



# Mynydd Llanhilleth Wind Farm

Common Land Information Workshop – January 2023

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# Introductions

## About Pennant Walters

- A local company operating nationally
- Wales' largest home-grown renewable energy developer
- Part of the Walters Group based in Hirwaun which employs around 500 people, many of which are 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.
- Currently consulting on proposals for Mynydd Llanhilleth Wind Farm

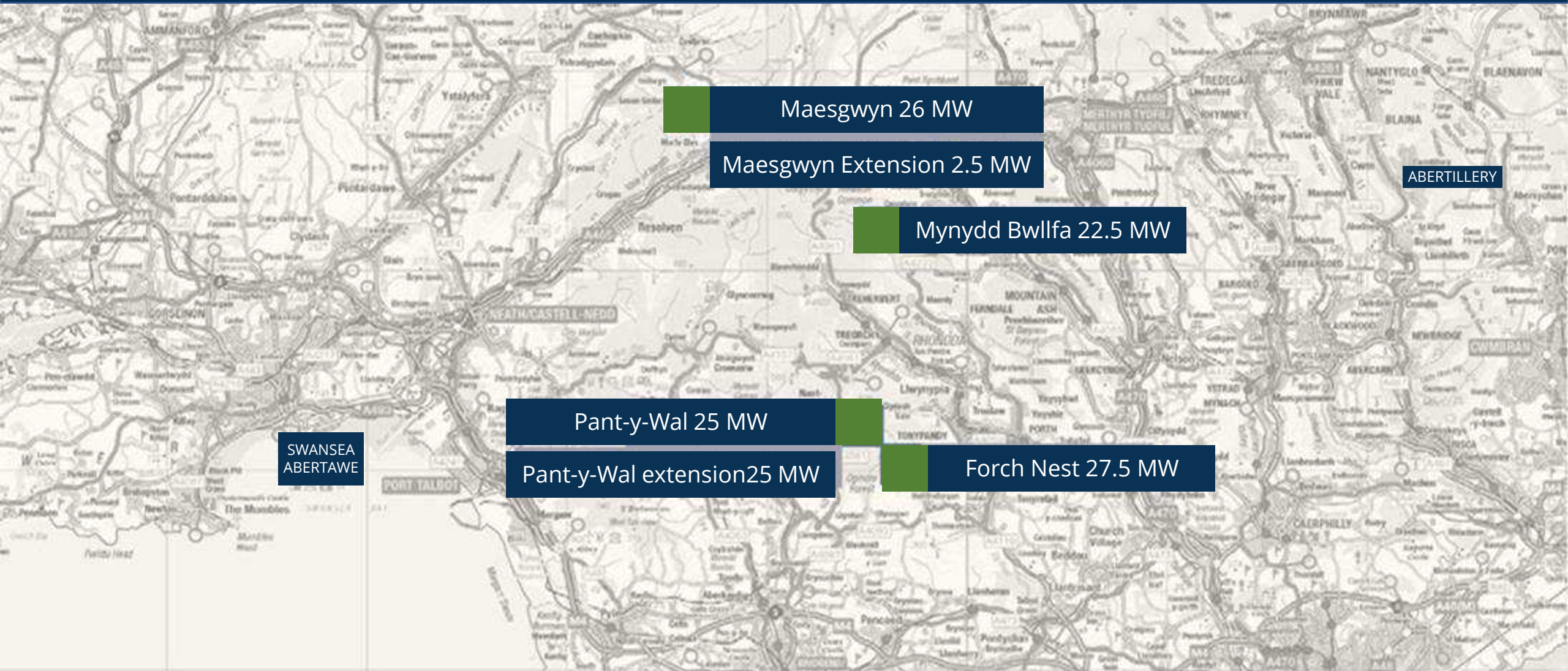
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# Our operational wind farms



Maesgwyn 26 MW

Maesgwyn Extension 2.5 MW

Mynydd Bwlfa 22.5 MW

Pant-y-Wal 25 MW

Pant-y-Wal extension 25 MW

Forch Nest 27.5 MW

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# Project overview

We have reduced the proposed number of turbines from 12 to up to eight with a blade height of 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.

The refined proposals include:

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

The wind farm will be designed with an operational life of 30 years.



