application is made by the Secretary of State and if it is successful, a DCO will be made.

The Government's policies in relation to NSIPs are set out in National Policy Statements (NPSs). The Project has been developed with regard to the relevant Energy NPSs, in particular EN-1 (Energy), EN-2 (Fossil Fuel Electricity Generating Infrastructure) and EN-5 (Electricity Networks Infrastructure). EN-1 states that *"gas will continue to play an important role in the electricity sector- providing vital flexibility to support an increasing amount of low-carbon generation and to maintain security of supply"*.

When determining a DCO Application, the Secretary of State must have regard to the relevant NPSs and must make a decision in accordance with these unless she/he is satisfied that the adverse impact of the Project would outweigh its benefits.

When considering whether to accept an application for examination, the Planning Inspectorate must be satisfied that the applicant has undertaken effective pre-application consultation. Pre-application consultation is essential in allowing APL to understand and seek to minimise the effects of the Project and to allow a thorough examination by the Planning Inspectorate. APL is required to submit a Consultation Report with its application for a DCO. This report will include details of the local community feedback received, explain how APL has had regard to the feedback and will detail how APL has complied with the consultation requirements of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended).

The community consultation described in this statement is carried out under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended). It is in addition to consultation that will be carried out with specific statutory consultees (such as statutory nature conservation bodies) and those with relevant interests in land (including owners and occupiers within the Project boundary) under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended). It is also in addition to wider publication of the proposed Project under Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended).

Information on the planning process and the NPSs can be found at:

[www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/planninginspectorate](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/planninginspectorate)

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## **Environmental Information & Impacts**

The Project will be designed and developed to meet or exceed current quality, safety and environmental standards and efforts will be made to minimise its impact on the local environment, both during its construction and its operation. The extent and scale of the Project and APL's proposals to mitigate its impacts will be amongst the issues considered by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Because of the nature and size of the Project, APL is undertaking an EIA. Therefore, the Project is classed as an EIA development. The EIA considers the potential impacts of the Project including: air quality; noise and vibration; ecology; water quality and resources; geology, ground conditions and agriculture; landscape and visual; traffic, transport and access; cultural heritage and archeology; and socio-economics.

APL has consulted with various statutory bodies concerning the scope of the EIA, including local authorities, Natural Resources Wales (NRW), the South Wales Trunk Road Agency, and utility providers. A request for a Scoping Opinion was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2014, accompanied by a Scoping Report. The Scoping Report outlines which environmental topics will be covered by the EIA and how the assessments will be undertaken. The Planning Inspectorate issued its formal Scoping Opinion on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014.

All documents are available on the Abergelli Power website ([www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)) and via the dedicated section on the Planning Portal website: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/wales/abergelli-power/>

As part of the pre-application consultation materials on the proposed Project, APL will publish a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and an associated non-technical summary (NTS). The PEIR will present the information gathered to date and provide the results of APL's preliminary findings of the assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the Project. It will not

set out the final findings but will include information on provisional mitigation measures. During consultation, APL will make available details on landscaping proposals and other measures to mitigate the Project's impact. APL will provide copies of the PEIR and its associated NTS to City & County of Swansea Council as the local planning authority. Both documents will also be made available at: Swansea Central Library; local libraries; at public exhibitions held as part of the consultation process and on the APL website.

When the EIA process is complete and APL submits its application for a DCO, it will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement. This will report on the likely significant environmental effects of the Project identified in the EIA and will explain the mitigation measures to avoid or reduce these.

### **Public Consultation**

The views of the local community about the Project are important. In June 2014, APL carried out a non-statutory consultation process sharing its initial plans with the public at three exhibitions held in Clydach, Felindre and Tircoed. At the exhibitions and since, APL has received and responded to comments on the Project and its impact on the environment, local communities and the local economy.

#### ***a. What are we now consulting on and when?***

In the statutory phase of consultation commencing in Autumn 2014, APL will seek views on the preliminary environmental information presented about the Project as well as on other key elements of the Project. Only after responses have been considered will the design be finalised and the application for a DCO be submitted.

Responses will be invited on:

- The preliminary findings of the assessment as to the likely significant environmental effects of the Project;
- The proposed route option(s) for accessing the Project; and
- The indicative layout of the power generation plant within the Project site.

The consultation explained in this Statement will run for 35 days ending on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Comments about the Project must be received by APL by this date.

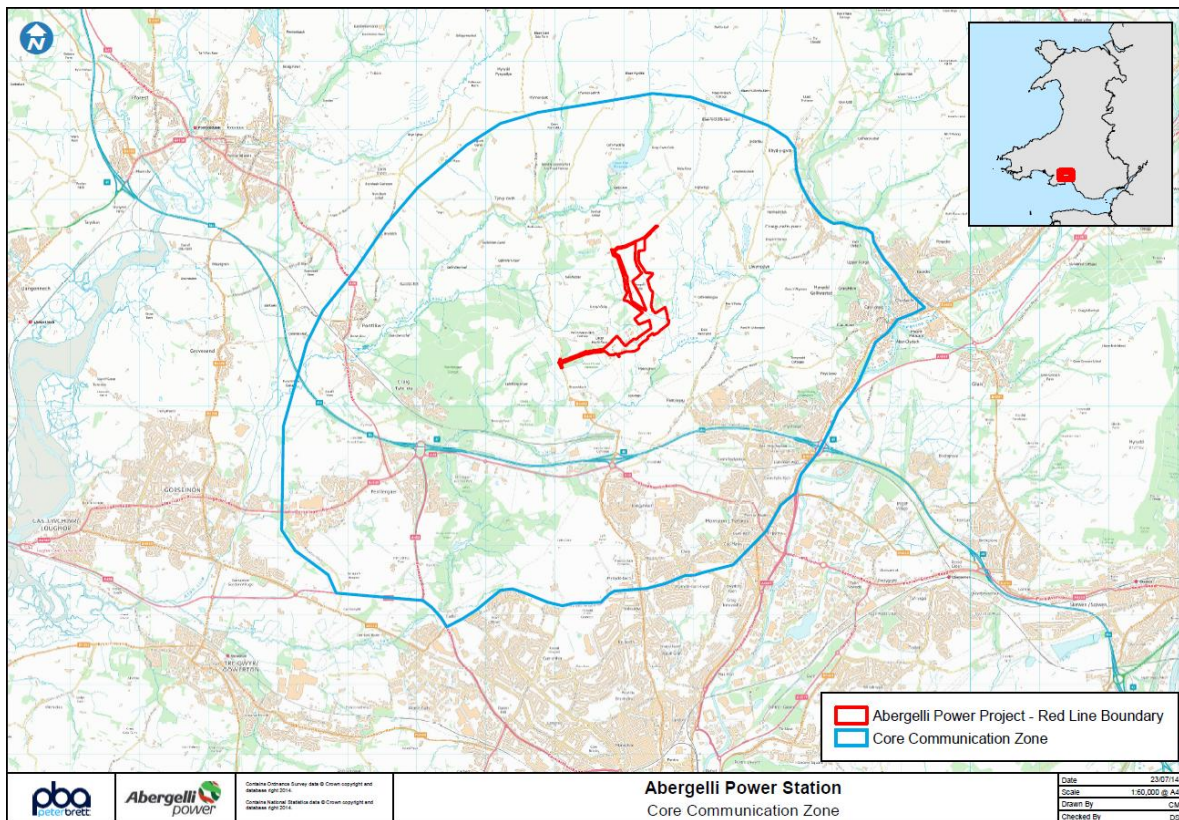


**b. Who will we consult with?**

The Planning Act 2008 (as amended) states that those ‘living in the vicinity of the land’ should be consulted. APL has discussed the scope of the consultation with City & County of Swansea as the local planning authority, and has identified and agreed the Consultation Zones that form the basis of the community consultation.

APL will carry out its consultation activities in two areas: a Core Consultation Zone (CCZ) that equates to an approximate radius of 3.5km from the Project Site and an Outer Consultation Zone (OCZ) that equates to a radius of approximately 8km.

The CCZ has been designed to include the main population areas in the vicinity of the Project Site that have the potential to be affected by the Project and expected to have the greatest interest in the Project. The zone includes the villages of Clydach, Felindre, Llangyfelach and Tircoed, and all or parts of the following community council areas: Clydach, Llangyfelach, Mawr, Morryston, Mynyddbach, Penllergaer and Pontlliw & Tircoed.



**Proposed Core Consultation Zone – approx. 3.5 km radius from the Project Site**

Communities within the OCZ will be informed about the Project (via newspaper advertisements, posters, media coverage and contact with local elected members and community councils in the OCZ and other relevant local organisations) and given the opportunity to comment on the plans. The outer zone includes the main population area of the city of Swansea.

APL does not anticipate that the communities and businesses which lie within the OCZ will be significantly impacted by the Project's construction and operation although APL recognises that they may be interested in it. Outside the two zones, there may well be others interested in APL's plans. They will also be reached through local/regional newspaper advertising and media coverage (print, broadcast and social media). Feedback that is received within the consultation period will be considered.

**c. *How will we consult?***

APL will seek and receive people's views through a number of activities:

- Public exhibitions will be held at Clydach, Felindre, Llanyfelach and Tircoed within the CCZ. Feedback forms, allowing people to provide their views on the Project, will be available at these exhibitions;
- A leaflet or letter will be delivered to households, businesses and institutions in the CCZ, and made available at local council offices, local libraries and other venues as appropriate. The leaflet will also be distributed to those groups that are defined as "hard to reach" (for example, the elderly, the young and minority groups). It will give background on the Project, the consultation process (including exhibitions) and how individuals can engage in it. The leaflet will be made available at libraries and council offices in the OCZ;
- Copies of the leaflet, the SoCC, the Preliminary Environmental Information Report and its Non-Technical Summary as well as other information about the Project will be available to be inspected at the following locations:

|           | <b>City and County of Swansea Council Offices,</b><br>Penllergaer<br>Swansea SA4 9GJ<br>(01792) 636000 | <b>Swansea Central Library</b><br>Civic Centre<br>Oystermouth Road<br>Swansea SA1 3SN<br>(01792) 636464 | <b>Clydach Library</b><br>High Street<br>Clydach,<br>Swansea SA6 5LN<br>(01792) 843300 | <b>Gorseinon Library</b><br>15 West Street<br>Gorseinon<br>Swansea SA4 4AA<br>(01792) 516780 | <b>Morrleston Library</b><br>Treharne Road<br>Morrleston<br>Swansea SA6 7AA<br>(01792) 516770 | <b>Pontarddulais Library</b><br>St Michael's<br>Avenue<br>Pontarddulais<br>Swansea SA4 8TE<br>(01792) 882822 |
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| Monday    | 8.30-17.00                                                                                             | 8.30-20.00                                                                                              | 9.30-17.30                                                                             | 9.00-18.00                                                                                   | 9.00-18.00                                                                                    | 9.00- 13.00 and<br>14.00 - 17.00                                                                             |
| Tuesday   | 8.30-17.00                                                                                             | 8.30-20.00                                                                                              | 9.30-17.30                                                                             | 9.00-18.00                                                                                   | 9.00-18.00                                                                                    | 9.00- 13.00 and<br>14.00 - 17.00                                                                             |
| Wednesday | 8.30-17.00                                                                                             | 8.30-20.00                                                                                              | 9.30-17.30                                                                             | 9.00-18.00                                                                                   | 9.00-18.00                                                                                    | 9.00- 13.00 and<br>14.00 - 17.00                                                                             |
| Thursday  | 8.30-17.00                                                                                             | 8.30-20.00                                                                                              | 9.30-17.30                                                                             | 9.00-18.00                                                                                   | 9.00-18.00                                                                                    | 9.00- 13.00 and<br>14.00 - 17.00                                                                             |
| Friday    | 8.30-16.00                                                                                             | 8.30-20.00                                                                                              | 9.30-18.30                                                                             | 9.00-19.00                                                                                   | 9.00-18.00                                                                                    | 9.00- 13.00 and<br>14.00 - 18.00                                                                             |
| Saturday  | CLOSED                                                                                                 | 10.00-16.00                                                                                             | 9.30-16.30                                                                             | 9.00-17.00                                                                                   | 9.00-17.00                                                                                    | 9.00- 13.00                                                                                                  |
| Sunday    | CLOSED                                                                                                 | 10.00-16.00                                                                                             | CLOSED                                                                                 | CLOSED                                                                                       | CLOSED                                                                                        | CLOSED                                                                                                       |

- The leaflet and other information about the Project can be made available in other formats (e.g. large print or braille) and languages upon request;
- A website ([www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)) provides information on the Project as well as access to documents, and provide visitors the opportunity to ask questions or make comments online;
- An e-mail address to which individuals can write (provided at the end of this document);
- A Freepost mailbox to which people can send questions or comments (provided at the end of this document);
- APL will also notify the local community about the Project and the consultation events via posters in the local community, newspaper advertisements and media coverage;
- In addition, APL will contact a broad spectrum of local stakeholders. These will include elected representatives, local community, special interest groups (including those *“hard to reach groups”* such as the young, elderly and the disabled), and local business groups. APL will provide them with information on the Project and undertake briefings where appropriate.

Individuals and organisations wishing to respond should include their name and an address where correspondence about the response can be sent. Responses may be made public, subject to data protection laws.

Comments made at any stage of the consultation process will be recorded and carefully considered by APL as part of the process of preparing the final proposals for its application to the Planning Inspectorate.

| KEY DATES                                       | ACTIVITY                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2014                 | Statement of Community Consultation published                                                                                         |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> October                        | Consultation period starts                                                                                                            |
| <b>PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS</b>                       |                                                                                                                                       |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2014,<br>15.00 – 20.00 | <b>Llangyfelach Church Hall</b> , Swansea Road,<br>Llangyfelach, Swansea SA5 7JA                                                      |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2014,<br>14.00 – 19.00 | <b>Felindre Welfare Hall</b> , Felindre, Swansea SA5 7NA                                                                              |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2014,<br>14.00 – 19.00 | <b>Forge Fach Resource Centre</b> , Hebron Road,<br>Clydach, Swansea SA6 5EJ                                                          |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2014,<br>9.00 – 13.00  | <b>Tircoed Village Hall</b> , Y Cyswllt, Tircoed SA4 9QZ                                                                              |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2014                  | Consultation period closes                                                                                                            |
| Q1 2015                                         | DCO Application submitted                                                                                                             |
| Q2 2015                                         | Planning Inspectorate publically notifies the acceptance of application and sets examination timetable, likely to run during Q3 2014. |

### Contact details

APL welcomes queries and comments:

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Edinburgh EH1 3JD

Phone: 0131 550 3395

## Appendix 2

### Statement of Community Consultation Notice

Abergelli Power Ltd (APL) proposes to construct and operate a gas-fired power generation plant and connections to the gas and electricity networks on land adjacent to the National Grid compressor station at Abergelli Farm, Felindre, Swansea SA5 7NN. The proposed site is situated north of Swansea in the City & County of Swansea (north of M4, Junction 46), approximately 1km southeast of Felindre, 750m south-west of Llwynceilyn and 1.5km north of Llangyfelach.

The project includes a power generation plant, a gas connection and an electrical connection that would connect the power generation plant to the existing nearby transmission networks. The power generation plant would have rated electrical output of between 50 and 299 MW of electricity. Subject to public consultation, planning and financing, it could enter commercial operation in 2019.

The Project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008 which means a Development Consent Order (DCO) is required to build, operate and maintain it.

Due to the nature and size of the Project, APL is undertaking an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Therefore the Project is classified as EIA development. The EIA will consider the potential impacts, both positive and negative, of the Project on topics including air and water quality, noise, landscape and visual impact, traffic, local ecology, archaeology and heritage, and socio-economics.

The DCO application will be processed and examined by the Planning Inspectorate who will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. The final decision on the application is made by the Secretary of State.

Consultation with local people, businesses, and other organisations is an essential part of the DCO application process and will help to influence the final design of the project. Only after all inputs have been considered will designs be finalised and the application for a DCO be submitted.

The Government's policies in relation to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects are set out in National Policy Statements (NPSs). NPS EN-1 (Energy) states that "gas will continue to play an important role in the electricity sector- providing vital flexibility to support an increasing amount of low-carbon generation and to maintain security of supply." The need for the Project is established through NPSs and is therefore not a topic of consultation.

APL has prepared a statement setting out how it proposes to consult people living and working in the vicinity of the site about the proposed DCO application; this is the Statement of Community Consultation. It is available for inspection at [www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk) and at the locations listed in the following table (opening times vary).

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| Thursday  | 8.30-17.00 | 8.30-20.00  | 9.30-17.30 | 9.00-18.00 | 9.00-18.00 | 9.00- 13.00 and<br>14.00 - 17.00 |
| Friday    | 8.30-16.00 | 8.30-20.00  | 9.30-18.30 | 9.00-19.00 | 9.00-18.00 | 9.00- 13.00 and<br>14.00 - 18.00 |
| Saturday  | CLOSED     | 10.00-16.00 | 9.30-16.30 | 9.00-17.00 | 9.00-17.00 | 9.00- 13.00                      |
| Sunday    | CLOSED     | 10.00-16.00 | CLOSED     | CLOSED     | CLOSED     | CLOSED                           |

Households and businesses within an approximate 3.5km radius of the power generation plant site will receive a leaflet about the proposal on or around 10<sup>th</sup> October.

Exhibitions about the project will be held at these locations:

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| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2014<br>15:00-20:00 | <b>Llangyfelach Church Hall</b> , Swansea Road, Llangyfelach, Swansea SA5 7JA |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2014<br>14:00-19:00  | <b>Felindre Welfare Hall</b> , Felindre, Swansea, SA5 7NA                     |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2014<br>14:00-19:00    | <b>Forge Fach Resource Centre</b> , Hebron Road, Clydach, Swansea, SA6 5EJ    |
| Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2014<br>09:00-13:00  | <b>Tircoed Village Hall</b> , Y Cyswllt, Tircoed SA4 9QZ                      |

From 13<sup>th</sup> October, information about the proposed Project, including a leaflet about the proposal, a Preliminary Environmental Information Report and a non-technical summary (which contain a preliminary assessment of the effects of the Project) will be made available for inspection at the same locations and on the APL website.

The consultation period will be 35 days long ending on **16<sup>th</sup> November 2014**, and we would welcome your views on or before this date. Please include your name and an address. Responses may be made public, subject to data protection laws.

**Website: [www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)**

**Email: [info@abergellipower.co.uk](mailto:info@abergellipower.co.uk)**

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## Appendix 4.B: Phase 1 2014 SoCC Compliance Checklist



## Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) Compliance Checklist

| Section of SoCC                   | SoCC Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Compliance |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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|                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Y/N        | Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Environment Information & Impacts | As part of the pre-application consultation materials on the proposed Project, APL will publish a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and an associated non-technical summary (NTS). The PEIR will present the information gathered to date and provide the results of APL's preliminary findings of the assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the Project. It will not set out the final findings but will include information on provisional mitigation measures. | Y          | The PEIR and PEIR NTS were provided as consultation materials at the commencement of statutory section 47 and section 42 consultation (Section 3.6; Appendix 4.C of Consultation Report).                                                                                                                                       |
| Environment Information & Impacts | During consultation, APL will make available details on landscaping proposals and other measures to mitigate the Project's impact.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Y          | The PEIR and PEIR NTS included details on landscaping proposals and other mitigation measures and were provided as consultation materials at the commencement of statutory section 47 and section 42 consultation (Section 3.6; Appendix 4.C of Consultation Report).                                                           |
| Environment Information & Impacts | APL will provide copies of the PEIR and its associated NTS to City & County of Swansea Council as the local planning authority.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Y          | APL provided copies of the PEIR and PEIR NTS to CCS prior to the commencement of statutory consultation (Section 3.6; Appendix 4.C of Consultation Report).                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Environment Information & Impacts | Both documents will also be made available at: Swansea Central Library; local libraries; at public exhibitions held as part of the consultation process and on the APL website.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Y          | The PEIR and PEIR NTS were made available throughout statutory consultation at: Swansea Central Library, Clydach Library, Gorseinon Library, Morrison Library, and Pontarddulais Library; at the public exhibitions at Llangelyfach, Felindre, Clydach and Tircoed; and on the APL website (Section 3.6 of Consultation Report) |



| Section of SoCC                                            | SoCC Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                               | Compliance |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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|                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Y/N        | Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Public Consultation                                        | At the exhibitions and since, APL has received and responded to comments on the Project and its impact on the environment, local communities and the local economy                                             | Y          | APL has considered the feedback received during consultation, as recorded within section 5.3 and Appendix 6.B and 6.D of the Consultation Report. APL will maintain on-going engagement with key stakeholders, the local community and local authorities and respond to queries in relation to the Project as they arise. (Section 5.4 of Consultation Report)                                                   |
| Public Consultation<br>What are we consulting on and when? | In the statutory phase of consultation commencing in Autumn 2014, APL will seek views on the preliminary environmental information presented about the Project as well as on other key elements of the Project | Y          | The aim of the statutory section 47 phase of consultation was to seek the views of the local community on the preliminary environmental information presented about the Project as well as on other key elements of the Project. The PEIR and PEIR NTS were available at the exhibition, and a feedback form requested comments on the findings of the PEIR. (Section 3.6; Appendix 4.C of Consultation Report). |
| Public Consultation<br>What are we consulting on and when? | Only after responses have been considered will the design be finalised and the application for a DCO be submitted.                                                                                             | Y          | APL has considered the feedback received during statutory consultation, as recorded within section 5.3 and Appendix 6.B and 6.D of the Consultation Report. Comments received during the statutory consultation phase led to a number of Project outcomes (section 5.3 of the Consultation Report) prior to the submission of the Application.                                                                   |
| Public Consultation<br>What are we consulting on and when? | Responses will be invited on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The preliminary findings of the assessment as to the likely significant environmental</li> </ul>                                          | Y          | The aim of the statutory section 47 phase of consultation was to seek the views of the local community on the preliminary environmental information presented about the Project as well as on other key elements of the Project, including the two proposed access route options and the                                                                                                                         |

