

Dragon Energy

Have your say on proposals for wind energy at Dragon LNG

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Since our first round of initial community consultations in May 2022, we have worked hard on our plans to add three wind turbines to the solar farm which is now generating electricity, pictured above. We would like to thank all members of our community who have provided us with their feedback so far, which has been very much appreciated, as it helps us to bring the best possible proposals forward. As of **Thursday 12th January 2023**, we will be undertaking formal public consultations on our wind turbine development. **This will close at 11.59.59pm on Thursday 23rd February 2023.** The full pack of planning application documents will be available for public viewing on our project website www.dragonenergypark.co.uk/downloads. A hard copy will be available for you to review at your leisure at Dragon LNG, please see the instructions enclosed. We are also holding another public exhibition in Newton Hall, Waterston, with the project team and consultants to answer any questions you may have. If you cannot attend, please use the enclosed feedback form and freepost return envelope to share your views with us. We look forward to seeing or hearing from you.

Our need for green power

As well as being a key local employer, we form a critical part of the nation's energy infrastructure, supplying up to 10% of the UK's energy. For us, the purpose of the proposed wind turbines is to provide renewable energy to our plant, helping us to further reduce our site's carbon footprint, improving our long-term energy resilience and supporting both local and national net-zero ambitions. The proposed wind development will make us more self-sufficient by replacing a significant portion of our grid demand with an on-site, fully renewable electricity supply. It is estimated that the wind turbines will provide up to 39% of the overall site's energy consumption and save approximately 9,000 tonnes of Scope 2 CO₂ emissions per year of operation. Together, the proposed wind development alongside our solar park will provide us with enough renewable electricity to meet up to 47% of our electricity needs every year (based on our 2020 energy consumption). During periods of low site demand, any excess electricity will feed into the local network.

Community Consultation Event

As part of the formal pre-application consultation, commencing on Thursday 12th January 2023, we are delighted to invite you to drop in to discuss the proposals and ask any questions of the project team and consultants.

Date: Thursday 26th January 2023

Venue: Newton Hall, Main Road, Waterston, SA73 1DR

Time: 1.30pm – 7.30pm

Project evolution and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

The proposed wind turbines will have a combined installed capacity of up to 14.4MW and measure up to 149.9m (491.8ft) when the blades are in a vertical position. The project is classed as a large-scale infrastructure project (Development of National Significance) and it will be up to the Welsh Government to determine if the plans can go ahead. Pembrokeshire County Council will be a key consultee, alongside Natural Resources Wales, Cadw, Port of Milford Haven and local town and community councils, to name but a few.

In May, the project team submitted a scoping request to the Welsh Government and consultees, who responded in July. In the scoping stage, it is determined which topics need to be studied to assess potential environmental impacts of the proposed development, and how to avoid or mitigate impacts should they exceed set limits. This helps the project team to shape the plans and bring forward proposals that meet planning requirements. The results of the Environmental Impact Assessment are documented and submitted alongside the planning application. Topics that have been assessed include landscape and visual impact, noise, ecology, archaeology and cultural heritage, transport and access, telecommunications and aviation.

The scoping documents and the draft planning application including the Environmental Impact Assessment reports can be viewed on our project website, please visit www.dragonenergypark.co.uk/downloads



Community benefits

We are looking at opportunities for community benefits associated with this project and would be delighted to receive any ideas of how this could be achieved. Please share with us any ideas that you may have on how community benefits could make a positive contribution to our local community.

Get in Touch

We look forward to welcoming you to the public exhibition. If you are not able to attend but would like to find out more and give your feedback, please visit our website, call us, send us an email or write to the Freepost address.

Please use the enclosed feedback form to share your views with us. Pop it in the post using the return envelope and it will reach us without any further details or stamps required.

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