

Pennant Walters is proposing to develop a wind farm on a site at Mynydd Llanhilleth. The site sits on land east of Llanhilleth, Aberbeeg, and Six Bells, and west of Pontnewynydd.

The plans include up to eight wind turbines with a blade height up to 180m. The proposals are estimated to generate up to 34MW of electricity, which is equivalent to providing enough power to meet the annual electricity needs of approximately 21,500 homes.*

* <https://www.renewableuk.com/page/UKWEExplained>

Statutory consultation

We would like to thank everyone who took part in our early engagement consultation, which took place in July 2021. We received a great deal of useful feedback and have been considering this, alongside the outcome of further technical surveys and assessments to further develop our proposals.

We'd now like to give you the opportunity to provide further feedback before we formally submit our application. You can attend one of our public drop-in events and/or an online virtual exhibition on our website.

Public exhibitions

Find out more and provide your feedback on the draft proposals:

- **Llanhilleth Miner's Institute,**
Meadow St, Llanhilleth, Abertillery, NP13 2JT
2pm-7pm, Thursday 8 December 2022
- **Garndiffaith Community Centre (Millennium Centre),**
Top Rd, Garndiffaith, Abersychan, Pontypool, NP4 7LT
2pm-7pm, Friday 9 December 2022

The planning process

This project is deemed a Development of National Significance (DNS), meaning that we will need to apply to PEDW, which will make a recommendation to Welsh Ministers with whom lies the final decision on whether to grant planning permission or not.

As part of the DNS process, we will prepare and submit a pre-application consultation (PAC) report detailing the consultation undertaken and how feedback has been taken into account for the project. Following our statutory consultation, we will prepare our final application for submission to PEDW, which is anticipated to be spring 2023.



21,500 homes powered by this proposal



Opportunities for **Community benefit**



Construction jobs and supply chain opportunities

Common Land

Part of the land within the proposed site boundary falls under the Common Land register and we are therefore required to prepare and submit a secondary application to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW), under the Commons Act 2006.

We are undertaking a specific consultation for the land within Mynydd Llanhilleth Common. Working closely with the landowners, we have been looking to release small sections of Common land to develop the proposed turbines and associated access tracks. Any released Common land will be replaced.

We would like to hear from anyone that has an interest in or uses the Common, to help us ensure we minimise impact and maximise any potential benefits through this process.

To find out more or to provide comments relating to Mynydd Llanhilleth Common get in touch using the contact details on this newsletter.

Get in touch

We would like to hear your comments on the Mynydd Llanhilleth Wind Farm proposal. You can tell us your thoughts by filling out a feedback form online or at the public events.

Email: Mynydd-Llanhilleth@pennantwalters.co.uk

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Deadline for comments is 16 January 2023.

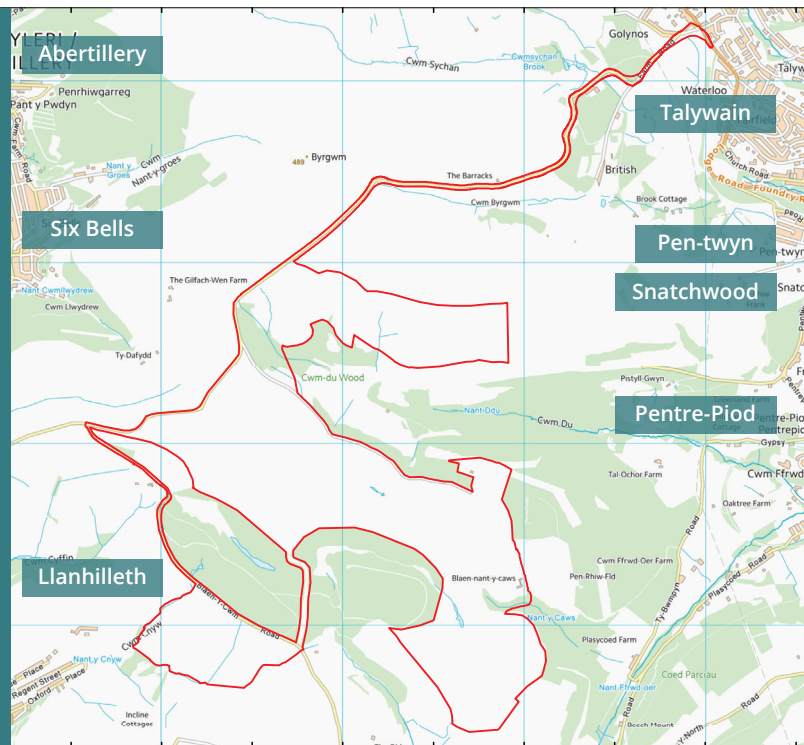
Our updated proposals

In our previous consultation, we proposed up to twelve wind turbines, but after receiving feedback during the early engagement exercise and further technical assessment work, the Mynydd Llanhilleth proposals now include up to eight wind turbines with a blade height up to 180m, estimated to produce 4-6MW each.

In summary, the proposals will include:

- Up to eight wind turbines, estimated to produce 4MW each
- Improvements to an existing access road off the B4246
- Turbine foundations and crane pads at each turbine location
- Underground power cables
- Grid connection infrastructure, including an on-site substation and control building

We are committed to minimising the impact on nearby visitor attractions including Tirpentwys Cut and the Blue Lagoon. We are also committed to ensuring that existing access for leisure on Mynydd Llanhilleth Common is retained.



About us

Pennant Walters is Wales' largest home-grown renewable energy developer and is part of the Walters Group based in Hirwaun – a local company operating nationally, employing up to 500 people, many of which are based in South Wales.

Since 2003 Pennant Walters has developed, built, and now operates six wind farms and some solar developments in South Wales, producing a total of 127MW. Pennant Walters seeks to develop a long-lasting relationship with all stakeholders including surrounding communities, landowners, local authorities and regulators.

Pennant Walters has considerable experience of developing renewable energy developments in former coalfields of South Wales, so we have a strong track record of delivering projects on sites similar to Mynydd Llanhilleth.

Community benefits

Apart from the obvious carbon reduction and energy sustainability benefits to Wales, there is a significant opportunity to deliver other, more local benefits as a result of this project.

Pennant Walters operates a Community Fund for each of its wind farm projects. To date, around £4 million has been distributed within South Wales to important local initiatives.

As a locally owned Welsh company, this project will be 'locally owned', however, we have been exploring shared ownership and community ownership opportunities.

You can find out more about these ownership opportunities at one of our events or please get in touch with us via Mynydd-Llanhilleth@pennantwalters.co.uk, and put 'Community benefits' in the email subject.

We are keen to hear local thoughts on how best to manage the Community Fund, so please let us know your views.

