

Future Energy Llanwern Solar Project

The Planning Act 2008 - Sections 42, 47 and 48

Regulation 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 and Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment 'EIA') Regulations 2017.

Notice of Publication of a Statement of Community Consultation and Notice Publicising a Proposed Application for a Development Consent Order for the Future Energy Llanwern Solar Project

Notice is hereby given that Future Energy Llanwern Limited of Hailstone House, Hailstone Hill, Nr Cricklade, Wiltshire, United Kingdom, SN6 6JP (the 'Applicant') intends to submit an application (the 'Proposed Application') to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the 'SoS') for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the '2008 Act').

The Proposed Application is for the Future Energy Llanwern Solar Project and is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under sections 14 and 15 of the 2008 Act.

Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

Notice is also hereby given that the Applicant has produced a Statement of Community Consultation in accordance with section 47 of the 2008 Act. This notice publicises where and when the SoCC can be inspected. The SoCC sets out how the Applicant will fulfil its duty to consult with the local community and undertake its consultation with people in the vicinity of the Application.

Additionally, the Applicant has a duty to publicise the Proposed Application under section 48 of the 2008 Act in line with Regulation 4 of the 2009 Regulations. In accordance with those provisions, this notice also summarises the main proposals and explains where the consultation documents can be viewed.

Summary of the Project

The land required for the Project (the 'Project Site') is located south of the Llanwern Steelworks within the administrative boundaries of Newport City Council and Monmouthshire County Council. The site area is approximately 548 hectares.

The Project comprises the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a ground mounted solar park with an intended design capacity of approximately 380MW (megawatts) of alternating current (AC) capacity. The Applicant has accepted a grid connection offer from National Grid to feed into the grid via the existing Whitson Substation.

The Project Site will be connected to the substation via underground cable. Flexibility in panel design is required to accommodate expected future technology developments as technology continues to evolve and become more efficient.

The Proposed Application for the Project comprises the following key physical elements:

- Solar photovoltaic (PV) modules;
- PV module mounting structures;
- Inverter units;
- Transformers;
- High voltage (HV) switchgear and control equipment;
- Onsite cabling;
- Substation and transformer housing;
- Grid connection infrastructure;
- Fencing and security measures;
- New access tracks and bridges over reens and ditches;
- Upgrades to existing access tracks;
- Temporary construction compound; and
- Environmental enhancements.

The proposed DCO will authorise (among other things), if required:

- the compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights in, on, under or over land required for the Project, as well as rights authorising the temporary occupation of land for the Project.
- the extinguishment and/or overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land required for the Project;
- the application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project;
- the diversion of or temporary stopping up of public footpaths during construction works;
- and such ancillary, incidental and consequential works, provisions, permits, consents, waivers or releases as are necessary and convenient for the successful construction, operation and maintenance of the Project.

EIA Development

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment development as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 'EIA Regulations') and an Environmental Statement ('ES') will form part of the Proposed Application. The Applicant has notified the SoS in writing under Regulation 8(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations that it intends to provide an ES in respect of the Project. The ES will provide a detailed description of the Project and its likely significant environmental effects. Information compiled so far about the Project's likely environmental impacts is contained in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report

(‘PEIR’) and summarised in a Non-Technical Summary, both of which form part of the consultation material.

Consultation on the proposals will take place from **10 December 2025 to 15 February 2026** (the 'Consultation Period'). Responses must be received no later than 11:59pm on 15 February 2026 and responses received after that date may not be considered.

The consultation documents show the nature and location of the Project and will include plans, maps, and the PEIR and its Non-Technical Summary, among other documents (‘the Consultation Documents’). The Consultation Documents are available to view or download free of charge from (www.futureenergyllanwern.co.uk) (the ‘Project Website’) throughout the duration of the Consultation Period, from 10 December 2025 to 11:59pm on 15 February 2026. The Consultation Documents can be accessed under the ‘project documents’ tab and will be made available until 11:59pm on 15 February 2026.