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# Site Area

Key



Study area

- Red-line area represents site study area
- Includes access track and grid connection corridor.

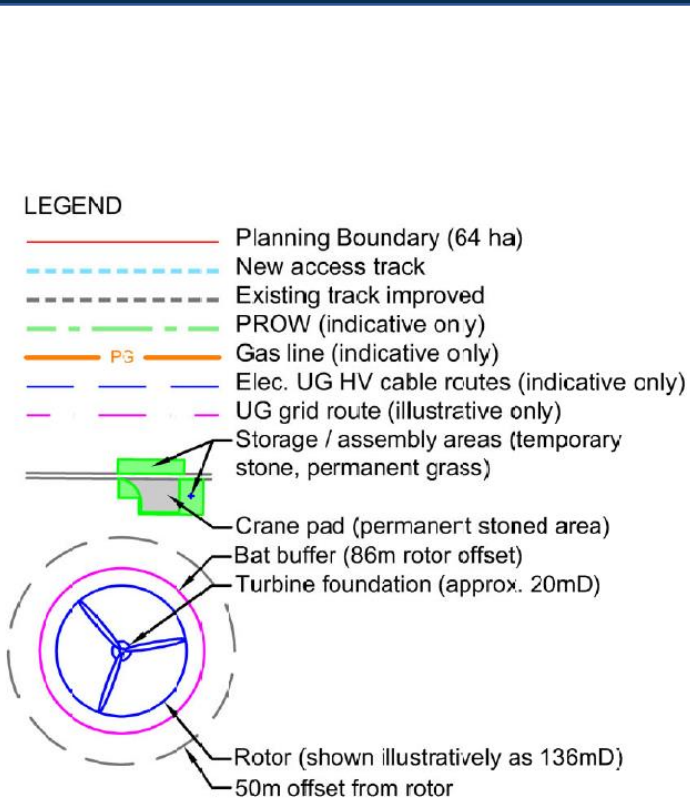
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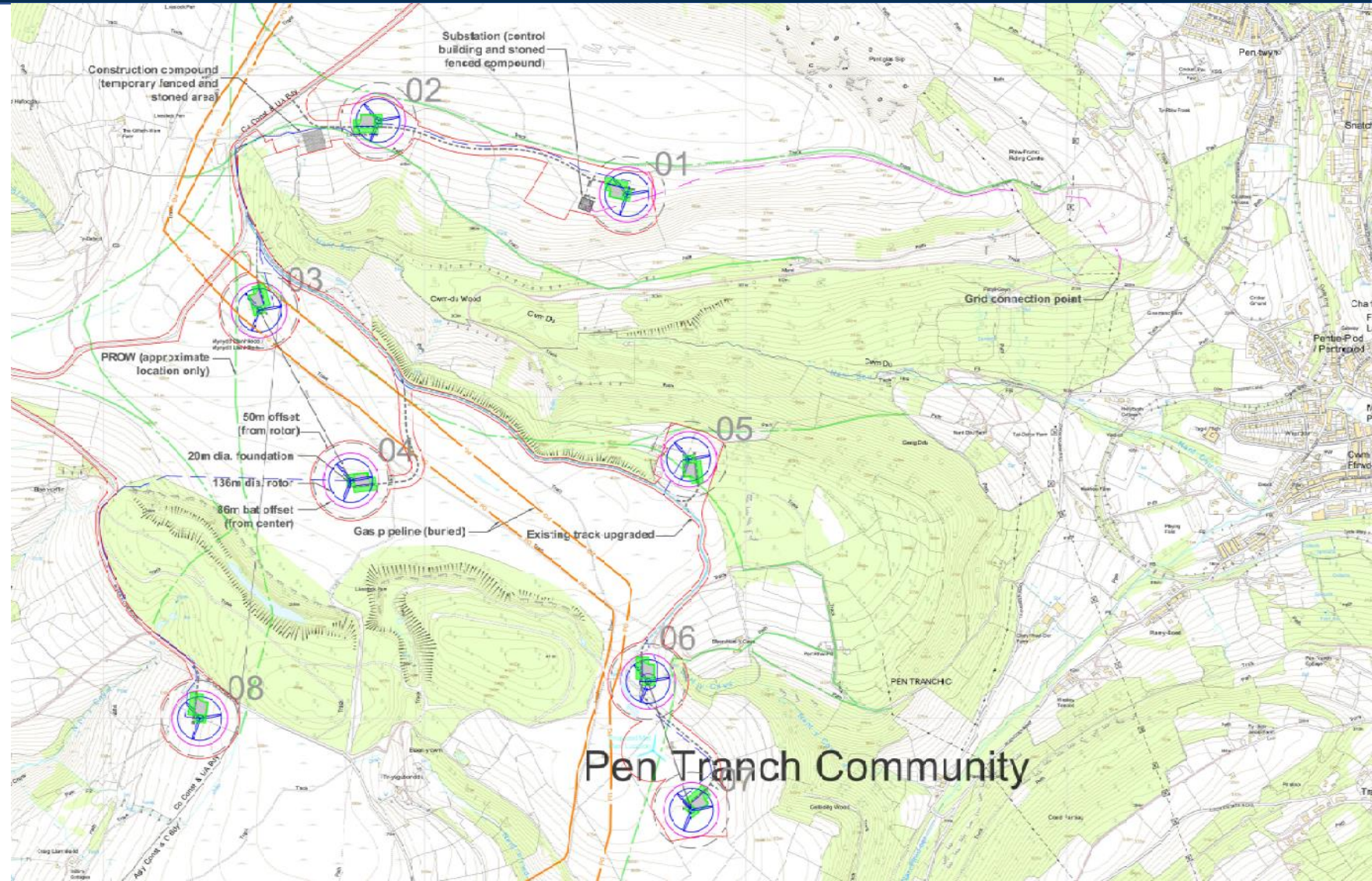