| Section of SoCC                                                       | SoCC Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Compliance |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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|                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Y/N        | Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                       | <p>effects of the Project;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed route option(s) for accessing the Project; and</li> <li>• The indicative layout of the power generation plant within the Project site.</li> </ul>                                                                                                       |            | indicative layout of the power generation plant within the Project Site. (Section 3.6 of Consultation Report)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>Public Consultation</p> <p>What are we consulting on and when?</p> | The consultation explained in this Statement will run for 35 days ending on 16th November 2014. Comments about the Project must be received by APL by this date.                                                                                                                                                                             | Y          | APL undertook statutory Section 47 consultation with the local community between 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2014 and 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2014. (Section 3.6 of Consultation Report)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>Public Consultation</p> <p>Who will we consult with?</p>           | The Planning Act 2008 (as amended) states that those <i>'living in the vicinity of the land'</i> should be consulted. APL has discussed the scope of the consultation with City & County of Swansea as the local planning authority, and has identified and agreed the Consultation Zones that form the basis of the community consultation. | Y          | APL undertook statutory section 47 consultation in two defined areas: a core consultation zone (CCZ), equating to a radius of approximately 3.5km from the Project Site; and an outer consultation zone (OCZ), equating to a radius of approximately 8km from the Project Site. Leaflets were delivered to 13,000 households, businesses and institutions in the CCZ prior to the first exhibition. Four public exhibitions were held within the CCZ in October 2014. (Section 3.6 of Consultation Report) |
| <p>Public Consultation</p> <p>Who will we consult with?</p>           | APL will carry out its consultation activities in two areas: a Core Consultation Zone (CCZ) that equates to an approximate radius of 3.5km from the Project Site and an Outer Consultation Zone (OCZ) that equates to a radius of                                                                                                            | Y          | APL undertook statutory section 47 consultation in two defined areas: a core consultation zone (CCZ), equating to a radius of approximately 3.5km from the Project Site; and an outer consultation zone (OCZ), equating to a radius of approximately 8km from the Project Site. Leaflets were                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

| Section of SoCC                                  | SoCC Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Compliance |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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|                                                  | approximately 8km.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |            | delivered to 13,000 households, businesses and institutions in the CCZ prior to the first exhibition. Communities within the OCZ were also informed about the Project and given the opportunity to comment on the plans. Four public exhibitions were held within the CCZ in October 2014. (Section 3.6 of Consultation Report)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Public Consultation<br>Who will we consult with? | Communities within the OCZ will be informed about the Project (via newspaper advertisements, posters, media coverage and contact with local elected members and community councils in the OCZ and other relevant local organisations) and given the opportunity to comment on the plans. APL does not anticipate that the communities and businesses which lie within the OCZ will be significantly impacted by the Project's construction and operation although APL recognises that they may be interested in it. | Y          | Communities within the OCZ were informed about the Project via a number of different means, including newspaper adverts, media coverage and updates to the Project website.<br><br>A notice providing details of the Project was published in The Independent, London Gazette and South Wales Evening Post prior to the commencement of statutory consultation; and adverts were published in the South Wales Evening Post giving prior notice of the exhibitions. The project website was updated to provide links to the PEIR, PEIR NTS, SoCC, and background information on the Project and planning and consultation process. The Project was also subject to a degree of media coverage (national print media, local print media, online media and televised media) during the statutory phase of consultation. (Section 3.6 of Consultation Report) |
| Public Consultation<br>Who will we consult with? | Outside the two zones, there may well be others interested in APL's plans. They will also be reached through local/regional newspaper advertising and media coverage (print, broadcast and social media). Feedback that is received within the consultation period will be                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Y          | Communities within the OCZ were informed about the Project via a number of different means, including newspaper adverts, media coverage and updates to the Project website.<br><br>A notice providing details of the Project was published in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

| Section of SoCC                             | SoCC Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Compliance |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Public Consultation<br>Who will we consult? | Public exhibitions will be held at Clydach, Felindre, Llangyfelach and Tircoed within the CCZ. Feedback forms, allowing people to provide their views on the Project, will be available at these exhibitions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Y          | Four public exhibitions were held within the CCZ at Llangelyfach (22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2014), Felindre (23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2014), Clydach (24 <sup>th</sup> October 2014) and Tircoed (25 <sup>th</sup> October 2014). A feedback form (available in English and Welsh) was available for attendees to complete at the exhibition or to return via Freepost to APL. (Section 3.6 of Consultation Report)                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Public Consultation<br>Who will we consult? | A leaflet or letter will be delivered to households, businesses and institutions in the CCZ, and made available at local council offices, local libraries and other venues as appropriate. The leaflet will also be distributed to those groups that are defined as “hard to reach” (for example, the elderly, the young and minority groups). It will give background on the Project, the consultation process (including exhibitions) and how individuals can engage in it. The leaflet will be made available at libraries | Y          | Prior to the first exhibition, a leaflet containing an invitation to attend the public exhibitions was delivered to 13,000 households, businesses and institutions in the CCZ, including those groups that are defined as “hard to reach”. The leaflet, SoCC, PEIR and PEIR NTS were available for inspection at CCS offices and libraries within the CCZ and OCZ. (Section 3.6 of Consultation Report)                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| Public Consultation<br>Who will we consult? | <p>Copies of the leaflet, the SoCC, the Preliminary Environmental Information Report and its Non-Technical Summary as well as other information about the Project will be available to be inspected at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City and County of Swansea Council Offices,</li> <li>• Swansea Central Library,</li> <li>• Clydach Library,</li> <li>• Gorseinon Library,</li> <li>• Morriston Library,</li> <li>• Pontarddulais Library</li> </ul> | Y          | The leaflet, SoCC, PEIR and PEIR NTS were available for inspection at CCS offices and libraries within the CCZ and OCZ (CCS Council Offices, Swansea Central Library, Clydach Library, Gorseinon Library, Morriston Library, Pontarddulais Library). (Section 3.6 of Consultation Report)                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Public Consultation<br>Who will we consult? | The leaflet and other information about the Project can be made available in other formats (e.g. large print or braille) and languages upon request                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Y          | APL considered the provision of written materials in different formats (for example, large print or braille) upon request. (Section 3.6 of Consultation Report)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Public Consultation<br>Who will we consult? | A website ( <a href="http://www.abergellipower.co.uk">www.abergellipower.co.uk</a> ) provides information on the Project as well as access to documents, and provide visitors the opportunity to ask questions or make comments online                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Y          | The Project website was updated by APL at the commencement of statutory consultation to provide links to the PEIR, PEIR NTS and SoCC as well as to provide background information on the Project and the planning and consultation process. The Project website also provided opportunity for members of the local community to contact the Project team to provide additional feedback or queries during the statutory consultation phase. (Section 3.6 of Consultation Report) |

| Section of SoCC                             | SoCC Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Compliance |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Public Consultation<br>Who will we consult? | An e-mail address to which individuals can write (provided at the end of this document)                                                                                                                                                                                        | Y          | APL provided an email address (info@abergellipower.co.uk) in statutory consultation materials and at the public exhibitions in order to allow members of the local community to contact the Project team to provide additional feedback or queries during the statutory consultation phase. (Section 3.6 of Consultation Report)                                                         |
| Public Consultation<br>Who will we consult? | A Freepost mailbox to which people can send questions or comments (provided at the end of this document)                                                                                                                                                                       | Y          | APL provided a Freepost address (Freepost RTEY-JYYB-ERSR, Abergelli Power Ltd, 49 York Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3JD) in statutory consultation materials and at the public exhibitions in order to allow members of the local community to contact the Project team to provide additional feedback or queries during the statutory consultation phase. (Section 3.6 of Consultation Report) |
| Public Consultation<br>Who will we consult? | APL will also notify the local community about the Project and the consultation events via posters in the local community, newspaper advertisements and media coverage                                                                                                         | Y          | APL notified the local community about the Project and the consultation events via: leaflets delivered to 13,000 households, businesses and institutions in the CCZ; posters displayed at community venues within the CCZ; adverts in the local newspaper; updates to the Project website; and publicity within print media, online media and televised media.                           |
| Public Consultation<br>Who will we consult? | APL will contact a broad spectrum of local stakeholders. These will include elected representatives, local community, special interest groups (including those <i>"hard to reach groups"</i> such as the young, elderly and the disabled), and local business groups. APL will | Y          | APL has sought to inform and consult key stakeholders about the Project from an early stage and on an ongoing basis throughout the evolution of the Project, via a number of briefing meetings and discussions. (Section 3.4 of Consultation Report)                                                                                                                                     |

| Section of SoCC                             | SoCC Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Compliance |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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|                                             | provide them with information on the Project and undertake briefings where appropriate.                                                                                                                           |            | Following liaison with CCS, letters with information on the Project and the consultation process were sent to 'hard to reach' groups prior to the commencement of statutory consultation. (Section 3.6 of Consultation Report)                                                                                                       |
| Public Consultation<br>Who will we consult? | Comments made at any stage of the consultation process will be recorded and carefully considered by APL as part of the process of preparing the final proposals for its application to the Planning Inspectorate. | Y          | APL has considered the feedback received during consultation, as recorded within section 5.3 and Appendix 6.B and 6.D of the Consultation Report. Comments received during the statutory consultation phase led to a number of Project outcomes (section 5.3 of the Consultation Report) prior to the submission of the Application. |

## Appendix 4.C: Phase 1 2014 PEIR NTS





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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Overview

- 1.1.1 This document is the non-technical summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) prepared for the proposed Abergelli Power Project (hereafter referred to as '**the Project**'). The PEIR has been prepared by Parsons Brinckerhoff on behalf of Abergelli Power Limited (APL).
- 1.1.2 The Project proposed is a gas-fired power station with a rated electrical output of between 50 and 299 Megawatts (MW). It is intended to be a 'peaking' plant designed to operate when there is a surge in demand for electricity associated with a particular stress event (e.g. where there is a sudden demand in power required by consumers or a sudden drop in power being generated by plants which are constantly operational, such as a sudden outage).
- 1.1.3 An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is being undertaken to determine the likely significant effects of the project on the environment. The purpose of the PEIR is to present preliminary environmental information relating to the Project, including the preliminary findings of the EIA. This will enable consultees, including the local community, to understand the potential likely significant environmental effects of the Project, so they can provide a comprehensive response to the consultation.
- 1.1.4 Copies of the PEIR, NTS and other consultation material including APL's Statement of Community Consultation will be available at five local libraries as well as City and County of Swansea Council offices during the statutory consultation period from 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2014. In addition, the PEIR, NTS and other consultation material will be available on the APL website ([www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)) from 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and at public exhibitions which will be held by APL in Llangyfelach, Felindre, Clydach and Tircoed between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October 2014. Feedback received during the consultation process will help inform the development and design of the Project. Further detail about how feedback can be provided to APL is available in the Statement of Community Consultation.
- 1.1.5 Once complete, the findings of the EIA will be reported in full in the Environmental Statement to be submitted with the Application for a Development Consent Order.

## 1.2 The Project

1.2.1 The Project (see Figure 1.1) would comprise:

- A new **Power Generation Plant** in the form of a Simple Cycle Gas Turbine (SCGT) generating station fuelled by natural gas and with a rated electrical output of up to 299 MW which will operate during peak demand comprising;
  - The **Generating Equipment** including the Gas Turbine Generators and Plant which are located on the **Generating Equipment Site**;
  - A new **Access Road** to the Generating Equipment Site. Two options are currently under consideration: from the north via Rhyd-y-pandy Road (Option 1); or from the west via the B4489 (Option 2);
  - A temporary construction compound (**Laydown Area**);
- A new **Gas Connection** to bring natural gas to the Generating Equipment from the National Transmission System; and
- A new **Electrical Connection** to export power from the Generating Equipment to the National Grid Electricity Transmission System (NETS) for distribution to homes and businesses.

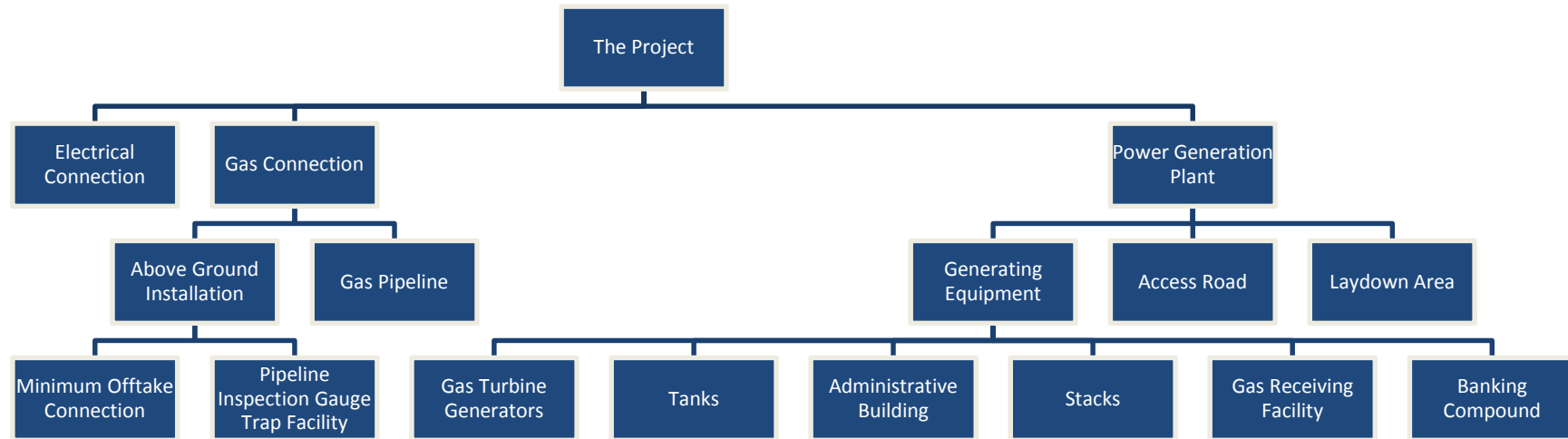
1.2.2 The Generating Equipment, Access Road and Laydown Area are together known as the **Power Generation Plant**, and are located within the **Power Generation Plant Site**.

1.2.3 The land upon which the Project would be developed, or which would be required in order to facilitate the development of the Project, is referred to as the '**Project Site**'. Figure 1.1 shows how the elements of the Project relate to each other.

1.2.4 The Generating Equipment would consist of between one and five Gas Turbine Generators (and associated stacks of up to 40m). However, the combined rated electrical output will not exceed 299MW.

1.2.5 In the Gas Turbine Generators air is compressed and natural gas is injected. The fuel will then burn in the combustion chamber producing hot, high pressure gases. This gas expands across the blades of the gas turbine which drives the electrical generators to produce electricity. The exhaust silencer will reduce noise pollution from this process.

- 1.2.6 The waste gases and heat produced from this process will be released to the atmosphere via stacks. The stack(s) will be equipped with emissions control technologies which will reduce emissions released to the atmosphere.



**Figure 1.1: Project Description**

- 1.2.7 A Construction Environmental Management Plan will be prepared to mitigate environmental effects during construction. This will include measures to control dust, litter, noise and spillages. A Construction Traffic Management Plan will be prepared which will set out the routes construction traffic must use and during which hours. A Travel Plan will be prepared to encourage construction workers to minimise use of the private car.

### **1.3 Application for Development Consent**

- 1.3.1 In Wales, an onshore electricity generating station is considered to be a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008<sup>1</sup> if its generating capacity is more than 50 MW. As the Project would have an electrical generating capacity of more than 50 MW it would be classified as a NSIP and therefore a Development Consent Order is required. It is therefore intended that an Application for a Development Consent Order will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change.

### **1.4 The Applicant**

- 1.4.1 The Project Applicant is APL. APL is an energy development company established for the Project by Watt Power Limited. Further information on the companies is provided at <http://www.abergellipower.co.uk> and <http://www.wattpowerltd.co.uk>.

### **1.5 Needs and Benefits of the Project**

- 1.5.1 There is considerable national need for this type of development, acknowledged at all levels of Government policy. National planning policy supports the need for new electricity infrastructure due to the current ageing and closure of coal-fired power plants and the likely increase in demand for electricity over the coming decades.
- 1.5.2 Gas is a reliable fuel source. It is acknowledged by the Government as being essential to a low-carbon economy and to underpin the country's energy security. In addition, gas peaking plants such as the Project provide back-up to power generation from renewable sources, particularly wind power, which is an increasingly prevalent but intermittent energy source. Modern gas-fired power plants are among the most efficient and cleanest forms of electricity power generation.

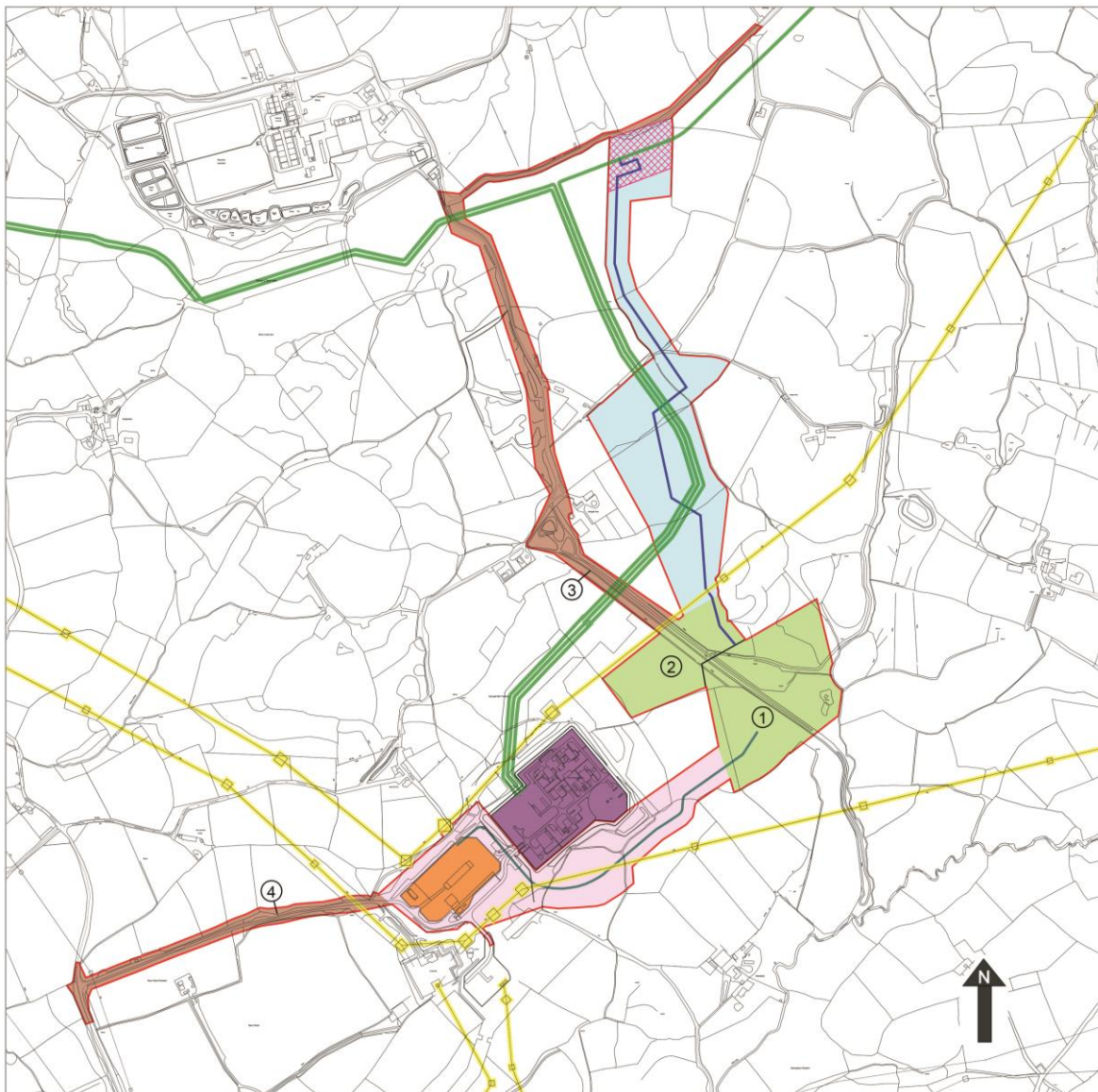
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<sup>1</sup> Planning Act 2008 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/29/contents>

















## **2 SITE AND SURROUNDINGS**

- 2.1.1 The Project Site is situated predominantly on farmland and will be accessed from Junction 46 of the M4 to the north of Swansea, in the administrative area of the City and County of Swansea Council. It is approximately 1 km southeast of Felindre, 760 m west of Llwyncelyn and 1.4 km north of Llangyfelach.
- 2.1.2 From the M4 there are two access options being considered at this stage: Option 1 from the north via the Rhyd-y-pandy Road utilising the existing farm road which runs north/south; and Option 2 from the west via the B4489 utilising the existing National Grid road and then via agricultural land to the west of the Generating Equipment Site and land following the southern boundary of the Gas Compressor Station.
- 2.1.3 Part of the Project Site is currently used for grazing as well as horse training and breeding. The western extent of the Project Site encompasses National Grid's Swansea North electrical substation and Felindre Gas Compressor Station.
- 2.1.4 The Power Generation Plant Site is located primarily within fields used for grazing bounded by a mixture of drainage ditches, fencing and defunct hedgerows with substantial gaps in them.
- 2.1.5 The Gas Connection is located north of the Generating Equipment Site crossing farmland. The Electrical Connection is located to the south west of the Generating Equipment Site linking in to the existing Gas Compressor Station.
- 2.1.6 The area surrounding the Project Site is partly rural with some existing and planned urban fringe development (e.g. Park and Ride Facilities) together with a substantial amount of utilities infrastructure in the area.





Legend:

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|  | Proposed Redline Boundary (Incorporating Alternative Options) |  | Generating Equipment Site       |
|  | Gas Connection Route Corridor                                 |  | Laydown Area                    |
|  | Electrical Connection Route Corridor and Access Road Corridor |  | Access Road Corridor - Option 1 |
|  | Access Road Corridor Only                                     |  | Access Road Corridor - Option 2 |
|  | Generating Equipment Site and Laydown Area                    |                                                                                     |                                 |
|  | Existing Gas Compressor Station                               |                                                                                     |                                 |
|  | Existing Swansea North Electricity Substation                 |                                                                                     |                                 |
|  | Indicative AGI Location                                       |                                                                                     |                                 |
|  | 400kV Overhead Electricity Transmission Lines                 |                                                                                     |                                 |
|  | National Gas Transmission System                              |                                                                                     |                                 |
|  | Indicative Electrical Connection Route                        |                                                                                     |                                 |
|  | Indicative Gas Connection Route                               |                                                                                     |                                 |

**Figure 2.1 Site Location Plan**

### **3 REGULATORY AND POLICY BACKGROUND**

3.1.1 The EIA takes into account all relevant European Union Directives and National Policy Statements which relate specifically to NSIPs, Welsh and local planning policy, and other relevant policy and guidance.