How to view the Consultation Documents and the SoCC

Hard reference copies of the consultation brochure and the SoCC will be available to view free of charge at the locations listed below during the Consultation Period.

Location	Address	Standard opening hours (subject to change)
St Mary's Church Magor	Magor Square, Magor, Caldicot NP26 3EP	Monday to Sunday: 9am to 4pm
St Thomas' Church Redwick	3 Church Row, Caldicot NP26 3DE	Monday to Sunday: 9am to 4pm
St Mary's Church Undy	Church Rd, Caldicot NP26 4HN	The second Sunday of every month: 9:30am to 12pm
Redwick Village Hall	Church Row, Caldicot NP26 3DE	Redwick Village Hall does not have set opening times. Specific opening times can be obtained by contacting info@redwickhall.org.uk . The Hall is generally open 6-9pm on Friday evenings.

The opening times of these venues are dependent on and are governed by the venues. Please contact the venue before visiting.

The Applicant is hosting five public consultation events, comprising three in-person events and two online webinars to be held as follows (Please get in touch to register using the contact details at the end of this notice). The Consultation Documents will also be available to view at the in-person events:

- Statutory Consultation Webinar #1, Wednesday 17 December, 5pm-6pm

- Redwick Village Hall, Main Road, Undy, Caldicot NP26 3GD – Tuesday 13 January 2026, 4pm–8pm
- Magor and Undy Hub, Main Road, Undy, Caldicot NP26 3GD – Friday 16 January 2026, 4pm–8pm
- Magor and Undy Hub, Main Road, Undy, Caldicot NP26 3GD – Saturday 17 January 2026, 9am–2pm
- Statutory Consultation Webinar #2, Wednesday 28 January, 3pm-4pm

All Consultation Documents, including the SoCC, will be available online to view on the Project website (www.futureenergyllanwern.co.uk). A hard copy of the consultation material can also be supplied, but there will be a reasonable charge to cover the printing and posting costs associated with the PEIR. Upon request, all documents can be made available in alternative formats, such as large print and alternative languages. To request copies of the Consultation Documents, please contact the Applicant using the e-mail address, postal address or telephone number provided at the end of this notice.

When providing your response, please include your name and address or, if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode only. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the Project. Comments and representations may be submitted in the following ways:

Feedback Questionnaire: Complete or download the Feedback Questionnaire at the consultation hub <https://futureenergyllanwern.participatr.io/>; or it can be completed and left at one of the Consultation Events; or by request from the project team either at events or via phone or email.

By email or post: Completed Feedback Questionnaires, and any other comments, can be emailed to enquiries@futureenergyllanwern.co.uk or returned by post (no stamp required) to FREEPOST FEL SOLAR FARM.

Responses must be received by the Applicant by no later than 11:59pm on 15 February 2026. The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses when developing the proposals for the Project once the consultation has closed. Responses will be reported in a Consultation Report which will form part of the Proposed Application. This will be taken into consideration by the Planning Inspectorate when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be noted that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

Personal data supplied to the Applicant in response to this consultation will be treated confidentially and processed and handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK GDPR. The information may be disclosed to or shared with the Applicant's connected companies, agents, contractors and advisors who provide services to the Applicant in connection with the preparation of an application for development consent under the 2008 Act. This will allow the Applicant to fully consider

the responses and use them in the preparation of application materials. Upon submission of the Proposed Application, the SoS may require the Applicant to supply copies of all consultation responses received. If a request is made, the Applicant is under a legal obligation to supply such copies. By submitting a consultation response to the Applicant, you understand that we may supply a copy of your response to the SoS via the Planning Inspectorate if required.

How to contact us

If you have any questions about this notice, the consultation, or the Project, please contact the Applicant by using one of the contact methods provided below:

Email: enquiries@futureenergyllanwern.co.uk

Telephone: 0800 783 5601

Postal address: FREEPOST FEL SOLAR FARM (no stamp needed)

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