

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 Felindre Gas Compressor Station at Abergelli Farm, Felindre, Swansea SA5 7NN (the “Project”). The proposed site is situated north of Swansea in the City & County of Swansea (north of M4, Junction 46), approximately 1km southeast of Felindre and 1.5km north of Llangyfelach.

The Project includes a Power Generation Plant and Laydown Area/Maintenance Compound, an Access Road, 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 up to 299 MW of electricity. Subject to public consultation, planning and financing, it could enter commercial operation in 2022.

The Power Generation Plant is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the “Planning Act”) which means a Development Consent Order (DCO) is required to build, operate and maintain it. In the context of generating stations in Wales, the Planning Act 2008 restricts what can be applied for through the DCO process to development that is integral to and forms part of the NSIP. For the APL Project, the integral elements are the Power Generation Plant, the Laydown Area/Maintenance Compound and the Access Road. The APL DCO application will not seek consent to construct and operate the gas or electrical connections; instead a planning application will be made under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or permitted development rights will be utilised (as applicable). However, compulsory acquisition powers for the land and rights required to construct, operate and maintain the gas and electrical connections will be included within the DCO application.

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 effects, both positive and negative, of the Project on topics including air and water quality, noise, landscape and visual effect, traffic, local ecology, geology and ground conditions, historic environment, 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 Business Energy and Industrial Strategy. 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, known as a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), which sets out how it proposes to consult people living and working in the vicinity of the site about the proposed DCO application.

APL carried out both statutory and non-statutory consultation as part of its work in 2014. As part of the 2014 statutory consultation, a SoCC was published after consultation with City & County of Swansea Council as the relevant local planning authority and the current SoCC is closely modelled on the 2014 SoCC. APL have had regard to the responses received as part of the 2014 non-statutory and statutory consultations and these have influenced the Project design that is now being consulted on in 2018.

The SoCC is available for inspection at www.abergellipower.co.uk and at the locations listed in the following table (opening times vary).

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Wednesday	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	8.30-20.00	9.30-17.30	9.00-18.00	9.00-18.00	9.00- 13.00 and 14.00-17.00
Friday	8.30-20.00	9.30-18.30	9.00-19.00	9.00-18.00	9.00- 13.00 and 14.00-18.00
Saturday	10.00-16.00	9.30-16.30	9.00-17.00	9.00-17.00	9.00- 13.00
Sunday	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 Project on or around 16th January 2018.

Exhibitions about the Project will be held at these locations:

Wednesday 7 th February 16.00 – 19.00	Llangyfelach Church Hall , Swansea Road, Llangyfelach, Swansea SA5 7JA
Thursday 8 th February 15.30 – 18.30	Forge Fach Resource Centre , Hebron Road, Clydach, Swansea SA6 5EJ
Friday 9 th February 17.00 – 20.00	Tircoed Village Hall , Y Cyswllt, Tircoed SA4 9QZ
Saturday 10 th February 10.00 – 13.00	Felindre Welfare Hall , Felindre, Swansea SA5 7NA

From 16th January 2018, information about the proposed Project, including an information leaflet, a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (updated from 2014 consultation) 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 and take place from 16th January until 19th February 2018 (inclusive). We would welcome your views on or before 5.00pm on 19th February 2018. Please include your name and an address. Responses may be made public, subject to data protection laws.

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