### **4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

4.1.1 In accordance with the Planning Act 2008, as amended, and the Infrastructure Planning (EIA) Regulations 2009, the EIA process for the Project includes the following:

- Establishing, through consultation, the scope of the EIA including obtaining a Scoping Opinion from the Secretary of State;
- Consideration of any potential technical and environmental alternatives;
- Establishing a comprehensive understanding of the existing baseline environmental conditions for the Project Site and the relevant study areas for each topic;
- Identifying the potential environmental effects resulting from the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Project;
- Determining how the potential environmental effects can be avoided, reduced or off-set;
- Assessing the significance of the potential environmental effects in conjunction with other effects arising from the Project and those from other reasonably foreseeable neighbouring developments and/or sources; and
- Proposing options as to how any significant adverse residual effects will be mitigated, managed and monitored.

4.1.2 APL requested a Scoping Opinion from Planning Inspectorate in June 2014. The request was supported by a Scoping Report that described the anticipated significant environmental issues that will require detailed evaluation as part of the EIA process. The Scoping Opinion was received in August 2014. It has allowed for agreement on the potential likely significant environmental effects of the Project and, therefore, the aspects of the environment on which the EIA should focus.

4.1.3 The organisations that have been consulted so far include:

- Natural Resources Wales;
- South and West Wales Wildlife Trust;
- Abertawe Bro Morgannwy;

- Civil Aviation Authority;
- Ministry of Defence;
- Cadw;
- Brecon Beacons National Park Authority;
- City and County of Swansea Council;
- Network Rail; and
- The Coal Authority.

4.1.4 The detailed design of the Project will take place at a later stage in the development process, and only after a successful DCO application. At this stage the Project is described using maximum (and in some cases minimum) parameters which cannot be exceeded. As described in section 2 above, the Project would include up to five Gas Turbine Generators each with a stack of up to 40m in height. Therefore, the assessment of the Project for each topic is carried out on the basis of the worst case scenario from within the parameters for that topic (this is known as the Rochdale envelope approach and is an accepted method for describing and assessing projects of this type).

4.1.5 The PEIR is an intermediate step in the EIA process which provides a preliminary assessment and highlights which issues need to be assessed further.

4.1.6 Due to the nature and location of the Project, it is considered that there will be no impacts caused by the Project that will affect any other EU Member State. A Transboundary Screening assessment has been undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate which confirms this approach.

4.1.7 This Report provides a non-technical summary of all of the topic areas with the PEIR, which are as follows:

- Air Quality;
- Noise and Vibration;
- Ecology;
- Water Quality and Resources;
- Geology, Ground Conditions and Hydrogeology;
- Landscape and Visual;
- Traffic, Transport and Access;
- Archaeology and Cultural Heritage; and
- Socio-Economics.

## **5 ALTERNATIVES**

### **5.1 Alternative Project Sites**

5.1.1 The choice of site for the Power Generation Plant has been carefully considered with various sites investigated and a number of factors looked at during this process. The main factors determining the selection of the Power Generation Plant Site are: proximity to Gas and Electrical Connection points; setting; and road access. The Project Site has been selected as it presents the best option in terms of the determining factors detailed above.

### **5.2 Project Site Boundary**

5.2.1 The Project Site boundary outlined in red on Figure 2.1 has been reduced in size from the 'Scoping' stage to take account of the design refinement, including seeking to avoid environmentally sensitive areas, in relation to Gas and Electrical Connection routes.

### **5.3 Power Generation Plant**

5.3.1 The Generating Equipment would be designed as a peaking plant and would operate for up to 1,500 hours per year. Peaking plants are required to operate when there is a 'stress event'. This occurs when there is a surge in demand for electricity or where there is a sudden drop in power being generated from plants which are constantly operational. Given these parameters, it has been determined that a Simple Cycle Gas Turbine plant is the preferred and most appropriate technology choice for the Project, based on a range of environmental, technical and feasibility considerations including visual impact, use of water resources, noise and available space. The other technology choices considered at this stage included aero-derivative gas turbine generators and industrial gas turbine generators.

5.3.2 The potential for using Combined Heat and Power opportunities with these technologies was also considered. However it is not technically or economically feasible with a peaking power station because the generation of electrical energy from the station cannot be guaranteed to coincide with the required heat demand of any potential customer.

### **5.4 Access Road**

5.4.1 There are two options for road access which are being consulted upon at this stage as described in Section 1.2. Option 1 will include implementing improvements to the local road network and the widening of the existing track within the Project Site. Option 2 will include the

construction of a new road across the fields between the Swansea North electrical substation and the Generating Equipment site.



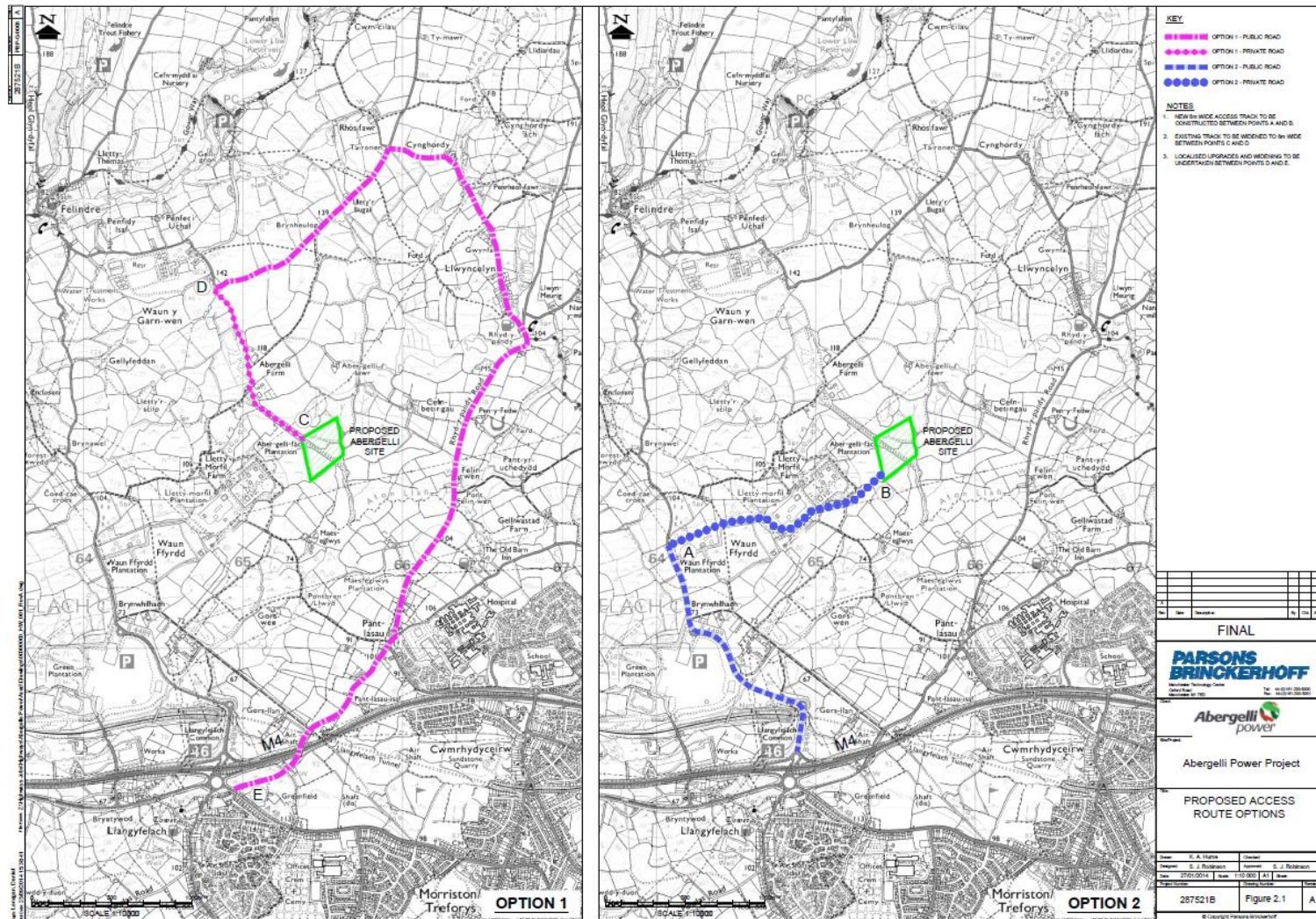
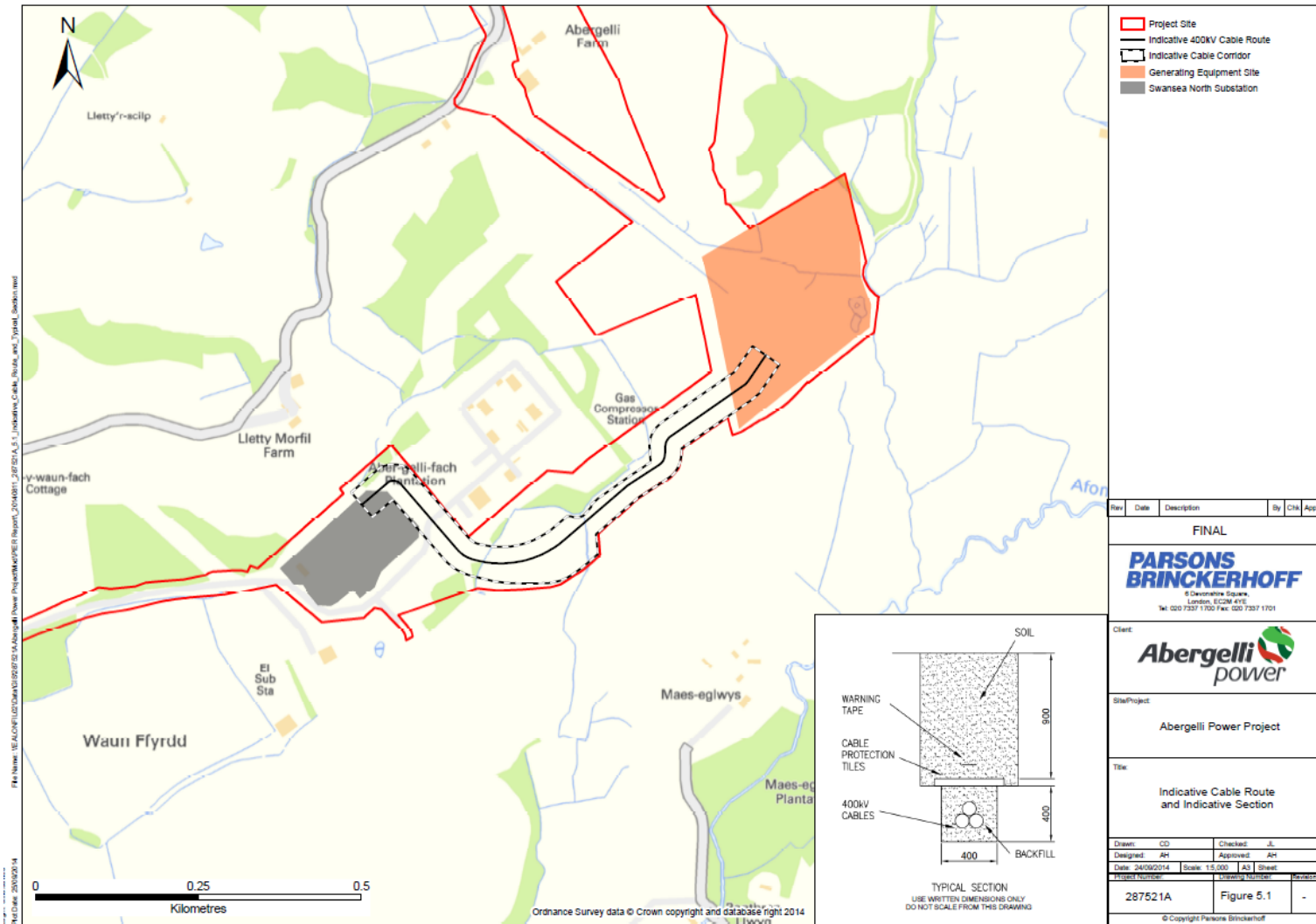


Figure 5.1: Access Road Options

## **5.5 Electrical Connection**

- 5.5.1 Both underground cables and overhead lines were considered. Underground cables were identified as the preferred option due to the limited visual impact.
- 5.5.2 The area to the south west of the Generating Equipment Site is the area within which the route for the Electrical Connection has been identified. In July 2014, the chosen route was identified during a site walkover of the Electrical Connection Opportunity Area. A limited number of route corridor options for the Electrical Connection were considered, as the most appropriate option i.e. the shortest, most direct route from the Generating Equipment Site to the substation, requiring the least amount of land take and avoiding any statutory designated sites or valued habitats, was available. This negated the need to assess any less favourable options.



**Figure 5.2: Electrical Connection and Typical Section**



## **5.6 Gas Connection**

- 5.6.1 Four connection options have been explored and further refined to a single Gas Connection Route. Cost, length and complexity as well as the potential presence of protected species were the main factors considered in choosing the preferred route (see Figure 2.1).

## **6 AIR QUALITY**

- 6.1.1 The construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed Project has the potential to impact upon air quality. To date, a desk-based assessment, including a stack height sensitivity test, and site walkover has been undertaken to assess any potential impacts upon air quality from the proposed Project. A summary of the results from this preliminary assessment is provided below.

### **6.2 Assessment Methodology**

- 6.2.1 The assessment of construction dust impacts on humans is considered within 350 metres of potential dust sources and ecological receptors were considered within 100 metres. In relation to operational impacts, the study area extends 10 km in all directions from the Generating Equipment Site. There are no operational impacts on local air quality anticipated from the Gas and Electrical Connections.

### **6.3 Baseline Conditions and Receptors**

- 6.3.1 There is an Air Quality Management Area located 4.5 km south of the Project Site. Air pollutants and particulate matter at the Project Site are expected to be well within the relevant air quality objectives. In summary, NO<sub>2</sub> and particulate matter concentrations across the study area are generally very low, both in rural and suburban areas. At the roadside, outside of urban areas, concentrations are higher but likely to be well within the air quality objectives.
- 6.3.2 The area is largely rural in character although it is located on the urban fringe, interspersed with small residential settlements. Residential properties along B4489, Pant Lasau Road, Rhyd-Y-Pandy Road have also been considered. The study area also includes a number of nature conservation sites.

### **6.4 Preliminary Assessment**

- 6.4.1 It is considered unlikely that there will be permanent residual adverse effects associated with the construction of the Project. The effects relating to construction activities are all temporary. Effects during

operation of the Power Generation Plant are not expected to be significant.

## **7 NOISE AND VIBRATION**

7.1.1 The construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed Project has the potential to impact upon noise and vibration. To date, a baseline noise survey has been undertaken to assess any potential impacts upon noise sensitive receptors, such as residential properties, from the proposed Project. A summary of the results from this preliminary assessment is provided below.

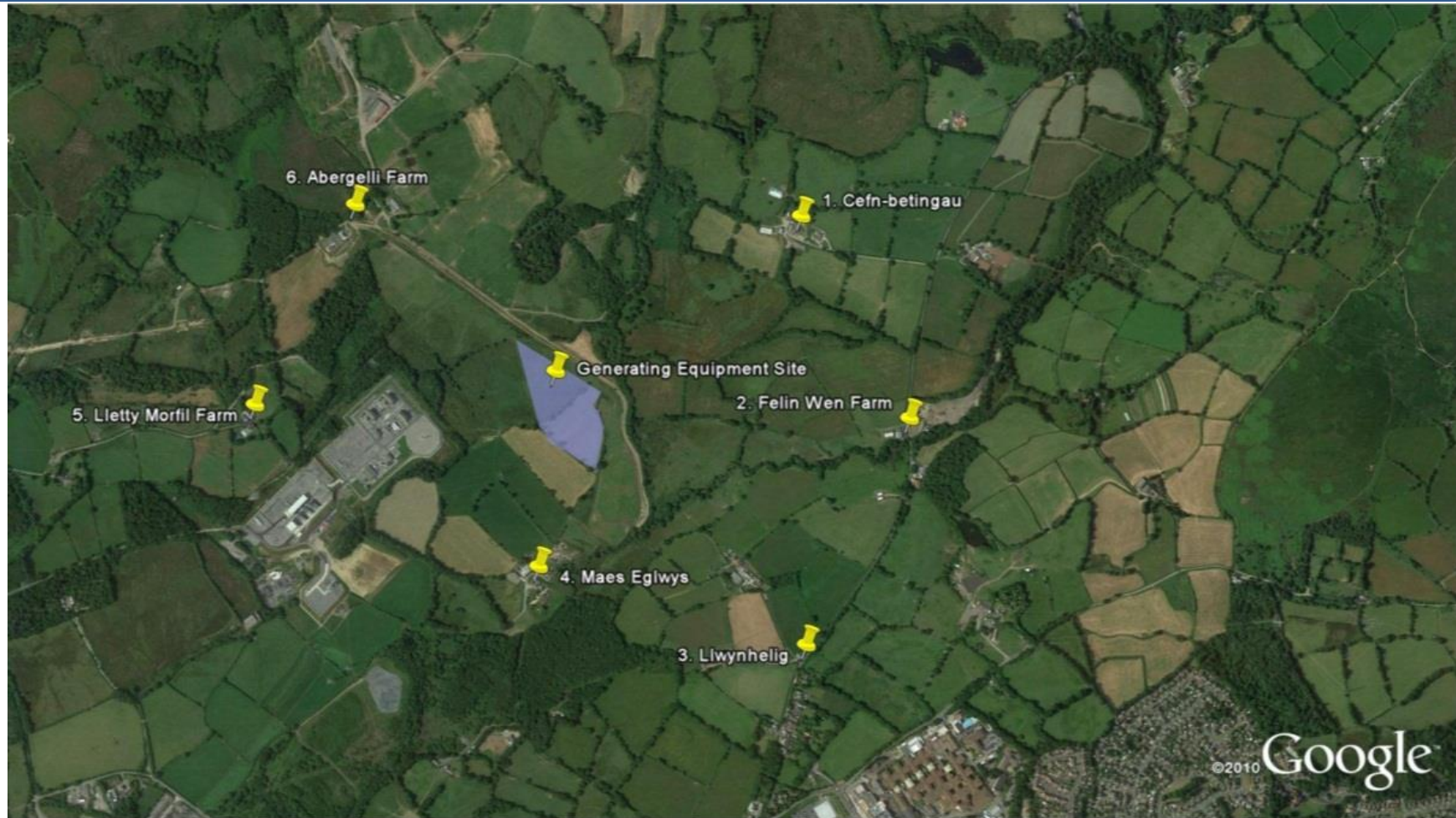
### **7.2 Assessment Methodology**

7.2.1 The assessment methodologies used in the PEIR are the same as those that will be adopted for the EIA. However, the level of detail available at the PEIR stage is only sufficient to form preliminary conclusions.

7.2.2 Construction and decommissioning noise and vibration assessments of the Project has been undertaken following the guidance in the relevant British Standards. An outline construction programme has been developed based on knowledge and experience of other similar developments. Additionally, the typical make up of construction equipment at each stage of the Project programme has been ascertained in the same way. The desk study has outlined suitable measures for the mitigation of construction and decommissioning impacts, and an assessment of residual effects.

7.2.3 Vibration from construction activities may impact on adjacent buildings. The criteria used in this assessment relates to the potential for cosmetic damage, not structural damage. The principal concern is generally vibration due to impact piling. Due to the minimum distance of a 230 m to the closest neighbouring structure (NG Compressor Station), a detailed construction vibration assessment has not been included in the PEIR.

7.2.4 A baseline noise survey has been undertaken in the vicinity of the Project Site to establish the current baseline noise levels. The monitoring locations for the baseline survey included a selection of the nearest noise sensitive receptors. These locations were agreed in advance with Swansea Council.



**Figure 7.1: Noise Sensitive Receptor Locations**

- 7.2.5 The operation of the Gas and Electrical Connections is not anticipated to cause any significant increase in background noise or vibration and is therefore scoped out of the assessment.

### **7.3 Baseline Conditions and Receptors**

- 7.3.1 The closest Noise Sensitive Receptors within 1 km of the Project Site include those within the nearby settlements of Morriston, Pant-lasau, Llwynceilyn and Felindre. In addition there are also isolated dwellings and farmsteads throughout the study area.

- 7.3.2 A noise survey was undertaken to determine the spread of noise in the area. A number of attended short term sampling measurements were taken over a period of 24hrs. In addition, two unattended long term noise monitors were used. These measured noise levels continuously at two locations for 7 days. Noise levels were measured at between 24 and 34 decibels.

### **7.4 Preliminary Assessment**

- 7.4.1 Predicted effects will range between Slight and Moderate adverse and therefore may or may not be significant at the construction and decommissioning stages of the Power Generation Plan. During operation, the effects are predicted to be slight adverse and therefore not significant.

- 7.4.2 The operation of neither the Gas Connection nor the underground Electrical Connection would give rise to any noticeable noise during operation. Any increases in noise levels will represent a temporary increase which will be restricted to the duration of the construction activities. The effects are predicted to be Slight adverse and therefore not significant.

- 7.4.3 During construction of the Power Generation Plant, Access Option 1 will have a Moderate adverse effect for Felin Wen Farm, but for Option 2 it will only be a Slight effect. There is no discernable difference between Option 1 and 2 during operation, or for the construction and decommissioning of the Gas Connection or Electrical Connection.

## **8 ECOLOGY**

- 8.1.1 The construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed Project has the potential to impact upon ecology. To date, a desk based study and a range of protected species surveys has been undertaken (some are on-going) to assess any potential impacts upon ecology from the proposed Project. A summary of the results from this preliminary assessment is provided below.