# Turbine Locations



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# Photo Viewpoints

Photoviewpoint 3: Public footpath looking south-west towards the site



Photomontage 3: Public footpath looking south-west towards the site





# Community Benefits

We would like to develop a long-lasting relationship with all stakeholders including surrounding communities, landowners, local authorities and regulators. Please see some examples below of how we could offer benefits to the local community

- **Community ownership** - we are looking to incorporate an element of community ownership, in line with Welsh Government targets.
- **Community benefit fund** – we are looking at developing a community benefit fund, tailored to the local area around Mynydd Llanhilleth. This could be delivered through a Community Interest Company (C.I.C) model, but we would welcome other suggestions.
- **Local commons enhancements** – we would like to find out how we can deliver biodiversity protection and enhancement, improving access to the areas around the site for those that use it for recreational activities such as mountain biking and hiking, as well as how we can support local education providers.



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# Common Land

- The majority of land within the proposed site boundary falls under the Common Land register and we are therefore required to prepare and submit an application to the PEDW under the Commons Act 2006.
- Working closely with the landowners, we are seeking to de-register a small portion (2.7ha/6.7acres) of common land in order to build a few elements of the proposed wind farm.
- We have now defined which areas of common land would be required, and we have identified land to replace the land lost as a result of the development of the wind farm. This replacement land amounts to 10 acres (4ha), which is more than is proposed to be lost.



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# Plan

— Proposed Mynydd Llanhilleth Wind Farm

— Land proposed to be de-registered

▨ Proposed Replacement Land

▨ Common Land

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# Common Land

## What works will be undertaken on Common Land

- We are seeking to undertake numerous activities on parts of Mynydd Llanhilleth Common. This includes the erection of wind turbine bases, crane pads and construction of access tracks.
- These activities will likely require us to restrict access to part of the common – either temporarily during construction – or permanently for the lifetime of the project (i.e. to accommodate a turbine), which is why we are proposing to provide replacement land.



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# Questions

**As we finalise the plans for Mynydd Llanhilleth Wind Farm, we want to hear views from those that access or hold rights over the Common.**

- Please let us know what you think of our proposals and how current activities taking place might be affected?
- Please let us know if you have any rights, interests (formal or informal), or means of access that you have.
- What activities do you undertake on the common?
- Are there potential opportunities that you would like to see improved in the management of the common?

We would appreciate all feedback.

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# Next Steps

- Statutory consultation closes on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023
- Review of feedback and finalise application
- Submission of application to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) in 'Spring 2023'
- Anticipated decision in 2024, followed by construction of circa 2 years

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# Thank you.



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