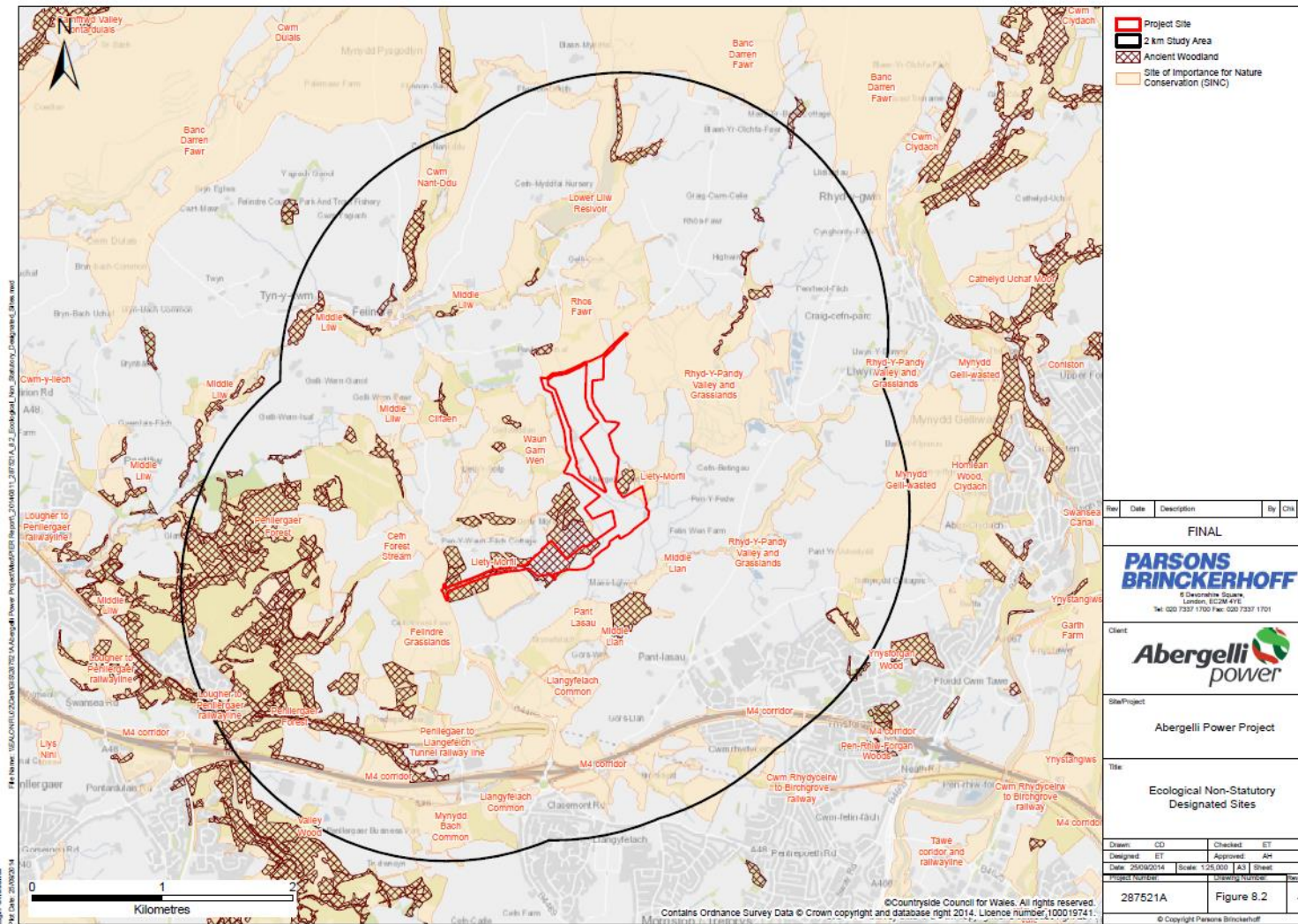


## **8.2 Assessment Methodology**

- 8.2.1 A desk study was carried out within a study area of 10 km to identify statutory designated sites and bat records, and 2 km for non-statutory designated sites and protected/notable species. An Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey was undertaken in February and July 2014. Surveys were also carried out for badgers, dormouse, otter, water vole, bats, breeding birds, Great Crested Newts, reptiles, terrestrial and aquatic invertebrates, flora and invasive species such as Japanese knotweed. Some of these surveys are still to be completed.

## **8.3 Baseline Conditions and Receptors**

- 8.3.1 There are a total of 35 statutory designated sites within a 10 km radius of the Project Site and 23 non-statutory designated sites within 2 km of the Project Site, as well as 101 areas of Ancient Woodland. The Project Site is located predominantly on pastoral farmland, mostly agriculturally improved but with large areas of marshy grassland and interspersed by woodland and scrub. There are numerous watercourses on site, mostly in the form of ditches or streams along field boundaries.



**Figure 8.1: Non-Statutory Designated Sites**

- 8.3.2 Signs of badgers were recorded during other surveys so they are known to be present in the wider area.
- 8.3.3 No dormice have been found to date, however further checks are yet to be undertaken.
- 8.3.4 The desk study provided 32 records of otter within the 2 km search radius, with the closest record 0.5 km to the south west of the River Llan. During the 2014 surveys a single fresh otter spraint was found in the stream that runs along the eastern boundary of the Survey Site. No other signs were observed that confirm otter presence within the Survey Site.
- 8.3.5 No records or fields signs provided evidence that water voles existing in close proximity to the Project Site, although historic records (from 1996) were provided from the River Llan, 1.9 km from the Project Site.
- 8.3.6 Surveys of buildings within the Survey Site confirmed at least four buildings are used as bat roosts. None of buildings will be directly affected by the Project. 35 trees were located within the Survey Site that were considered to present potential to support roosting bats. Surveys were carried out on eight of these trees and no bats were recorded. Preliminary activity survey findings recorded at least eight species of bats using the Survey Site. The highest numbers of passes were recorded along linear features such as hedges or streams.
- 8.3.7 Seven bird 'species of principal importance for nature conservation' were recorded on site, as well as other species of conservation concern in Wales.
- 8.3.8 Great Crested Newt presence/absence surveys have been undertaken and likely absence of species was recorded in all accessible waterbodies subject to survey. Therefore, for the purposes of this assessment, the absence of Great Crested Nets is assumed in all waterbodies within 250 m of the Project Site boundary.
- 8.3.9 Reptile presence/absence surveys across the Project Site are currently on-going, however to date common lizard and grass snakes were found present.
- 8.3.10 A total of 217 invertebrate species were recorded from the Survey Site.
- 8.3.11 National Vegetation Classification survey results are yet to be analysed.
- 8.3.12 Invasive species surveys across the Project Site were completed and five species of plant were recorded during the survey. The final design

will seek to avoid the locations where these species were recorded where possible.

## **8.4 Preliminary Assessment**

8.4.1 Potential effects during the construction and decommissioning phases of the Power Generation Plant, Gas Connection and Electrical Connection are envisaged to be mainly temporary. Effects are predicted to range between Slight and Moderate and therefore may or may not be significant. However, there is potential for loss of Ancient Woodland and non-statutory designated sites, which cannot be mitigated against or replaced and this will result in a major effect, and therefore significant, if Access Option 2 is implemented.

8.4.2 Effects during operation, such as disturbance of protected species, are likely to be between Slight and Moderate. Given that the Gas and Electrical Connections will be buried underground, with very small areas situated above ground, the residual effects are predicted to range between Slight and Moderate, depending on the level of disturbance and therefore may or may not be significant.

8.4.3 A Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening will be conducted to identify any potential impacts on internationally designated sites.

## **9 WATER QUALITY AND RESOURCES**

9.1.1 The construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed Project has the potential to impact upon water quality and resources. To date, a site walkover and desk-based assessment of risks has been undertaken to assess any potential impacts upon water quality and resources from the proposed Project. A summary of the results from this preliminary assessment is provided below.

### **9.2 Assessment Methodology**

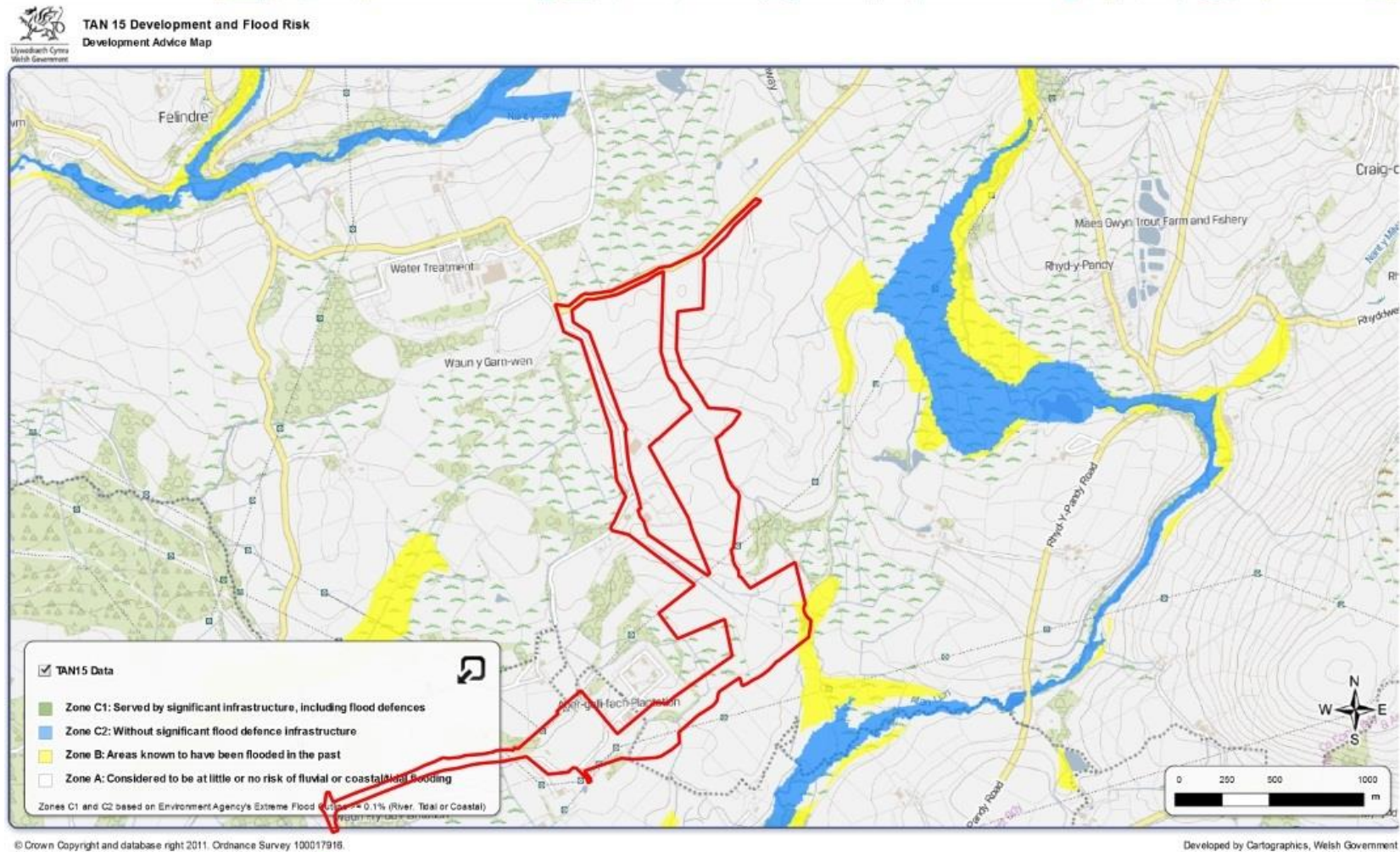
9.2.1 The study area generally includes features within 1 km of the Project Site boundary. However, more distant features that may be hydraulically connected to the Project Site have also been considered.

9.2.2 Hydrological features have been identified from OS mapping with information on geology, water quality and flood risk obtained from the Environment Agency website. All aspects of supply, demand and disposal of water and process effluents have been assessed for the construction, operational and decommissioning phases.



### **9.3 Baseline Conditions and Receptors**

- 9.3.1 The main watercourse that traverses the area is Afon Llan which flows in a south-westerly direction to the west and south of the Project Site, eventually discharging to the Loughor Estuary. There are a number of smaller watercourses within the vicinity of the Project Site that drain to the Afon Llan, along with a number of springs and small ponds. The Felindre Water Treatment Works with covered reservoir is situated immediately north of the Project Site.
- 9.3.2 The Afon Lliw, which also discharges into the Loughor Estuary, is located approximately 1.3 km north of the Project Site. With the possible exception of the northern boundary, the Project Site is outside of the Afon Lliw topographic catchment and therefore it is expected that any direct connectivity will be limited.
- 9.3.3 No surface water abstraction points have been identified within the Project Site boundary.
- 9.3.4 A small area of the Project Site towards the Afon Llan lies in area known to have flooded in the past. Lower lying parts of the Project Site may be susceptible to groundwater flooding. A burst of the watermain flowing through the Project Site is a potential source of flooding.



**Figure 9.1: Areas at Risk from Flooding**

## **9.4 Preliminary Assessment**

- 9.4.1 There are not anticipated to be any significant residual effects on the main water bodies resulting from the construction, operation or decommissioning of the Power Generation Plant, Gas Connection and Electrical Connection. Most effects predicted to be neutral or Slight adverse and therefore not significant.
- 9.4.2 Although the Project Site is at low risk from flooding, an event such as a burst watermain may cause damage to the Power Generation Plant. This may therefore result in a major adverse effect due to the sensitivity of the receptor, which would therefore be significant.
- 9.4.3 Mitigation measures to reduce the effects on groundwater and surface water features, such as the Afon Llan and its tributaries, will include settlement ponds, directional drilling techniques, careful siting of stockpiles and implementation of Sustainable Drainage Systems.
- 9.4.4 There is no discernable difference between Access Option 1 and 2 at this stage in terms of impacts on water quality and resources.

## **10 GEOLOGY, GROUND CONDITION AND HYDROGEOLOGY**

- 10.1.1 The construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed Project has the potential to impact upon geology, ground conditions and hydrogeology. To date, a desk-based assessment and site walkover has been undertaken to assess any potential impacts upon geology, ground conditions and hydrogeology from the proposed Project. A summary of the results from this preliminary assessment is provided below.

### **10.2 Assessment Methodology**

- 10.2.1 The study area for this topic is an area up to 1 km from the Project Site boundary. A site walkover was undertaken in July 2014 in order to identify potential sources of contamination, and potential receptors which may be adversely affected by the presence of contamination.
- 10.2.2 The baseline conditions, including the identification of previous land uses, were determined with reference to a variety of sources, include consultation with the Coal Authority.
- 10.2.3 The assessment of risk is a three stage process commencing with a Preliminary Risk Assessment which comprises a qualitative assessment.

### **10.3 Baseline Conditions and Receptors**

- 10.3.1 Historical uses of the Project Site include agriculture, a gravel pit, a colliery and an inert landfill. A Coal Authority Mining Report indicates that they have received no indication of the risk of the land being affected by subsidence.
- 10.3.2 The permeability of the bedrock geology ranges from low to high, depending on the degree of fracturing. The superficial deposits located across the Project Site comprise predominantly glacial till. There are also pockets of alluvium and peat present within the Project Site boundary.
- 10.3.3 The agricultural land classification for the land within and surrounding the Project Site is poor quality agricultural land (Grade 4).

### **10.4 Preliminary Assessment**

- 10.4.1 The construction and decommissioning works associated with the Power Generation Plant, such as ground disturbance and potential pollution incidents, will not result in significant effects. Effects will range between Neutral and Slight adverse.
- 10.4.2 The construction of both the Gas Connection and Electrical Connection will result in the temporary sterilisation of agricultural land, and other potential mineral resources. These effects will be neutral and therefore not significant.
- 10.4.3 There is the potential for a Moderate adverse, and therefore significant, effect resulting from ground instability on the Power Generation Plant, Gas Connection and Electrical Connection. This may affect any built structures during construction and operation.
- 10.4.4 Comprehensive Ground Investigation work will be carried out prior to construction of the Project to mitigate the potential effects described above.
- 10.4.5 There is potential for a Slight adverse, and therefore not significant, effect resulting from disturbance and remobilisation of existing contamination pathways to receptors through earthworks with Option 1. The effect of Option 2 is likely to be Neutral.

## **11 LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL IMPACTS**

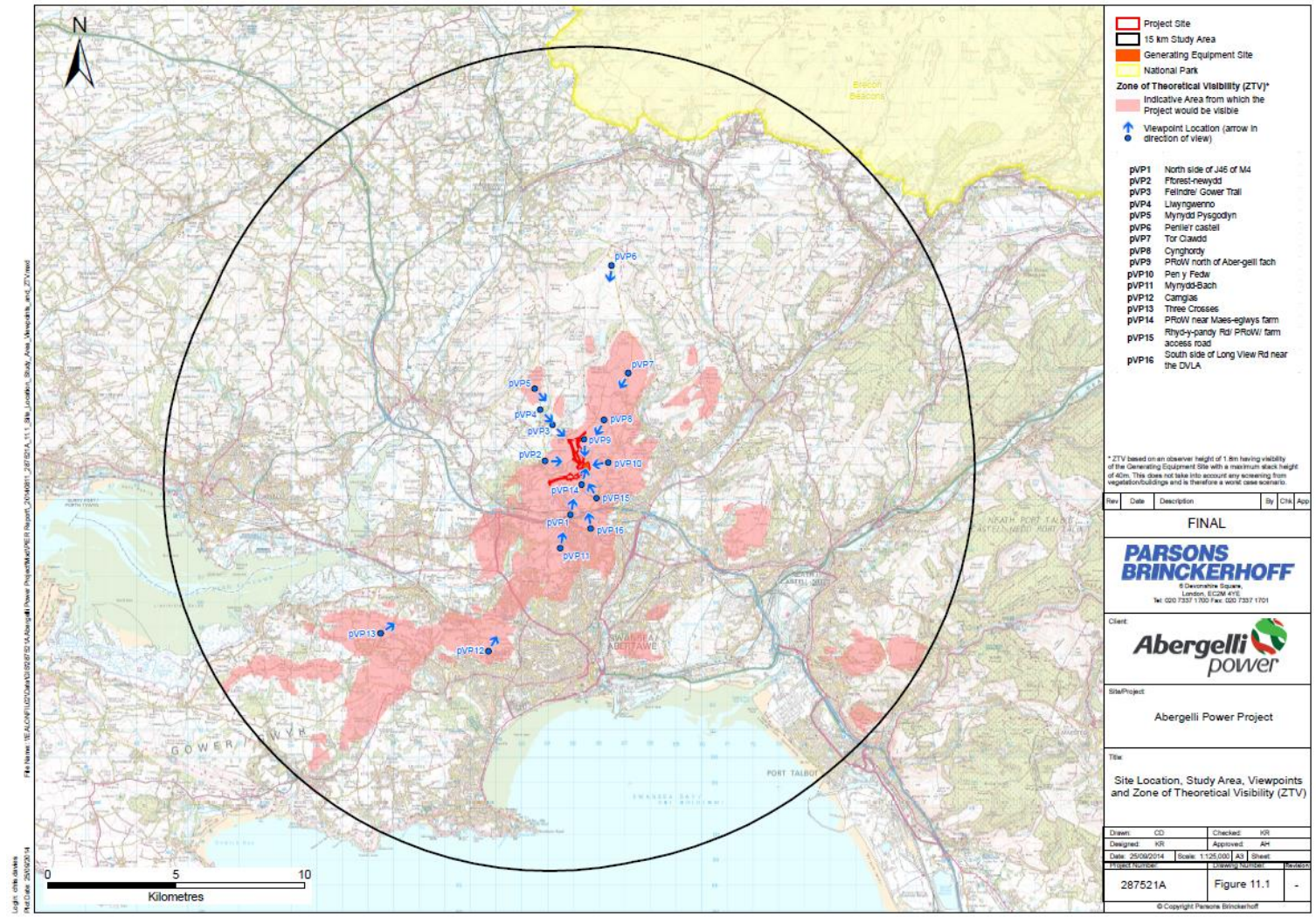
- 11.1.1 The construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed Project has the potential to impact upon landscape character and resources, designated landscapes, registered parks and gardens, recreational interests, and visual amenity. To date, a Zone of



Theoretical Visibility has been prepared to identify where the Project will be visible from and a site visit has been undertaken to assess any potential impacts upon landscape from the proposed Project. A summary of the results from this preliminary assessment is provided below.

## **11.2 Assessment Methodology**

- 11.2.1 A mixture of desk study and field work has been undertaken to identify and record the character of the landscape and the elements, features and aesthetic and perceptual factors. The Study Area for visual effects is set at 15 km.



**Figure 11.1: Zone of Theoretical Visibility**

- 11.2.2 The computer-generated Zone of Theoretical Visibility indicates areas from which it might be possible to see part or parts of the Project. It has been compiled using topographical data and a model of the Project, assuming the highest point of the Generating Equipment will be the stack (between 35 and 40 m high).
- 11.2.3 Viewpoints have also been agreed with Swansea Council to represent the most visually sensitive locations. Photomontages will be prepared for some of the locations to illustrate the effects of the Project.
- 11.2.4 The use of Landscape Character Assessments is also an important element of establishing the current baseline and potential forces for change. LANDMAP has been used for this assessment, which is the national information system for Wales.

### **11.3 Baseline Conditions and Receptors**

- 11.3.1 The nearest Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is the Gower AONB which is physically remote from the Project Site and visually separated from the Project Site by intervening topography. The Project will also not be visible from the Brecon Beacons National Park.
- 11.3.2 Fields within and around the Project Site are medium to small and irregularly shaped, divided by combinations of hedge banks, low walls, and ditches. The Project Site is situated in the low lying parts of the Afon Llan Valley and consists of very gently sloping land. The Project Site is contained from the north, east and west by local topography and vegetation. Local roads are visually contained by high hedge banks. The M4 corridor and the northern suburbs of Swansea dominate the southern area, with more remote hill landscape to the north and east.
- 11.3.3 The Project Site and surroundings include a number of overhead lines as shown in Figure 11.1.



**Figure 11.1: Existing network of electricity pylons southwest of Abergelli Farm**

11.3.4 Receptors include nearby residential properties and Public Rights of Way.

#### **11.4 Preliminary Assessment**

11.4.1 The expectation is that the main visually prominent element of the Power Generation Plant will be the 40m high stacks, which represents a maximum height and therefore the worst-case scenario. These vertical elements are expected to have significant adverse effects on some viewpoints during construction and operation, as well as the landscape character of the Project Site. However, much of the Project Site itself will be screened by existing vegetation and local topography and this will reduce the visual effects of the main generators.

11.4.2 The Gas Connection and Electrical Connection are predominantly underground and are not expected to have significant effects during construction and operation other than where there is above ground infrastructure.

11.4.3 There is no discernable difference between Access Option 1 and 2 at this stage in terms of impacts on landscape character and visual amenity.



## **12 TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT AND ACCESS**

12.1.1 The construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed Project has the potential to impact upon the local transport network. To date, a preliminary assessment has assessed the local road network to identify any potential impacts upon the road network from the proposed Project. A summary of the results from this preliminary assessment is provided below.

### **12.2 Assessment Methodology**

12.2.1 The assessment has established the existing capacity conditions around the Project Site and assessed network and corridor performance in relation to a number of receptors. This is based on data collected on site and existing data.

12.2.2 The ES will present the findings of trip estimates from the Project, the mode split of all trips, and the likely distribution across the transport network. Forecasting of baseline traffic data will be carried out to establish a realistic worst case scenario for a future year.

12.2.3 An assessment of pedestrians, cyclists and other non-motorised users of the transport network will also be undertaken.

### **12.3 Baseline Conditions and Receptors**

12.3.1 The B4489 lies west of the Project Site and runs north-south linking Felindre to Llangyfelach and is marked with a 40 mph speed limit. North of the access to the National Grid's Swansea North electrical substation and Felindre Gas Compressor Station, the B4489 is a narrow rural road. It then widens to a single carriageway road for the rest of its length, with the stretch leading to the junction with the A48 having two lanes south-bound.

12.3.2 The Rhyd-Y-Pandy Road is an unclassified road which runs east and north of the Project Site, from Pant-lasau to Rhyd-Y-Pandy in an almost directly north-south direction. There are several other private roads in proximity to the Project Site, all of which are rural in nature.

12.3.3 Access Road Option 1 would use the Rhyd-y-pandy Road to access the site and Option 2 would use the B4489 to access the site.

12.3.4 An initial review of accident data shows that between 2009 and 2012, there was one accident on the Rhyd-Y-Pandy Road. This was a slight accident involving two vehicles and with one casualty. There were also several accidents along the B4489 within this time period, however,

none within close proximity to the Project Site or potential access routes.

- 12.3.5 There is no pedestrian footway or cycling infrastructure provision along the Access Road route options. There is one bus route in the vicinity of the Project Site, although there are several other bus routes that pass through nearby villages. There are no train stations or railway infrastructure in close proximity to the Project Site.

## **12.4 Preliminary Assessment**

- 12.4.1 It is estimated that construction and decommissioning will result in approximately 200 car or van trips per day and around 150 HGV deliveries per day during the peak construction/decommissioning period. This assumes a 22 month construction period with the peak of HGV deliveries occurring during the first quarter of construction and the peak of car and van trips occurring during the fifth quarter of construction. The car or van trips would be limited to the start and end of the working day whilst HGV trips would be spread across the day.
- 12.4.2 During construction of the Power Generation Plant, Gas Connection and Electrical Connection, there are anticipated to be Slight to Moderate effects resulting from traffic increases, which therefore may or may not be significant. There will be Slight effects resulting from obstruction by abnormal loads which will therefore not be significant. These effects are likely to be similar for either access option.
- 12.4.3 Decommissioning is likely to cause the same effects as that of construction, but goods are taken away from site rather than to site. The decommissioning stage will generate fewer vehicle movements, as it is likely that the Gas Connection will be left in situ.
- 12.4.4 During operation, it is anticipated that approximately three people would be present on site during each shift. With three shifts per day, this would equate to 18 two-way car trips.
- 12.4.5 There are likely to be neutral effects during the operation of the Project as operational staff numbers will be low (approximately nine full time employees) and the delivery and removal of goods to the Project Site are also expected to be very low. Maintenance vehicles are expected to be very infrequent and are not anticipated to cause any detriment to the local transport network.

## **13 ARCHAEOLOGY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE**

- 13.1.1 The construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed Project has the potential to impact upon heritage assets. To date, a

desk-based assessment and site walkover has been undertaken to assess any potential impacts upon heritage assets from the proposed Project. A summary of the results from this preliminary assessment is provided below.

## **13.2 Assessment Methodology**

13.2.1 A Desk Based Assessment (DBA) has been undertaken in consultation with Cadw. It included searches of records held by the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments, Swansea Historic Environment Record, aerial photographs, historic mapping, Conservation Areas and Historic Landscape Characterisation.

13.2.2 Searches have been limited to 1 km from the Project Site for archaeology as the Project has the potential to impact on archaeological remains within the Project Site and the immediate surroundings only.

13.2.3 The Setting Assessment considers those designated Heritage Assets within a 5 km from the Project Site. This assessment considers effects on the setting of Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Registered Parks and Gardens, World Heritage Sites and non-designated but important buildings.

## **13.3 Baseline Conditions and Receptors**

13.3.1 No designated Heritage Assets have been identified within the Project Site. 30 designated Heritage Assets and 47 Grade II Listed Buildings have been identified within 5 km of the Project Site. Five non-designated Heritage Assets have been identified within the Project Site.

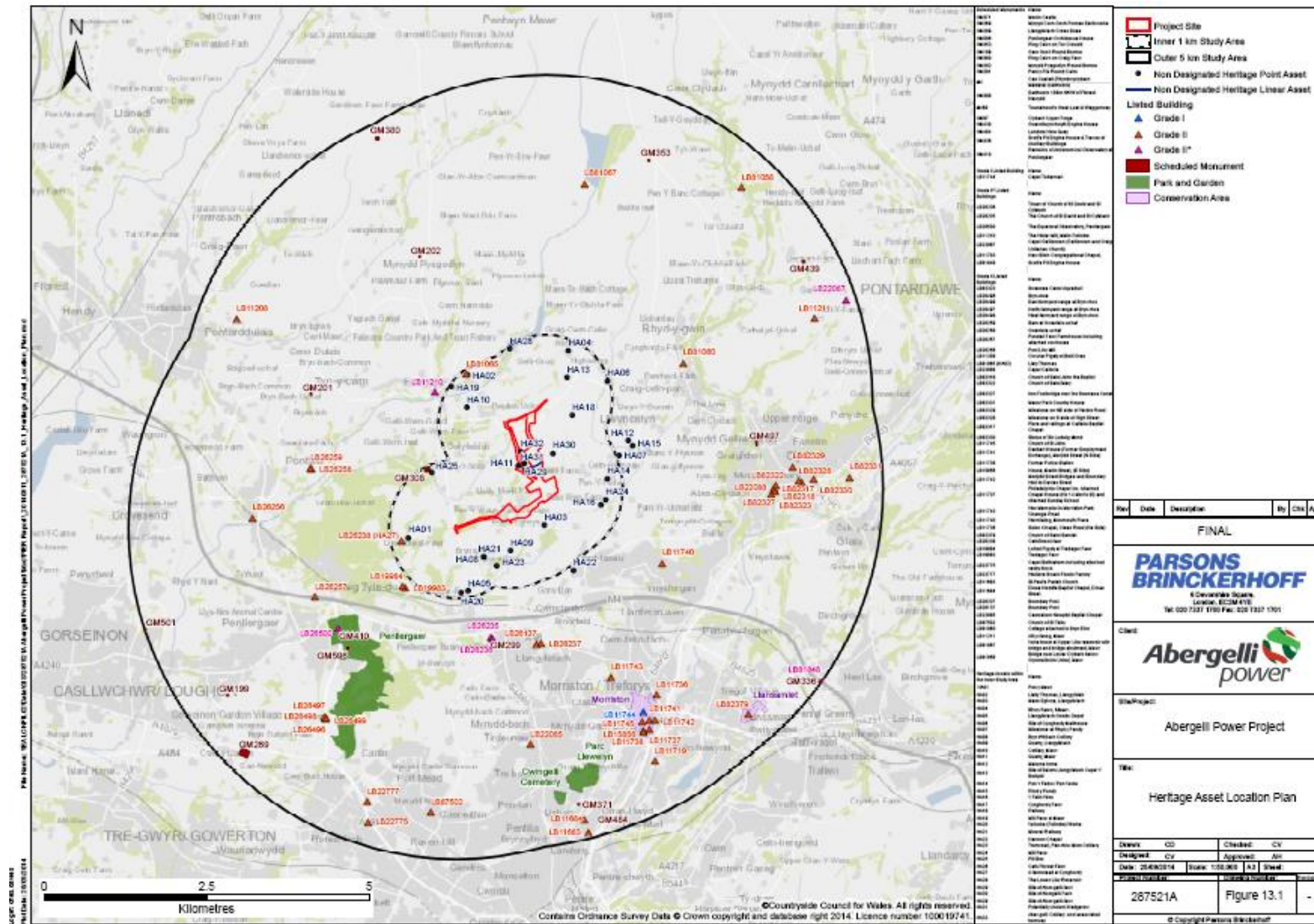


Figure 13.1: Heritage Assets



### **13.4 Preliminary Assessment**

- 13.4.1 At this preliminary stage of the assessment, it has been determined that there will be a neutral effect upon the setting of Heritage Assets within 5 km of the Project Site resulting from the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Power Generation Plant. The effects will therefore be not significant.
- 13.4.2 There is the potential for adverse effects upon the standing remains of Abergelli Colliery resulting from damage to the asset by construction traffic using Access Road Option 1. These effects are likely to be neutral, and therefore not significant, if the building is protected.
- 13.4.3 There is also potential for adverse effects upon a possible ancient field boundary if the Gas Connection is routed through the asset, although these effects will not be significant. However, these effects will be limited by implementation of appropriate mitigation measures, such as a programme of recording, which will be devised in consultation with the Planning Archaeologist.
- 13.4.4 There will neutral effects resulting from the operation of the Gas Connection and Electrical Connection which will therefore be not significant.

## **14 SOCIO-ECONOMICS**

- 14.1.1 The construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed Project has the potential to impact upon the labour market and tourism. To date, a desk based assessment has been undertaken to assess any potential socio-economic impacts from the proposed Project. A summary of the results from this preliminary assessment is provided below.

### **14.2 Assessment Methodology**

- 14.2.1 The socio-economic assessment is based on drive time catchment areas from the Project. The 'local area' is defined within a 30-minute drive time, 'wider area' within a 45-minute drive time, and 'wider region' within a 60-minute drive time.
- 14.2.2 The tourism assessment is focussed on the area defined by a 15 km radius from the Project. Facilities or notable points of focus of visitor attraction within this area have been reviewed. Any significant tourism facilities located just outside the boundary have also been included.

- 14.2.3 As proximity is likely to be the main determinant of impacts and their scale, the status (or catchment) of community facility receptors in an area determines the scale and significance of any effects.
- 14.2.4 The study area's socio-economic position has been described using standard indicators relating to the economic/labour market, tourism, social and policy context. The assessment has considered impacts on jobs and Gross Value Added.
- 14.2.5 A business survey has been carried out to gain a more detailed understanding of the local tourism economy and its current performance. Businesses contacted include key visitor accommodation providers, leisure activity providers and other relevant tourism businesses.

### **14.3 Baseline Conditions and Receptors**

- 14.3.1 The socio-economic study area surrounding the Project is characterised by; an increasing population; projected population increase of c.6% between 2013 and 2021; a growing retirement age population; an economic activity rate higher than the UK average; slightly higher levels of unemployment comparable to the UK average; a slightly higher proportion of people working in manufacturing; a comparable proportion of people working in the construction sector; a higher proportion of people employed in semi-skilled/unskilled jobs and lower proportion of people in highly skilled jobs; and a higher proportion of people achieving no qualifications and low level qualifications compared to the UK average.
- 14.3.2 Domestic visitor tourism spending and bed-nights are at their highest level since 2006-08. Visitor trips, despite falling recently, remain high and above average. Overseas tourism appears to be declining in Swansea. Overseas trips, bed-nights and spending are at their lowest level since 2006.
- 14.3.3 Two of the top ten visitor attractions in South West Wales are within the tourism study area.
- 14.3.4 An initial audit of community facilities indicates the provision of: 21 schools within three miles of the Project Site; five GP surgeries; one hospital; six pharmacies; and one library. The level of existing community infrastructure is considered to be sufficient to accommodate additional demand.

## **14.4 Preliminary Assessment**

- 14.4.1 No significant labour market, tourism and recreation, and community infrastructure adverse effects are anticipated during construction, operation and decommissioning of the Project given there is an availability of skilled, construction labour with a 60-minute drive time and there will be limited increased demand on community infrastructure.
- 14.4.2 There is no discernable difference between Access Option 1 and 2 at this stage in terms of impacts on the labour market, tourism and community infrastructure.

## **15 OTHER EFFECTS CONSIDERED**

- 15.1.1 Each topic chapter where effects may result that may affect human health i.e. noise, air quality and ground conditions (potential land contamination) will consider those potential effects in the ES.
- 15.1.2 Electric and Magnetic Fields have been considered in the preliminary assessment, but will not be subject to further assessment since the Electrical Connection will be buried underground and therefore adverse effects are unlikely to occur.

## **16 CUMULATIVE EFFECTS**

- 16.1.1 The findings of the preliminary assessment have concluded that there are unlikely to be any adverse cumulative effects in addition to those likely to result from the development of the Project when it is considered in combination with the following developments. This will be reviewed in more detail in the full EIA as it is an on-going assessment.
- Planning Application 2013/1221 – Installation of 16 wind turbines at Mynydd y Gwair;
  - Planning Application 2013/0795 – Installation of four 5 kW wind turbines at Tyle Coch Mawr;
  - Planning Application 2013/0135 – Installation of ground mounted array of solar panels, at Abergelli Farm. This development will be located east of the Gas Connection;
  - Planning Application 2013/1639 (Rhyd-y-pandy Solar Park) – Construction of 7 MW solar park;
  - Planning Application 2013/1835 (Felindre Business Park) – Construction of park and ride/share car park; and

- Planning Application 2014/1022 (Brynwhilach Solar Park) – Construction of 12.69MW solar park.
- Strategic development proposals at Swansea Vale and Felindre Sustainable Urban Village forming part of the emerging Swansea LDP Preferred Strategy.

16.1.2 The inter-relationship of effects of the Project on receptors identified in the PEIR i.e. more than one effect on the same receptor, will be considered as part of the full EIA.

## **17 SUMMARY**

17.1.1 The preliminary assessment as described in the PEIR has identified the following potential significant residual effects resulting from the Project:

- It is considered unlikely that there will be permanent residual effects associated with the construction of the Project relating to air quality. The effects relating to construction activities are all temporary.
- During construction it is anticipated that there will be some increases in traffic and some disruption to the road network during off peak times. These effects will all be temporary as there will be limited traffic during operation of the Project.
- Where views of the stacks are possible these are unlikely to be mitigated by planting and adverse effects on visual amenity are likely to occur.
- The risk of flooding is low. However, should it occur, such as from a burst watermain, the effects may be significant due to the possible damage to the Project or harm to workers that may occur.

17.1.2 The adverse effects of the Gas Connection and Electrical Connection will be similar to the Power Generation Plant during construction. During operation the effects will be limited as both will be underground.

17.1.3 The main differences between the two access options is that Option 2 will result in permanent habitat loss, Option 1 will have a wider impact on the road network, as it is longer, and may also impact on a non-designated heritage asset without mitigation.

17.1.4 As the design and EIA are completed, the Applicant will seek to identify further mitigation and design measures to seek to reduce the significant adverse effects where appropriate.



## **Appendix 4.D: Phase 1 S47 Statutory Consultation: Advertising**

- 4.D I** List of 'hard to reach' groups to whom letter was sent providing invitation to statutory exhibitions

List of 'hard to reach' groups

| <b>Organisation</b>                  |
|--------------------------------------|
| Age Concern Swansea Bay              |
| Age Cymru                            |
| Bethel Chapel, Llangyfelach          |
| Bont Elim Community Church           |
| Brynhyfryd Infant School             |
| Capel y Nant Methodist Church        |
| Citizens Advice Bureau Swansea       |
| Clydach Youth Club                   |
| Cockett Women's Institute            |
| Diocese of Menevia, St Benedict      |
| Diocese of Menevia, The Sacred Heart |
| Girlguiding Cymru                    |
| Gorseinon Youth Club                 |
| Llangyfelach Women's Institute       |
| Mawr Development Trust               |
| Montana Park Youth Club              |
| Newton/Swansea Women's Institute     |
| Parish of Clydach, St. Mary's        |
| Pontlliw Women's Institute           |
| Riverside Christian Fellowship       |
| Rotary Club of Swansea               |
| St. Davids Church, Penllergaer,      |
| St. Telio Church, Morriston          |
| Stadwen Youth Centre                 |
| Swansea Civic Society                |
| Swansea Historical Association       |
| Swansea Mosque                       |
| Tabernacle Chapel                    |
| Afro Caribbean Association           |

## Organisation

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|---------------------------------------------------|
| Age Cymru Swansea Bay                             |
| Association for Industrial Archaeology            |
| Association of Heads of Outdoor Education Centres |
| Barham Centre                                     |
| Bays Project                                      |
| Baywood Senior Citizens                           |
| Birchgrove Community Association                  |
| Blaenymaes Community Centre                       |
| Bonymaen Community Centre                         |
| Bonymaen Community First Area                     |
| Bonymaen Luncheon Club                            |
| Bonymaen Senior Citizens Group                    |
| British Aggregates Association                    |
| British Horse Society                             |
| British Red Cross South West Wales                |
| Brynmelyn Community Centre                        |
| Brynmill Community Centre                         |
| Business in the Community                         |
| Business in the Community Wales                   |
| Carbon Trust                                      |
| Chwarae Teg                                       |
| Civic Voice                                       |
| Clase Community Centre                            |
| Clase/Caemawr Community First Area                |
| Clasemont Residents Association                   |
| Clydach OAP's                                     |
| Clydach Women's OAPA                              |
| Clyne Valley Community Project                    |
| Country Land and Business Association             |
| Cwmfelin Social Club Senior Citizens              |

## Organisation

Cwmrhydyceirw Joan Club OAP

Cycling Touring Club - Swansea

Cymdeithas yr Iaith

Danygraig Church Senior Citizens

Deaf Blind Cymru

Disability Initiative

Disability Wales

Dunvant Male Choir

Dunvant RFC

DVLA Swansea

Dyfatty Community Centre

Environmental Services Association

Ethnic Minority Foundation

Farmers Union of Wales

Federation of Small Businesses

Fforestfach Senior Citizens

Fforestfach Senior Citizens Ladies

Fields in Trust Cymru

Filipino Welfare Association

Friends of Coed Bach

Friends R Us

Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust

Garnswllt OAP

Gendros Community Centre

Gendros Good Companions

Glais OAPA

Glais Senior Citizens

Glouster House Residents Association

Goldern Years Dancing Club for the Elderly

Gors Community Centre (OAP Organisation)



## Organisation

Gorseinon and Loughor Townswomens' Guild

Gorseinon Chamber of Trade

Gorseinon Development Trust

Gorseinon Gateway Monday Club

Gorseinon Institute

gowerton allotments

Gowerton Senior Citizens

Grenfell Park, St. Thomas and Port Tennant Partnership

Groundwork Cymru

Hafod Community Centre

Heol Gerrig Senior Citizens Association

Hindu Council UK

Indian Association

Info-Nation

Inland Waterways Association

Land Access and Recreation Association

Llangyfelach OAPA

Llansamlet Community Centre

Llansamlet No 1 OAPA

Llansamlet No 2 OAPA

LLwynceithin Residents Social Club

Loughor Old Age

Manselton & Cwmbwrla Friday Club

Manselton & Cwmbwrla over 50s Wednesday Club

Manselton Community Centre

Mawr Walking Club

Mayhill Community Centre

Mayhill Day Centre Senior Citizens Luncheon Club

Mencap

Merched y Wawr

## Organisation

Minority Ethnic Women's Network Swansea

Montana Park Community Centre

Montana Park Community Centre OAPA

Morrison Community Centre

Morrison Community First Area

Morrison Community Hub

Morrison Memorial Hall

Morrison OAPA (Ladies)

Morrison Senior Citizens Club

Mount Pleasant Resident's Association

Mount Pleasant Senior Citizens

Mountbatten Senior Citizens (Wed)

Muslim Council of Wales

National Farmers Union for Wales

National Old Age Pensioners Association of Wales

National Trust Wales

New Gors Avenue Community Centre

North Penlan Community Centre

One Voice Wales

Open Spaces Society

Orchard Court Residents Association

Over 50s Club

Over 50s Friendship Club Friends are Us

Pakistan Welfare Association

Parc Llewellyn Community Centre

Parc Llewellyn OAP

Penlan Community Centre

Penlan Community First Area

Penlan Ladies Wednesday Club

Penrhiw Community Club

## Organisation

Pentrechwyth Senior Association

Plasmarl Community Centre

Play Right Play Association

Pontarddulais Age Concern

Pontarddulais Agricultural Showground

Pontarddulais OAPA

Pontarddulais Partnership

Pontarddulais Walking Club

Pontlliw OAPA

Port Tennant Community Centre

Port Tennant Community First Area

Port Tennant OAPA

Portmead OAP Friday Club

Presbyterian Church of Wales

Princess Royal Trust for Carers

Race Equality First

Ramblers Association Wales

Rechabite Hall

Remploy (Interwork)

Royal National Institute for the Blind

Royal National Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing People

Safer Swansea Partnership

Save Clyne Valley

Shaw Trust Cymru

Sikh Society

Sketty Communities First Area

Sketty Park Community Centre

Sketty Residents' Association

Sketty Senior Citizens Mens OAPA

SNAP Cymru

## Organisation

South Wales Chamber of Commerce

South West Wales Tourism Partnership

St Phillips Community Centre

St. Hilary's Ladies Guild

Sustainable Wales

Sustrans Cymru

Swansea Airport

Swansea Bay Racial Equality Council

Swansea BID

Swansea Business Club

Swansea Canal Society

Swansea Children and Young People Partnership

Swansea City Centre Partnership

Swansea Community Boat Trust

Swansea Council for Voluntary Service

Swansea Environmental Education Forum

Swansea Environmental Forum

Swansea Hebrew Congregation

Swansea Islamic Community Centre

Swansea Jewish Community

Swansea Metropolitan Students Union

Swansea Metropolitan University

Swansea Mind

Swansea Muslim Youth League

Swansea Participation Service

Swansea Poverty Action Network

Swansea Quakers

Swansea Sustainable Community Initiative

Swansea Thai Association

Swansea University (Deputy Director Estates Services)



## Organisation

Swansea University Students Union

Swansea YMCA

The African Friendship Association

The Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales

The Baptist Union of Wales

The Church of Wales

The Civic Trust for Wales

The Elim Pentecostal Church

The Evangelical Movement of Wales

The Federation of Sport and Play Associations

The Friendship Club of Newton

The Gypsy Council Romani Kris

The Indian Society of South West Wales

The Methodist Church in Wales

The National Trust

The Re-Cycled Teenagers Over 55 Club

The Religious Society of Friends

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Menevia

The Salvation Army

The Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai's

The Wales Orthodox Mission

The Welsh Association of Youth Clubs

Topic House

Tourism Swansea Bay Ltd

Tourism Swansea Bay Trade Association

Tourism Swansea Trade Association

Townhill Communities First Area

Townhill Community Centre

Trallwn Community Centre

Treboeth Community Centre

## Organisation

|                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|
| Treboeth Community Centre OAP                    |
| Ty Dewi Sant Social Club                         |
| Union of Welsh Independents                      |
| Victoria & St Helens Senior Citizens Club        |
| Wales Air Quality Forum - Swansea                |
| Wales Cooperative Center                         |
| Wales Council for Deaf People                    |
| Wales Council for Voluntary Action               |
| Wales Environment Link                           |
| Waun Wen Over 50's Group                         |
| Wanarlwydd Community Centre                      |
| Wanarlwydd Luncheon Club                         |
| Wanarlwydd OAPA                                  |
| Welsh Refugee Council                            |
| Welsh Tourism Alliance                           |
| West Glamorgan Humanist Group                    |
| Westport Avenue and Brynau Drive Residents Group |
| Wheelrights                                      |
| Wildlife Trust for South and West Wales          |
| Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales             |
| WRVS Joan Club                                   |
| Young Bangladeshi Association                    |

## **Appendix 4.D: Phase 1 S47 Statutory Consultation: Advertising**

**4.D II Letter sent to 'hard to reach' groups providing invitation to statutory exhibitions (English) (10th October 2014)**

Address

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As an organisation whose views are particularly important and to whom members of the community may turn for advice and information, we would like to keep you fully informed about this proposal.

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The modern gas-fired power plant would have low emissions and would help strengthen and secure the UK's energy supply by providing back-up to intermittent renewable energy sources – primarily wind and solar. It would be designed to operate flexibly (i.e. not always running) and permitted to produce electricity for no more than 1,500 hours per year.

As it will produce more than 50MW of electricity, the Project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), which means that a Development Consent Order (DCO) is required to build, operate and maintain it. The DCO application will be examined by the UK Planning Inspectorate, which will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. The Secretary of State will make the final decision on the application.

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Following an informal and non-statutory round of consultation held in June, when the outline proposal was introduced to communities at three public exhibition events, the statutory round of consultation will show how the project has developed in the light of community feedback and various technical and environmental studies.

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I hope you will be able to visit one of our exhibitions to discuss our proposals in person. Otherwise, please feel free to contact the project team by phone on 0131 550 3395 or by email at [info@abergellipower.co.uk](mailto:info@abergellipower.co.uk).

Yours faithfully,



Norman Campbell  
**Project Director**  
**Abergelli Power Limited**

## **Appendix 4.D: Phase 1 S47 Statutory Consultation: Advertising**

**4.D III Letter sent to 'hard to reach' groups providing invitation to statutory exhibitions (Welsh) (10th October 2014)**

Address

10 Hydref 2014

Annwyl Syr/Fadam,

Abergelli Power Cyfyngedig: prosiect gwaith pŵer arfaethedig sy'n rhedeg ar nwy ar dir gerllaw gorsaf gywasgu'r Grid Cenedlaethol ar Fferm Abergelli, Felindre, Abertawe SA5 7NN

Cyfnod yr Ymgynghori Statudol: y 13<sup>eg</sup> o Hydref tan yr 16<sup>eg</sup> o Dachwedd 2014

Efallai eich bod yn ymwybodol bod Abergelli Power Cyf (APL) yn dymuno datblygu gwaith pŵer newydd sy'n rhedeg ar nwy ar dir gerllaw gorsaf gywasgu nwy'r Grid Cenedlaethol ar Fferm Abergelli, Felindre, Abertawe.

Fel sefydliad y mae'i farn yn neilltuol bwysig ac at bwy y gall aelodau'r gymuned droi am gyngor a gwybodaeth, hoffem eich hysbysu'n llawn am y cynigiad hwn yn rheolaidd.

Byddai'r Prosiect arfaethedig yn cynhyrchu hyd at 299 megawat o drydan, ac yn cynrychioli buddsoddiad arwyddocaol gwerth miliynau lawer o bunnau yn yr economi lleol. Gallai gynnal hyd at 150 o swyddi yn ystod y cyfnod o 2-3 blynedd o adeiladu a chomisïynu, a hyd at 15 o swyddi llawn amser pan fydd yn weithredol.

Byddai gan y gwaith pŵer modern sy'n rhedeg ar nwy allyriadau isel a byddai'n helpu i gryfhau ac i ddiogelu cyflenwad ynni'r Deyrnas Unedig trwy ddarparu cyflenwad wrth gefn i ffynonellau ynni adnewyddadwy ysbeidiol - yn bennaf ynni'r gwynt a'r haul. Byddai'n cael ei gynllunio i weithredu'n hyblyg (hynny yw, nid yn gweithredu bob amser) ac yn cael ei ganiatáu i gynhyrchu trydan am fan fwyaf 1,500 o oriau'r flwyddyn.

Gan y bydd yn cynhyrchu mwy na 50 megawat o drydan, caiff y Prosiect ei gategoreiddio fel Prosiect Seilwaith Cenedlaethol ei Arwyddocâd (NSIP), sy'n golygu y bydd angen Gorchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu i'w adeiladu, i'w weithredu ac i'w gynnal. Archwilir y cais am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu gan Arolygiaeth Gynllunio'r Deyrnas Unedig, fydd yn gwneud argymhelliad i'r Ysgrifennydd Gwladol dros Ynni a Newid Hinsawdd. Yr Ysgrifennydd Gwladol fydd yn gwneud y penderfyniad terfynol ar y cais.

Mae APL yn cynnal cyfnod o ymgynghori cyhoeddus statudol rhwng y 13<sup>eg</sup> o Hydref, 2014 a'r 16<sup>eg</sup> o Dachwedd, 2014. Bydd y broses ymgynghori yn darparu cyfleoedd i bobl leol ddysgu mwy am, bwrw sylw ar, a bod â'r potensial i ddylanwadu ar y cynigion cyn y caiff y cais am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu ei baratoi a'i gyflwyno. Lluniodd APL Ddatganiad ynghylch Ymgynghori â'r Gymuned, ac mae wedi ymgynghori â Chyngor Dinas a Sir Abertawe ar hyn. Cyhoeddwyd manylion y cyfnod ymgynghori yn y cyfryngau lleol, ac mae'r Datganiad ynghylch Ymgynghori â'r Gymuned, ynghyd â dogfennau ymgynghori eraill, ar gael ar wefan y prosiect yn [www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)

Mae Cyngor Dinas a Sir Abertawe yn ymgynghorai allweddol trwy gydol y broses Gorchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu, ac mae ymgynghori â phobl, busnesau a sefydliadau lleol yn rhan hanfodol bwysig o'r broses.

Ar ôl cylch anffurfiol ac anstatudol o ymgynghori a gynhaliwyd ym mis Mehefin, pan gyflwynwyd y cynigiad amlinellol i gymunedau mewn tri o ddiwyddiadau arddangosfeydd cyhoeddus, bydd y cylch statudol o ymgynghori'n dangos sut mae'r prosiect wedi datblygu yng ngoleuni adborth gan y gymuned ac amrywiol astudiaethau technegol ac amgylcheddol.

Cynhelir arddangosfeydd cyhoeddus fel rhan o'r ymgynghori hwn ar:

- **Ddydd Mercher, yr 22<sup>ain</sup> o Hydref, 2014, 15:00-20:00** – Neuadd Eglwys Llangyfelach, Heol Abertawe, Llangyfelach, Abertawe SA5 7JA;
- **Ddydd Iau, y 23<sup>ain</sup> o Hydref, 2014, 14:00-19:00** – Neuadd Les Felindre, Felindre, Abertawe, SA5 7NA;
- **Ddydd Gwener, y 24<sup>ain</sup> o Hydref, 2014, 14:00-19:00** – Canolfan Adnoddau Forge Fach, Heol Hebron, Clydach, Abertawe, SA6 5EJ; a
- **Dydd Sadwrn, y 25<sup>ain</sup> o Hydref, 2014, 09:00-13:00** – Neuadd Bentref Tircoed, Y Cyswllt, Tircoed SA4 9QZ

Ar ôl y cyfnod ymgynghori, bydd APL yn cwblhau'u cynigion cyn cyflwyno cais am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu gerbron yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio. Yn amodol ar y broses ymgynghori a chynllunio ac ariannu, gall yr orsaf bŵer ddechrau gweithredu'n fasnachol yn 2020.

Sefydlwyd APL gan Watt Power Limited (WPL), sef cwmni datblygu ynni sy'n dymuno datblygu prosiectau cynhyrchu trydan ar Fferm Abergelli ac mewn mannau eraill yn Ne Cymru a'r Deyrnas Unedig i gefnogi ymgyrch Llywodraeth y Deyrnas Unedig i gael economi carbon isel.

Crëwyd y dogfennau a ganlyn i'ch cynorthwyo yn y broses ymgynghori, a gellir eu canfod ar [www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk).

- Copi o'r Datganiad llawn ynghylch Ymgynghori â'r Gymuned, sy'n amlinellu cynlluniau APL ar gyfer ymgynghori statudol â'r gymuned;
- Fersiynau Cymraeg a Saesneg o'r Crynodeb Annhechnegol (NTS) o'r Adroddiad Gwybodaeth Amgylcheddol Rhagarweiniol (PEIR);
- Copi o lyfryn sy'n amlinellu cynnwys paneli'r arddangosfeydd cyhoeddus sydd i'w defnyddio yn ystod ail gam yr ymgynghori â'r gymuned. Dosbarthwyd hwn i fwy na 13,000 o gartrefi a busnesau yn yr ardal.

Gobeithiaf y byddwch yn gallu ymweld ag un o'n harddangosfeydd i drafod ein cynigion yn bersonol. Neu fel arall, cofiwch deimlo bod pob croeso ichi gysylltu â thîm y prosiect ar y ffôn drwy ffonio 0131 550 3395 neu drwy anfon e-bost at [info@abergellipower.co.uk](mailto:info@abergellipower.co.uk).

Yr eiddoch yn gywir,



Norman Campbell  
**Cyfarwyddwr y Prosiect**  
**Abergelli Power Cyfyngedig**



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We would like to extend an invitation to you to come along between 2pm – 3pm on Wednesday 22nd October, prior to the event being opened to the general public, where we will be happy to give you a personal briefing on the project. You may, of course, attend any of the other events at another time that is convenient for you. Following the consultation period, APL will finalise its proposals before submitting a DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate. Subject to the consultation and planning process and financing, the power station could enter commercial operation in 2020.

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10 Hydref 2014

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Abergelli Power Cyfyngedig: prosiect gwaith pŵer arfaethedig sy'n rhedeg ar nwy ar dir gerllaw gorsaf gywasgu'r Grid Cenedlaethol ar Fferm Abergelli, Felindre, Abertawe SA5 7NN

Cyfnod yr Ymgynghori Statudol: y 13<sup>eg</sup> o Hydref tan yr 16<sup>eg</sup> o Dachwedd 2014

Efallai eich bod yn ymwybodol bod Abergelli Power Cyf (APL) yn dymuno datblygu gwaith pŵer newydd sy'n rhedeg ar nwy ar dir gerllaw gorsaf gywasgu nwy'r Grid Cenedlaethol ar Fferm Abergelli, Felindre, Abertawe.

Fel person y mae'i farn yn neilltuol bwysig ac at bwy y gall aelodau'r gymuned droi am gyngor a gwybodaeth, hoffem eich hysbysu'n llawn am y cynigiad hwn yn rheolaidd.

Byddai'r Prosiect arfaethedig yn cynhyrchu hyd at 299 megawat o drydan, ac yn cynrychioli buddsoddiad arwyddocaol gwerth miliynau lawer o bunnau yn yr economi lleol. Gallai gynnal hyd at 150 o swyddi yn ystod y cyfnod o 2-3 blynedd o adeiladu a chomisynu, a hyd at 15 o swyddi llawn amser pan fydd yn weithredol.

Byddai gan y gwaith pŵer modern sy'n rhedeg ar nwy allyriadau isel a byddai'n helpu i gryfhau ac i ddiogelu cyflenwad ynni'r Deyrnas Unedig trwy ddarparu cyflenwad wrth gefn i ffynonellau ynni adnewyddadwy ysbeidiol - yn bennaf ynni'r gwynt a'r haul. Byddai'n cael ei gynllunio i weithredu'n hyblyg (hynny yw, nid yn gweithredu bob amser) ac yn cael ei ganiatáu i gynhyrchu trydan am fan fwyaf 1,500 o oriau'r flwyddyn.

Gan y bydd yn cynhyrchu mwy na 50 megawat o drydan, caiff y Prosiect ei gategoreiddio fel Prosiect Seilwaith Cenedlaethol ei Arwyddocâd (NSIP), sy'n golygu y bydd angen Gorchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu i'w adeiladu, i'w weithredu ac i'w gynnal. Archwilir y cais am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu gan Arolygiaeth Gynllunio'r Deyrnas Unedig, fydd yn gwneud argymhelliad i'r Ysgrifennydd Gwladol dros Ynni a Newid Hinsawdd. Yr Ysgrifennydd Gwladol fydd yn gwneud y penderfyniad terfynol ar y cais.

Mae APL yn cynnal cyfnod o ymgynghori cyhoeddus statudol rhwng y 13<sup>eg</sup> o Hydref, 2014 a'r 16<sup>eg</sup> o Dachwedd, 2014. Bydd y broses ymgynghori yn darparu cyfleoedd i bobl leol ddysgu mwy am, bwrw sylw ar, a bod â'r potensial i ddylanwadu ar y cynigion cyn y caiff y cais am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu ei baratoi a'i gyflwyno. Lluniodd APL Ddatganiad ynghylch Ymgynghori â'r Gymuned, ac mae wedi ymgynghori â Chyngor Dinas a Sir Abertawe ar hyn. Cyhoeddwyd manylion y cyfnod ymgynghori yn y cyfryngau lleol, ac mae'r Datganiad ynghylch Ymgynghori â'r Gymuned, ynghyd â dogfennau ymgynghori eraill, ar gael ar wefan y prosiect yn [www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)

Mae Cyngor Dinas a Sir Abertawe yn ymgynghorai allweddol trwy gydol y broses Gorchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu, ac mae ymgynghori â phobl, busnesau a sefydliadau lleol yn rhan hanfodol bwysig o'r broses.



Ar ôl cylch anffurfiol ac anstatudol o ymgynghori a gynhaliwyd ym mis Mehefin, pan gyflwynwyd y cynigiad amlinellol i gymunedau mewn tri o ddiwyddiadau arddangosfeydd cyhoeddus, bydd y cylch statudol o ymgynghori'n dangos sut mae'r prosiect wedi datblygu yng ngoleuni adborth gan y gymuned ac amrywiol astudiaethau technegol ac amgylcheddol.

Cynhelir arddangosfeydd cyhoeddus fel rhan o'r ymgynghori hwn ar:

- **Ddydd Mercher, yr 22<sup>ain</sup> o Hydref, 2014, 15:00-20:00** – Neuadd Eglwys Llangyfelach, Heol Abertawe, Llangyfelach, Abertawe SA5 7JA;
- **Ddydd Iau, y 23<sup>ain</sup> o Hydref, 2014, 14:00-19:00** – Neuadd Les Felindre, Felindre, Abertawe, SA5 7NA;
- **Ddydd Gwener, y 24<sup>ain</sup> o Hydref, 2014, 14:00-19:00** – Canolfan Adnoddau Forge Fach, Heol Hebron, Clydach, Abertawe, SA6 5EJ; a
- **Dydd Sadwrn, y 25<sup>ain</sup> o Hydref, 2014, 09:00-13:00** – Neuadd Bentref Tircoed, Y Cyswllt, Tircoed SA4 9QZ

Hoffem estyn gwahoddiad ichi ddod draw rhwng 2yp – 3yp ddydd Mercher, yr 22ain o Hydref, cyn yr agorir y digwyddiad i'r cyhoedd, lle byddwn yn falch iawn o'ch briffio'n bersonol am y prosiect. Gallwch, wrth gwrs, fynychu unrhyw rai o'r digwyddiadau eraill ryw adeg arall sy'n gyfleus i chi. Ar ôl y cyfnod ymgynghori, bydd APL yn cwblhau'u cynigion cyn cyflwyno cais am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu gerbron yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio. Yn amodol ar y broses ymgynghori a chynllunio ac ariannu, gall yr orsaf bŵer ddechrau gweithredu'n fasnachol yn 2020.

Sefydlwyd APL gan Watt Power Limited (WPL), sef cwmni datblygu ynni sy'n dymuno datblygu prosiectau cynhyrchu trydan ar Fferm Abergelli ac mewn mannau eraill yn Ne Cymru a'r Deyrnas Unedig i gefnogi ymgyrch Llywodraeth y Deyrnas Unedig i gael economi carbon isel.

Mae yn Gryno Ddisg yn amgaaedig ynghyd â dogfennau i'ch cynorthwyo yn y broses ymgynghori, yn cynnwys:

- Copi o'r Datganiad llawn ynghylch Ymgynghori â'r Gymuned, sy'n amlinellu cynlluniau APL ar gyfer ymgynghori statudol â'r gymuned;
- Fersiynau Cymraeg a Saesneg o'r Crynodeb Annhechnegol (NTS) o'r Adroddiad Gwybodaeth Amgylcheddol Rhagarweiniol (PEIR);
- Copi o lyfryn sy'n amlinellu cynnwys paneli'r arddangosfeydd cyhoeddus sydd i'w defnyddio yn ystod ail gam yr ymgynghori â'r gymuned. Dosbarthwyd hwn i fwy na 13,000 o gartrefi a busnesau yn yr ardal.

Gobeithiaf y byddwch yn gallu ymweld ag un o'n harddangosfeydd i drafod ein cynigion yn bersonol. Neu fel arall, cofiwch deimlo bod pob croeso ichi gysylltu â thîm y prosiect ar y ffôn drwy ffonio 0131 550 3395 neu drwy anfon e-bost at [info@abergellipower.co.uk](mailto:info@abergellipower.co.uk).

Yr eiddoch yn gywir,



Norman Campbell  
**Cyfarwyddwr y Prosiect**  
**Abergelli Power Cyfyngedig**

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## **Appendix 4.D: Phase 1 S47 Statutory Consultation: Advertising**

**4.D VI List of locally elected representatives to whom letter was sent  
providing invitation to statutory exhibitions**

Section 47 Letter sent to MEPs, AMs, MPs, local councillors and Community Councils – Distribution List

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| Member of the European Parliament for Wales          |
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| Constituency Assembly Member for Gower               |
| Constituency Assembly Member for Swansea East        |
| Member of Parliament for Gower                       |
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**Organisation / Position**

Mawr Development Trust

## **Appendix 4.D: Phase 1 S47 Statutory Consultation: Advertising**

**4.D VII Leaflet sent to local households and businesses providing invitation to statutory exhibitions (English/Welsh)**



Proposal to build a  
gas-fired power station  
by Abergelli Power

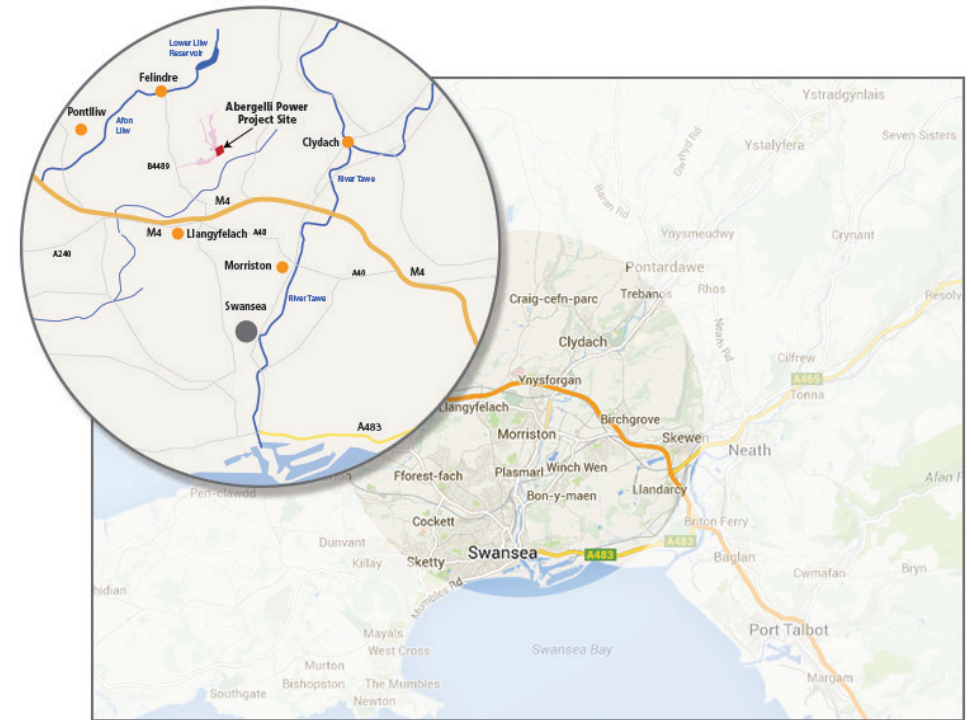
Cynigiad i adeiladu gorsaf  
bŵer sy'n rhedeg ar nwy  
gan Abergelli Power

The objectives of this public consultation are to provide a better understanding of the Abergelli Power Project and to give the local community the opportunity to have a say on the proposal.

Amcanion yr ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus hwn yw darparu gwell dealltwriaeth o Brosiect Abergelli Power a rhoi'r cyfle i'r gymuned leol gael dweud ei dweud am y cynigiad.

## The Project

## Y Prosiect



Abergelli Power Limited (APL) proposes to develop a gas-fired electricity generation project on land adjacent to the National Grid gas compressor station at Abergelli Farm, Felindre, Swansea. The Project includes a power generation plant and its electrical and gas connections. The Project would have a rated electrical output of up to 299MW.

Mae Abergelli Power Cyfyngedig (APL) yn cynnig datblygu prosiect cynhyrchu trydan sy'n rhedeg ar nwy ar dir gerllaw gorsaf gywasgu nwy'r Grid Cenedlaethol ar Fferm Abergelli, Felindre, Abertawe. Mae'r Prosiect yn cynnwys gwaith cynhyrchu pŵer a'i gysylltiadau trydanol a nwy. Byddai gan y Prosiect gyfradd allbwn trydanol o hyd at 299 megawat.

## Who is Abergelli Power?

APL has been established by Watt Power Limited to develop the Project. Watt Power is seeking to develop electricity generation projects at Abergelli Farm and elsewhere in south Wales and the UK to support the UK Government's drive to a low carbon economy.

Further information about APL and the Project can be found on the Abergelli Power website <http://www.abergellipower.co.uk>.

## Pwy yw Abergelli Power?

Mae APL wedi'i sefydlu gan Watt Power Limited i ddatblygu'r Prosiect. Mae Watt Power yn ceisio datblygu prosiectau cynhyrchu trydan ar Fferm Abergelli ac mewn mannau eraill yn Ne Cymru ac yn y Deyrnas Unedig i gefnogi ymgyrch Llywodraeth y DU i gael economi carbon isel.

Gellir canfod rhagor o wybodaeth am APL ac am y Prosiect ar wefan Abergelli Power <http://www.abergellipower.co.uk>.



## Planning and public consultation

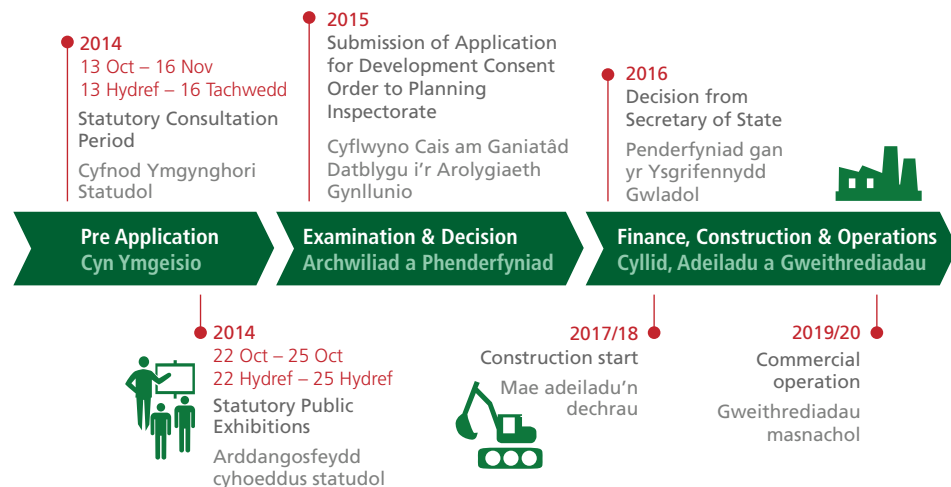
The Project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, which means that a Development Consent Order (DCO) is required to build, operate and maintain it. The DCO Application will be examined by the Planning Inspectorate who will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change (Secretary of State). The final decision on the Application will be made by the Secretary of State.

The figure below provides an overview of the DCO Application Process, as well as the current position of the Project in this process. Further information about the DCO Application Process is available on the Planning Inspectorate's website (<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk>).

Consultation with local people, businesses, and organisations is an essential part of the DCO Application Process and will help to inform the final design of the Project.

This leaflet describes the Project and the statutory consultation period which is taking place over a 35-day period from 13 October 2014 to 16 November 2014. APL would like to invite your views on the project – the 'Get in Touch' section of this leaflet describes how you can provide your views.

## Key Milestones



## Cynllunio ac ymgynghori â'r cyhoedd

Caiff y Prosiect ei gategoreiddio fel Prosiect Seilwaith Cenedlaethol ei Arwyddocâd, sy'n golygu bod angen Gorchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu (DCO) i'w adeiladu, i'w weithredu ac i'w gynnal. Archwilir y Cais am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu gan yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio fydd yn gwneud argymheliad i'r Ysgrifennydd Gwladol dros Ynni a Newid Hinsawdd (Ysgrifennydd Gwladol). Gwneir y penderfyniad terfynol ar y Cais gan yr Ysgrifennydd Gwladol.

Mae'r ffigwr isod yn darparu trosolwg ar y Broses Ymgeisio am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu, yn ogystal â sefyllfa gyfredol y Prosiect yn y broses hon. Mae rhagor o wybodaeth am y Broses Ymgeisio am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu ar gael ar wefan yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio (<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk>).

Mae ymgynghori â phobl, busnesau a sefydliadau lleol yn rhan hanfodol o'r Broses Ymgeisio am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu a bydd yn helpu i oleuo dyluniad terfynol y Prosiect.

Mae'r daflen hon yn disgrifio'r Prosiect a'r cyfnod ymgynghori statudol sy'n digwydd dros gyfnod o 35 diwrnod o'r 13eg o Hydref, 2014 tan yr 16eg o Dachwedd, 2014. Hoffai APL eich gwahodd i rannu'ch barn am y prosiect – mae adran 'Cysylltwch â Ni' y daflen hon yn disgrifio sut y gallwch roi'ch barn.

## Cerrig Milltir Allweddol



This visual is based on a power generation plant including five gas turbine generators. If fewer units are required, they may be larger (but the stack height will not increase). Additional visuals will be available at the public exhibitions and in other consultation materials.

Mae'r ddelwedd weledol hon wedi'i seilio ar waith cynhyrchu pŵer yn cynnwys pum generadur tyrbîn nwy. Os bydd angen llai o unedau, gallant fod yn fwy (ond ni fydd uchder y simnai'n cynyddu). Bydd delweddau ychwanegol ar gael yn yr arddangosfeydd cyhoeddus ac mewn deunyddiau ymgynghori eraill.



## Key details of the Project

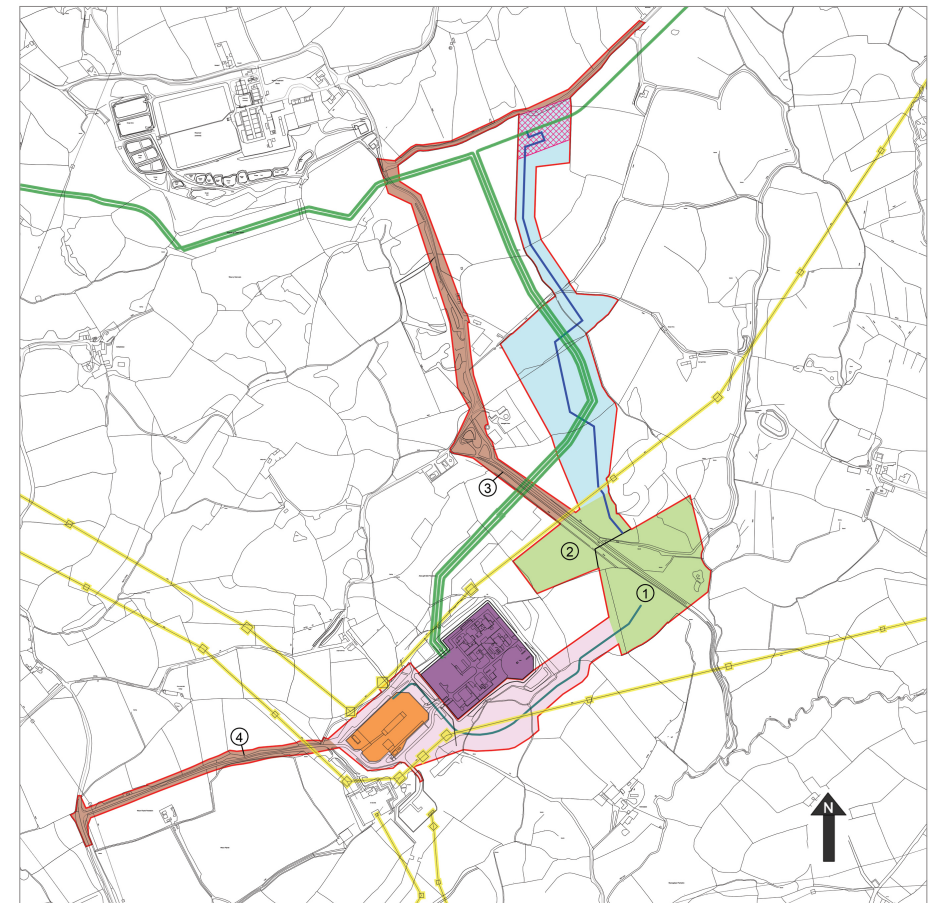
The key details of the Project are:

- The construction, operation and maintenance of a simple cycle gas turbine power generation plant with a rated electrical output of up to 299MW;
- The site for the power generation plant covers an area of approximately 6ha and is located on land adjacent to the National Grid gas compressor station at Abergelli Farm, Felindre, Swansea;
- The power generation plant will have up to 5 stacks, each up to 40m in height;
- The power generation plant will produce electricity from natural gas;
- The construction of a new underground pipeline to bring natural gas to the power generation plant from the existing National Gas Transmission System located nearby;
- The construction of a new underground electrical connection to export electricity from the power generation plant to the existing Swansea North electricity substation located nearby;
- The route for accessing the Project site is yet to be finalised. Two possible options are being evaluated. The first option is to extend the existing road to National Grid's Swansea North substation, which is accessed via the B4489 to the west of the power generation plant site. The alternative option is to use the existing road to Abergelli Farm via Rhyd-y-Pandy Road, giving access to the site from the north;
- The power generation plant is designed to provide back-up generation capacity which can operate flexibly to respond quickly and efficiently to both short-term variation in customer demand and intermittent output from renewable power generation. It is anticipated that it will operate for no more than 1500 hours per year; and
- Subject to public consultation, planning and financing, the Project could enter commercial operation in 2020.

















## Manylion allweddol y Prosiect

Manylion allweddol y Prosiect yw:

- Adeiladu, gweithredu a chynnal a chadw gwaith cynhyrchu pŵer tyrbîn nwy cylch syml sydd â chyfradd allbwn trydanol o hyd at 299 megawatt;
- Mae'r safle ar gyfer y gwaith cynhyrchu pŵer yn ymestyn dros ardal sydd oddeutu 6 hectar ac fe'i lleolir ar dir gerllaw gorsaf gywasgu nwy'r Grid Cenedlaethol ar Fferm Abergelli, Felindre, Abertawe;
- Bydd gan y gwaith cynhyrchu pŵer hyd at 5 simnai, a bydd pob un hyd at 40 metr o uchder;
- Bydd y gwaith cynhyrchu pŵer yn cynhyrchu trydan o nwy naturiol;
- Adeiladu piblinell danddaearol newydd i ddod â nwy naturiol i'r gwaith cynhyrchu pŵer o'r System Trawsyrro Nwy Genedlaethol bresennol a leolir gerllaw;
- Adeiladu cysylltiad trydanol tanddaearol newydd i drosglwyddo trydan o'r gwaith cynhyrchu pŵer i is-orsaf drydan bresennol Gogledd Abertawe a leolir gerllaw;
- Mae'r llwybr ar gyfer mynediad i safle'r Prosiect eto i'w bennu'n derfynol. Mae dau opsiwn posibl yn cael eu gwerthuso. Yr opsiwn cyntaf yw ymestyn y ffordd bresennol i is-orsaf Gogledd Abertawe y Grid Cenedlaethol, yr eir ati ar hyd ffordd y B4489 i'r gorllewin o safle'r gwaith cynhyrchu pŵer. Yr opsiwn arall yw defnyddio'r ffordd bresennol i Fferm Abergelli drwy Heol Rhyd-y-Pandy, gan roi mynediad i'r safle o'r gogledd;
- Mae'r gwaith cynhyrchu pŵer wedi'i ddylunio i ddarparu capasiti cynhyrchu wrth gefn a all weithredu'n hyblyg i ymateb yn gyflym ac yn effeithlon i amrywiad byrdymor yn y galw gan gwsmeriaid ac allbwn ysbeidiol a ddaw o gynhyrchu pŵer adnewyddadwy. Rhagwelir na fydd yn weithredol am fwy na 1500 o oriau'r flwyddyn; ac
- Yn amodol ar ymgynghori â'r cyhoedd, cynllunio ac ariannu, gall y Prosiect ddechrau gweithredu'n fasnachol yn 2020.



Legend:

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|  | Proposed Redline Boundary (Incorporating Alternative Options) |  | Generating Equipment Site       |
|  | Gas Connection Route Corridor                                 |  | Laydown Area                    |
|  | Electrical Connection Route Corridor and Access Road Corridor |  | Access Road Corridor - Option 1 |
|  | Access Road Corridor Only                                     |  | Access Road Corridor - Option 2 |
|  | Generating Equipment Site and Laydown Area                    |                                                                                       |                                 |
|  | Existing Gas Compressor Station                               |                                                                                       |                                 |
|  | Existing Swansea North Electricity Substation                 |                                                                                       |                                 |
|  | Indicative AGI Location                                       |                                                                                       |                                 |
|  | 400kV Overhead Electricity Transmission Lines                 |                                                                                       |                                 |
|  | National Gas Transmission System                              |                                                                                       |                                 |
|  | Indicative Electrical Connection Route                        |                                                                                       |                                 |
|  | Indicative Gas Connection Route                               |                                                                                       |                                 |

Indicative plan showing the main elements of the Project. The red line boundary marks the boundary of the Project site, and includes all land necessary to carry out the Project.

Cynllun dangosol sy'n dangos prif elfennau'r Prosiect. Mae'r terfyn sydd â llinell goch yn nodi terfyn safle'r Prosiect, ac mae'n cynnwys yr holl dir sy'n angenrheidiol i gwblhau'r Prosiect.

## Why Abergelli Farm?

The site at Abergelli Farm has two key advantages:

- The site is close to the national gas and electricity transmission networks; and
- National Grid encourages new electricity generation development in south Wales, close to the main sources of electrical demand in the UK.

## The need for gas generation

The Government's Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy states that "...gas will continue to play an important role in the electricity sector – providing vital flexibility to support an increasing amount of low-carbon generation and to maintain security of supply."

The Welsh Government's publication 'Energy Wales: A Low Carbon Transition' states that "...in the short term, gas, nuclear and bio-energy will provide the energy to compensate for the intermittency in supply from renewable resources."

Gas is a reliable fuel source and is acknowledged by both the UK and Welsh Governments as being essential to support a low carbon economy. In addition, gas can provide back-up to power generation from renewable sources, particularly wind power – which is an increasingly prevalent but intermittent energy source. Modern gas-fired power plants are among the most efficient and cleanest forms of electricity power generation. The need for the Project is established through the Government's National Policy Statements and is not a topic for consultation.

## Development of the Project

APL first shared its initial plans for the Project at public exhibitions in June 2014. Since this period of non-statutory consultation, APL has responded to and acted upon comments on its plans.

Several significant changes have occurred since the period of non-statutory consultation in June, including:

- A reduction in the maximum height of the stacks from 60m to 40m;
- A narrowing of the gas connection opportunity area to one route corridor with an indicative gas connection route; and

- A narrowing of the electrical connection opportunity area to one route corridor with an indicative electrical connection route.

Detailed technical and environmental studies as well as refinements to the design of the Project are ongoing. APL is engaging with bodies such as the City & County of Swansea (CCS), Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and local AMs and MPs to ensure that the Project is designed, built, operated and maintained to the highest relevant and current safety and environmental standards.

For the purpose of consultation, APL has prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) for the Project and a non-technical summary of the PEIR. These documents can be viewed on the Abergelli Power website ([www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)) from 13 October 2014.

The documents are also available for viewing free of charge from 13 October 2014 until 16 November 2014 at the following libraries (opening times vary):

### Swansea Central Library

Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road, Swansea SA1 3SN, 01792 636464. Tue-Fri; 8.30-20.00. Sat-Sun; 10.00-16.00.

### Clydach Library

High Street, Clydach, Swansea SA6 5LN. 01792 843300 Mon-Sat; 9.30-17.30.

### Gorseinon Library

15 West Street, Gorseinon, Swansea SA4 4AA, 01792 516780. Mon-Thurs; 9.00-18.00. Fri; 9.00-19.00. Sat; 9.00-17.00.

### Morrison Library

Treharne Road, Morrison, Swansea SA6 7AA. 01792 516770. Mon-Fri; 9.00-18.00. Sat; 9.00-17.00.

### Pontarddulais Library

St Michael's Avenue, Pontarddulais, Swansea SA4 8TE. 01792 882822. Mon-Thu; 9.00-13.00 and 14.00-17.00. Fri; 9.00-13.00 and 14.00-18.00. Sat; 10.00- 13.00.

The documents are also available for viewing free of charge at the office of City & County of Swansea Council, Penllergaer, Swansea SA4 9GJ (01792 636000) from 13 October 2014 until 16 November 2014 between 8.30–17.00 Monday – Thursday and 8.30 – 16.30 Friday.

## Pam Fferm Abergelli?

Mae gan y safle ar Fferm Abergelli ddwy fantais allweddol:

- Mae'r safle'n agos at y rhwydweithiau trawsyrru nwy a thrydan cenedlaethol;
- Mae'r Grid Cenedlaethol yn annog datblygiad cynhyrchu trydan newydd yn Ne Cymru, yn agos at brif ffynonellau'r galw am drydan yn y Deyrnas Unedig.

## Yr angen i gynhyrchu nwy

Mae Datganiad Polisi Cenedlaethol Troswfaol y Llywodraeth ar gyfer Ynni yn datgan "...y bydd nwy'n parhau i fod â rôl bwysig yn y sector trydan – gan ddarparu hyblygrwydd hanfodol i ategu cyfaint cynyddol o gynhyrchu carbon isel ac i gynnal sicrwydd y cyflenwad."

Mae'r ddogfen a gyhoeddwyd gan Lywodraeth Cymru, 'Ynni Cymru: Newid Carbon Isel', yn datgan mai "...yn y byrdymor, bydd nwy, niwclear a bio-ynni'n darparu'r ynni i wneud iawn am yr ysbeidioldeb o ran cyflenwi oddi wrth adnoddau adnewyddadwy."

Mae nwy'n ffynhonnell danwydd sy'n ddibynadwy ac fe'i cydnabyddir gan Lywodraethau'r Deyrnas Unedig a Chymru, fel ei gilydd, fel ffynhonnell hanfodol i gynnal economi carbon isel. Yn ychwanegol, gall nwy ddarparu pŵer wrth gefn i'r pŵer a gynhyrchir o ffynonellau adnewyddadwy, yn enwedig pŵer gwynt - sy'n ffynhonnell ynni cynyddol gyffredin ond ysbeidiol. Mae gweithfeydd pŵer modern sy'n rhedeg ar nwy ymysg y mathau mwyaf effeithlon a glanaf o weithfeydd cynhyrchu pŵer trydan. Mae'r angen am y Prosiect wedi'i gadarnhau trwy Ddatganiadau Polisi Cenedlaethol y Llywodraeth ac nid yw'n bwnc ar gyfer ymgynghori.

## Datblygu'r Prosiect

Rhannodd APL eu cynlluniau cychwynnol ar gyfer y Prosiect am y tro cyntaf mewn arddangosfeydd cyhoeddus ym mis Mehefin, 2014. Ers y cyfnod hwn o ymgynghori anstatudol, mae APL wedi ymateb i ac wedi gweithredu ar sylwadau ynghylch eu cynlluniau.

Mae yna amryw o newidiadau arwyddocaol wedi digwydd ers y cyfnod o ymgynghori anstatudol ym mis Mehefin, gan gynnwys:

- Gostyngiad yn uchder mwyaf y simneiau o 60 metr i 40 metr;
- Culhau ardal gyfle'r cysylltiad nwy i un coridor

llwybr gyda llwybr cysylltiad nwy dangosol; a

- Culhau coridor llwybr y cysylltiad trydanol gyda llwybr cysylltiad trydanol dangosol.

Mae astudiaethau technegol ac amgylcheddol manwl, yn ogystal â gorffeniadau yn nyluniau y Prosiect, yn mynd rhagddynt. Mae APL yn ymgysylltu â chyfrff fel Cyngor Dinas a Sir Abertawe, Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (NRW) ac Aelodau lleol y Cynulliad ac Aelodau Seneddol lleol i sicrhau bod y Prosiect yn cael ei ddylunio, ei adeiladu, ei weithredu a'i gynnal hyd at y safonau diogelwch ac amgylcheddol perthnasol a chyfredol uchaf.

Er diben ymgynghori, mae APL wedi paratoi Adroddiad Gwybodaeth Amgylcheddol Rhagarweiniol (PEIR) ar gyfer y Prosiect a chrynodeb annhechnegol o'r PEIR. Gellir gweld y dogfennau hyn ar wefan Abergelli Power ([www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk)) o'r 13eg o Hydref, 2014.

Mae'r dogfennau hefyd ar gael i'w gweld yn ddi-dâl o'r 13eg o Hydref, 2014 tan yr 16eg o Dachwedd, 2014 yn y llyfrgelloedd a ganlyn (mae amseroedd agor yn amrywio):

### Llyfrgell Ganolog Abertawe

Y Ganolfan Ddinesig, Heol Ystumllwynarth, Abertawe SA1 3SN. 01792 636464. Mawrth-Gwener; 8.30-20.00. Sadwrn-Sul; 10.00-16.00

### Llyfrgell Clydach

Stryd Fawr, Clydach, Abertawe SA6 5LN. 01792 843300 Llun-Sadwrn; 9.30-17.30

### Llyfrgell Gorseinon

15 Stryd y Gorllewin, Gorseinon, Abertawe SA4 4AA. 01792 516780. Llun-lau; 9.00-18.00. Gwener; 9.00-19.00. Sadwrn; 9.00-17.00.

### Llyfrgell Treforys

Heol Treharne, Treforys, Abertawe SA6 7AA. Llun-lau; 9.00-13.00 a 14.00-17.00. Gwener; 9.00-13.00 a 14.00-18.00. Sadwrn; 10.00-13.00.

### Llyfrgell Pontarddulais

Rhodfa St Michael, Pontarddulais, Abertawe SA4 8TE. 01792 882822. Llun-lau; 9.00-13.00 a 14.00-17.00. Gwener; 9.00-13.00 a 14.00-18.00. Sadwrn; 9.00- 13.00.

Mae'r dogfennau hefyd ar gael i'w gweld yn ddi-dâl yn swyddfa Cyngor Dinas a Sir Abertawe, Penllergaer, Abertawe SA4 9GJ (Ffôn 01792 636000) o'r 13eg o Hydref, 2014 tan yr 16eg o Dachwedd, 2014 rhwng 8.30–17.00 dydd Llun – dydd lau, a 8.30 – 16.30 dydd Gwener.

## Environment

APL's steps to mitigate the impact of the Project on the local environment during its construction, operation and maintenance are a major part of the consultation and planning process.

Due to the nature and size of the Project, it is classified as Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development and so APL is undertaking an EIA which considers the potential impacts of the Project. APL has published its preliminary EIA findings in the PEIR. These findings indicate the following key potential impacts, all of which will be mitigated through the final design process:

- Transport – impact to the local network from construction traffic confined to the construction and decommissioning periods;
- Air quality and emissions – resulting from construction activities and during operation of the power generation plant;
- Noise – potential increase in background noise during construction and operation within the vicinity of the site;
- Visual impact and effects on cultural heritage setting – introduction of up to five stacks up to 40m in height into the local landscape; and
- Local ecology – no anticipated negative impacts, but opportunity to improve local habitat through additional planting.

## Community benefits

This £200m Project would be a substantial investment in the area and would deliver significant economic benefits for a period of at least 25 years, including:

- Creation of up to 150 jobs during a 2-year construction period;
- Creation of up to 15 permanent skilled jobs for ongoing operation and maintenance of the facility; and
- Potential business opportunities for local suppliers.

## Yr Amgylchedd

Mae camau APL i liniaru effaith y Prosiect ar yr amgylchedd lleol yn ystod ei adeiladu, ei weithredu a'i gynnal yn rhan sylweddol o'r broses ymgynghori a chynllunio.

Oherwydd natur a maint y Prosiect, fe'i categoraidd fel datblygiad Asesiad o'r Effaith Amgylcheddol (EIA) ac felly mae APL yn cynnal Asesiad o'r Effaith Amgylcheddol, sy'n ystyried effeithiau posib' y Prosiect. Cyhoeddodd APL eu canfyddiadau rhagarweiniol o'r Asesiad o'r Effaith Amgylcheddol yn y PEIR. Mae'r canfyddiadau hyn yn dynodi'r effeithiau posib' allweddol a ganlyn, y byddant i gyd yn cael eu lliniaru trwy'r broses ddylunio derfynol:

- Trafnidiaeth – cyfyngir ar yr effaith ar y rhwydwaith lleol gan draffig adeiladu i'r cyfnodau adeiladu a datgomiynu;
- Ansawdd yr aer ac allyriadau – yn deillio o weithgareddau adeiladu ac yn ystod gweithredu'r gwaith cynhyrchu pŵer;
- Sŵn – cynnydd posib' mewn sŵn cefndirol yn ystod adeiladu a gweithredu o fewn cyffiniau'r safle;
- Efaith weledol ac effeithiau ar sefyllfa'r etifeddiaeth ddiwylliannol - cyflwyno i'r dirwedd leol hyd at bum simnai fydd hyd at 40 metr o uchder; ac
- Ecoleg lleol – ni ragwelir effeithiau negyddol, dim ond cyfle i wella'r cynefin lleol drwy waith plannu ychwanegol.

## Buddion i'r Gymuned

Byddai'r Prosiect £200 miliwn hwn yn fuddsoddiad sylweddol yn yr ardal a byddai'n cyflawni buddion economaidd arwyddocaol am gyfnod o fan leiaf 25 mlynedd, yn cynnwys:

- Creu hyd at 150 o swyddi yn ystod cyfnod adeiladu o 2 flynedd;
- Creu hyd at 15 o swyddi creffts parhaol ar gyfer y gwaith parhaus o weithredu a chynnal a chadw'r cyfleuster; a
- Chyfleoedd busnes posib' i gyflenwyr lleol.

## Exhibitions in the local area

Members of the APL team will also be present at four local exhibitions from 22 October 2014 to 25 October 2014 to allow those who live in the vicinity of the Project, or those groups and organisations who may have a view on the Project, to find out more information and provide APL with any comments they may have. The exhibitions are shown below:

- Llangyfelach Village Hall, Heol Pentrefelin Road, Llangyfelach, Swansea SA5 7JD  
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## Get in touch

This consultation will end on 16 November 2014 and APL would welcome your views on or before this date. Please include your name and an address. Responses may be made public, subject to data protection laws.

APL would like to invite your views on:

- The preliminary findings of the assessment as to the likely significant environmental effects of the Project, as described in the PEIR;
- The proposed route option(s) for accessing the Project, as shown in Figure 5.1 in the PEIR non-technical summary; and
- The indicative layout of the power generation plant within the Project site.

The contact details for APL are as follows:

**Phone** 0131 550 3395  
**Email** info@abergellipower.co.uk  
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## Arddangosfeydd yn yr ardal leol

Bydd aelodau tîm APL hefyd yn bresennol mewn pedair arddangosfa leol o'r 22ain o Hydref, 2014 tan y 25ain o Hydref, 2014 i ganiatáu i'r rheiny sy'n byw yng nghyffiniau'r Prosiect, neu'r grwpiau a'r sefydliadau hynny a all fod â barn am y Prosiect, ganfod mwy o wybodaeth a darparu unrhyw sylwadau a all fod ganddynt i APL. Dangosir yr arddangosfeydd isod:

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## Cysylltwch â Ni

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Hoffai APL wahodd eich barn am:

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- Opsiwn (opsiynau) y llwybr arfaethedig ar gyfer mynediad i'r Prosiect, fel a ddangosir yn Ffigwr 5.1 yng nghrynodeb annhechnegol y PEIR; a
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## **Appendix 4.D: Phase 1 S47 Statutory Consultation: Advertising**

**4.D VIII Letter sent to shops and community venues enclosing poster  
advertising statutory exhibitions (English)**

Address

October 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Statutory consultation – Abergelli Power Limited**

I am writing to ask for your help in raising awareness of a series of public exhibitions which Abergelli Power will be holding to inform local people about a proposed new power station on land adjacent to the National Grid gas compressor station at Abergelli Farm, Felindre, Swansea. These exhibitions form part of the statutory public consultation process that we are required to carry out in advance of an application for development consent being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

We have sent more than 13,000 leaflets to households and businesses in the area, but would appreciate it if you could display the enclosed poster in a prominent location so that as many members of the community as possible are aware of the opportunity to attend an information event.

More detailed information on the project is available on the project website at [www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk), and if you have any questions about the proposal, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0131 550 3395 or email us at [info@abergellipower.co.uk](mailto:info@abergellipower.co.uk).

Please accept my thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely,



Norman Campbell  
**Project Director**  
**Abergelli Power Ltd**

## **Appendix 4.D: Phase 1 S47 Statutory Consultation: Advertising**

**4.D IX Letter sent to shops and community venues enclosing poster  
advertising statutory exhibitions (Welsh)**

Address / Cyfeiriad

Hydref 2014

Annwyl Syr / Fadam

**Par: Ymgynghoriad statudol – Abergelli Power Cyfyngedig**

Rwyf yn ysgrifennu i ofyn am eich cymorth i godi ymwybyddiaeth o gyfres o arddangosfeydd cyhoeddus y bydd Abergelli Power yn eu cynnal i hysbysu pobl leol am orsaf bŵer newydd arfaethedig ar dir gerllaw gorsaf cywasgu nwy'r Grid Cenedlaethol ar Fferm Abergelli, Felindre, Abertawe. Mae'r arddangosfeydd hyn yn ffurfio rhan o'r broses ymgynghori cyhoeddus statudol y mae'n ofynnol inni'i chynnal cyn y cyflwynir cais am ganiatâd datblygu i'r Arolygiaeth Gynllunio.

Rydym wedi anfon mwy na 13,000 o daflenni i gartrefi a busnesau yn yr ardal, ond byddem yn gwerthfawrogi pe gallech ddangos y poster amgaeedig mewn lleoliad amlwg fel bod cynifer o aelodau'r gymuned â phosibl yn ymwybodol o'r cyfle i fynychu digwyddiad gwybodaeth.

Mae mwy o wybodaeth fanwl am y prosiect ar gael ar wefan y prosiect yn [www.abergellipower.co.uk](http://www.abergellipower.co.uk), ac os oes gennych unrhyw gwestiynau am y cynigiad, cofiwch beidio â phetruso cyn cysylltu â ni ar 0131 550 3395 neu anfonwch e-bost atom yn [info@abergellipower.co.uk](mailto:info@abergellipower.co.uk), os gwelwch yn dda.

A fyddech cystal â derbyn fy niolchiadau o flaen llaw.

Yr eiddoch yn gywir



Norman Campbell  
**Cyfarwyddwr y Prosiect**  
**Abergelli Power Cyf**



## **Appendix 4.D: Phase 1 S47 Statutory Consultation: Advertising**

### **4.D X Poster advertising statutory exhibitions (English/Welsh)**

# Public Exhibitions

## Arddangosfeydd cyhoeddus

### Proposal to build a gas-fired power station at Abergelli Farm

Cynigiad i adeiladu gorsaf bŵer sy'n rhedeg ar nwy ar Fferm Abergelli

Abergelli Power is seeking views on the proposed gas-fired electricity generation project and the findings of its preliminary environmental studies.

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**4.D XI List of shops and community venues to whom letter was sent  
enclosing poster advertising statutory exhibitions**

List of Poster Venues for Statutory Consultation

| <b>Venues</b>                         |
|---------------------------------------|
| Strawberry Place Surgery              |
| New Cross Surgery                     |
| Cheriton Medical Centre               |
| Fforestfach Medical Centre            |
| E.A. White & R. Pratley Dentists      |
| Woodfield Street Dental Practice      |
| Pentrepoeth Dental Practice           |
| Ty-Gwyn Dental Practice               |
| Morrison Dental Clinic                |
| Young N.L & Davies D.J Dental Surgery |
| Trallwn Dental Surgery                |
| Cwmtawe Dental Practice Ltd           |
| The Laurels Dental Practice           |
| Plough & Harrow Inn                   |
| The Welcome Inn Pub Restaurant        |
| The Eagle                             |
| Deers Leap                            |
| The Fountain Inn                      |
| The Red Lion Inn                      |
| The Midland Hotel                     |
| The Masons Arms                       |

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| The Buck Inn                                    |
| The Village Tavern                              |
| The New Inn                                     |
| The Millers Arms                                |
| The Globe Inn                                   |
| Spar                                            |
| Spar Treboeth                                   |
| Spa                                             |
| Spar Stores                                     |
| The Headteacher, Bishop Vaughan Catholic School |
| The Headteacher, Brynhyfryd Junior School       |
| The Headteacher, Burlais Primary School         |
| The Headteacher, Casllwchwr Primary School      |
| The Headteacher, Clase Primary School           |
| The Headteacher, Clydach Primary School         |
| The Headteacher, Craigcefnparc Primary School   |
| The Headteacher, Craigfelen Primary School      |
| The Headteacher, Dylan Thomas Community School  |
| The Headteacher, Glyncollen Primary School      |
| The Headteacher, Gors Community Primary         |
| The Headteacher, Gorseinon Primary School       |
| The Headteacher, Llangyfelach Primary School    |
| The Headteacher, Morryston Comprehensive School |
| The Headteacher, Morryston Primary School       |



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|-----------------------------------------------------|
| The Headteacher, Penllergaer Primary School         |
| The Headteacher, Pentre'r Graig Primary School      |
| The Headteacher, Penyrheol Comprehensive School     |
| The Headteacher, Penyrheol Primary School           |
| The Headteacher, Pontarddulais Comprehensive School |
| The Headteacher, Pontarddulais Primary School       |
| The Headteacher, Pontlliw Primary School            |
| The Headteacher, Pontybrenin Primary School         |
| The Headteacher, St Illtyd's RC Primary School      |
| The Headteacher, St Joseph's Catholic Primary       |
| The Headteacher, Talcopa Primary School             |
| The Headteacher, Ysgol Gymraeg y Cwm                |
| The Headteacher, Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bryniago     |
| The Headteacher, Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Felindre     |
| The Headteacher, Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Gellionnen   |
| The Headteacher, Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Pontybrenin  |
| Capel y Nant Methodist Church                       |
| Diocese of Menevia, St Benedict                     |
| Diocese of Menevia, The Sacred Heart                |
| Parish of Clydach, St. Mary's                       |
| Bethel Chapel, Llangyfelach                         |
| Bont Elim Community Church                          |
| Riverside Christian Fellowship                      |
| St. Davids Church, Penllergaer,                     |

|                                |
|--------------------------------|
| St. Telio Church, Morriston    |
| The Secretary                  |
| Tabernacle Presbyterian Church |
| PLJ Manselton (Mace)           |
| Mayhill General Store          |
| Bev's Shop                     |
| CWM Stores                     |
| The Co-operative Food          |
| Premier Stores                 |
| Sunnybank Mini Market          |
| Premier Stores                 |
| Siop-y-Pentref                 |
| Llangyfelach Stores            |
| Woodford Stores                |
| Premier Stores                 |
| Londis                         |
| Clair's Convenience Store      |
| Night & Day                    |

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**4.D XII E-mail sent to CCS providing invitation to statutory exhibition  
preview (10th October 2014)**

## Emma Knapp

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**From:** Dermot Scanlon  
**Sent:** 10 October 2014 13:17  
**To:** Ferguson, Andrew  
**Cc:** Adam Heffill (AHeffill@stagenergy.com); Reece Emmitt (Reece@wepr.co.uk)  
**Subject:** Proposed Abergelli Power Project, Abergelli Farm, Felindre, Swansea SA5 7NN - Formal Consultation  
**Attachments:** APL - public exhibition preview\_invitees\_ISSUED.pdf

Andrew – further to my voicemail message this morning re the above, you are probably aware that we are starting our formal consultation on 13 October 2014 with our public consultation events scheduled for 22-25 October at four venues in the vicinity of the project site.

In anticipation of the public exhibitions, we would like to invite you and colleagues to a preview of the exhibition prior to the event being opened to the general public. This preview session will be between 2 and 3 pm on Wednesday 22 October 2014 at Llangyfelach Church Hall, Swansea Road, Llangyfelach, Swansea SA5 7JA. We will also be extending this invitation to the council members and other local politicians set out in the attached list. In order to gauge numbers, we would be grateful if you would advise how many colleagues are intending to come along.

As a number of the project team will be in the Swansea area between 22 and 25 October, we thought it might be useful for us all to meet and provide you with an update on the project and our programme for the next tranche of work. As we have public exhibition sessions in the afternoon, we would be grateful if we could meet in the morning, ideally, late morning of Thursday 23 October, say 11am? If you are available and wish to meet, we can provide an outline agenda.

We trust that these arrangements are acceptable and look forward to meeting you later this month.

With best wishes

Dermot Scanlon

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**4.D XIII Photograph of poster displayed in Clydach advertising statutory exhibitions**





## **Appendix 4.D: Phase 1 S47 Statutory Consultation: Advertising**

**4.D XIV Advert publicising statutory exhibitions – South Wales Evening Post  
article (14th October 2014)**



AROUND WALES

NEWPORT A burglar who deliberately targeted a deaf man because he wouldn't hear him bawling in his been jailed... Samuel Mulligan, aged 24, befriended the profoundly deaf man, before ransacking his home... Mulligan, of Newport, admitted burglary and was jailed for four years at Newport Crown Court.

TREDEGAR Three members of a family of benefit cheats who netted £90,000 in false payments have been sent to prison. Parents Alison Parfitt, aged 46, and Jason Parfitt, aged 47, were wrongly paid benefits as single people... Despite still living together normally as man and wife, the couple, who admitted fraud, were jailed at Cardiff Crown Court for eight and seven months respectively. Daughter Gemma Parfitt, aged 27, was jailed for seven months while the couple's son Stuart Parfitt, aged 29, received a four-month suspended sentence.

CAERPHILLY A young father killed a peacekeeper with a single punch as he tried to break up a pub fight. Jason Grinnell, of Caerphilly, was jailed for four years at Cardiff Crown Court for hitting innocent Jake Sweeney, aged 26, as he tried to separate a brawl outside the Irish Thymes pub in the town. Grinnell admitted manslaughter. Judge Earl Rennie told him: "This was a cowardly act by you. Mr Sweeney didn't see the blow coming and had no chance to defend himself."

Ex-soldier's museum talk

SWANSEA Museum has been visited by a former soldier, who has been talking to visitors about the First World War. Rod Hughes, pictured, a former member of the Royal Army Corps and Fourth Battalion Royal Regiment of Wales, dressed in period clothes in the museum's First World War trench exhibit before giving historical talks to visitors, which included demonstrating weapon and webbing cleaning, repairs, sending and receiving post and parcels, as well as explaining the conditions in which the soldiers had to live and to survive in day-to-day.

Picture: Robert Mellor SWANSEA/141013A-1411\_01



Readers' disgust at hate crime 'bigots'

Steven Owens

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A MAN who was the victim of a hate crime because of his sexuality has won the backing of Evening Post readers.

Yesterday we revealed how Andrew Davies, aged 45, pictured, had been subjected to a vile stream of hate crimes.

He said: "It all started when I founded the Unity project and people discovered I was gay."

"Names were slipped under my door, saying 'bitches' weren't welcome in the area and that people were fearing for the safety of their children. When my room died, I got an anonymous sympathy card saying it was time for me to move on. I also found my car dead on my front door after someone threw hot beer 20 pence-worth bottles."

The article sparked outrage on the Evening Post's Facebook page, with Emma Daniels writing: "It's so worrying that these brainless people live among us. It scares me that my children have to live in a world so full of nastiness, hatred, ignorance and stupidity."

Pete Crowe said it was disgusting and

described those who did it as 'small minded village idiots'.

Rachel Jones said: "I'm so sorry for this man. It is worrying to think this level of hate crime still exists in society at all. As for killing the cat... that in itself is also worrying as it's a well-known fact that individuals that hurt/kill animals are more likely to hurt/kill humans."

Francis Packington said: "The aggressor will always pick on someone who is different from them, they think they are normal, usually they are bullies and braggarts, standing up to them and naming and shaming them works because bullies do not like to be stood up to."

Julie Powell said: "That's sad, my daughter's gay and I am very proud of her."

Caroline M Harry said: "I can't get my head around how people in this day and age can be so homophobic. And the cruelty to animals is equally as sickening. This behaviour disturbs and

worries me. Sometimes I really hate the human race." Annie Gilbey Thomas said: "Despicable, how can they be so ignorant? I'm horrified that idiots and bigots still exist!"

Aun-Marie Radford said: "I honestly feel for you Andrew and I hope you realise not everyone is as ignorant and cruel as they are!"



Public Exhibitions

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Valley residents' services warning

PEOPLE living in the Upper Swansea Valley have been warned that services are likely to change after Powys Council was told it faces a funding cut of more than £7.7 million in the next financial year.

The warning comes after the Welsh Government revealed that councils across Wales will receive £146 million less from April 2015.

Council leader Barry Thomas

said: "Once again, Powys has fared badly with its annual budget allocation from the Welsh Government with a 4.4 per cent cut in funding -- the second largest in Wales and well above the Welsh average cut of 3.4 per cent."

"That is why we need to become a smaller, more business organisation and we are likely to have a third less staff and operate out of far fewer

buildings. The council will not necessarily provide all the services that it traditionally has done in the past. Others may provide services including partners, the voluntary sector and communities themselves."

"All this will have an impact on service users, the public and of course staff, a smaller organisation means a smaller workforce. The changes will not happen overnight."

## **Appendix 4.D: Phase 1 S47 Statutory Consultation: Advertising**

**4.D XV Advert publicising statutory exhibitions – South Wales Evening Post  
article (21st October 2014)**



# AM's call over council budget

**ABERAVON AM** David Rees is urging residents to have their say on North Port Talbot Council's budget.

Mr Rees is urging all residents within his constituency to take part in a consultation launched by the local authority last week, which closes at midday on Christmas Eve.

North Port Talbot Council needs to save £25 million in the next financial year to balance its budget.

Mr Rees said: "It is imperative that the people of Aberavon, and North Port Talbot as a whole, have a say in the draft budget that has been proposed by the local authority as these decisions have a direct impact on the daily lives of the people within my constituency.

"The importance of these services to the people of Port Talbot and its surrounding communities is critical.

"I have raised my concerns with the local authority to ensure that they make efficient and effective use of all finances available to the authority and to ensure that essential services at the heart of our communities are maintained and protected."

Proposals for the draft budget include school closures, and a review of the future of community centres.

The future of Cymmer Swimming Pool is also under threat.

A copy of the draft budget and the consultation process is currently on North Port Talbot Council website [www.npt.gov.uk](http://www.npt.gov.uk).

You can also email [nptbudget@npt.gov.uk](mailto:nptbudget@npt.gov.uk) and feedback forms are available in libraries, one stop shops and other public buildings.



# Pupils light up school with Indian dancing

**DANCING**, Indian-style, took centre stage at a Swansea primary.

Year two pupils at Brynhyfryd Infants School have been learning about the Hindu festival of light, known as Diwali, and received Indian dancing lessons.

The children then performed for their parents, and had an Indian buffet to celebrate World Food Day.

The word Diwali means "evening of lighted lamps". Houses, shops and public places in India are decorated with small earthenware oil lamps called diyas.

For many Indians this five-day festival honours Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth. People start the new business year at Diwali, and some Hindus will say prayers to the goddess for a successful year.

They also celebrate one of the Diwali legends, which tells of the return of Rama and Sita to Rama's kingdom after fourteen years of exile.



Children from year two at Brynhyfryd infants performing Indian dancing for their parents the pupils have been learning about the Festival of Light.

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**Drop in with your IT queries**

Thursdays 6.00pm – 7.45pm  
Swansea Central Library

Thursdays 12.30pm – 2.30pm  
St Thomas Library

**Galwch heibo â'ch holl ymholiadau TG**

Dydd Iau 6.00pm – 7.45pm  
Llyfrgell Ganolog Abertawe

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Llyfrgell St Thomas

Speech bubbles: "I can't find my email account", "I've forgot a password for my email account", "Mae sbectol ar-lein yn arbed amser? I mi allu gwerthu y perthnas cyfwrth i mi gwyboda?"

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