

Mynydd Llest y Graig

Project Update: Issue 2

Exploring the potential



An event at Pen y Cymoedd.

Vattenfall is continuing to explore the potential for a wind farm proposal in Powys, Mid Wales (approximately 20km west of Welshpool and 5km south west of Llanerfyl), known as Mynydd Llest y Graig.

Following our early engagement with local communities last summer, we have been analysing responses, liaising with stakeholders and continuing to undertake surveys to fully understand the site.

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Thinking About Energy

You can receive a pack by contacting our Freephone community line, or contacting us online.

Our discussions to date with you...



A workshop in South Wales.



In June 2014, we held five local sessions to introduce our proposals, provide information on the planning process for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects and give the local community an early chance to discuss local issues and opportunities to be considered as the project develops.

Over 100 people attended the events and provided a range of feedback on a number of important issues.

The local community's feedback, along with further research, will be used to help inform the proposals for the wind farm as they are developed.

We are also exploring the possibility of developing a 3D model (when we have a draft layout) so that local residents can clearly understand the potential visual impact of the project from local viewpoints.

A copy of the Early Engagement Feedback Report is available to download from the project website (www.vattenfall.co.uk/MynyddLluestyGraig) or you can pick up a hard copy at one of the surgeries.

Next steps

Vattenfall is in the process of preparing project fact sheets to answer the questions raised by the community. These will be distributed in the coming weeks to participants. If you are interested in receiving copies of these fact sheets, you can contact us by post, online or by phone. Or you can visit one of our monthly surgeries (see back page to find out when and where we will be).

Project update, what's happening now?

Until the outcome of the Mid Wales Conjoined Inquiry it would seem premature to issue a draft wind farm layout. A key element to the design process of any wind farm is a clear understanding of cumulative impact. Until we know how many projects will be consented in the area, there is little point speculating on turbine numbers.

Working with local contractor Dulas, our project team are reviewing the results of our initial survey work. Over a full year of surveys have been completed, all of which is incredibly important to Vattenfall ahead of considering a wind farm layout. The range of surveys include winter, breeding, summer and autumn bird survey; phase 1 habitat

and botanical surveys; bats; great crested newts; hydrology; cultural heritage; forestry and noise.

This information will help the team understand further the characteristics of the site and share the knowledge with stakeholders involved in the planning process.

In the absence of a draft wind farm design to further stimulate discussions we are spending time making sure that our environmental team is working closely with statutory bodies to share our knowledge and data of the wind farm site. This two-way open dialogue helps to identify possible areas of environmental sensitivity.

Thinking About Energy

During our work on this and other projects, we get asked many questions about energy. Not just about specific projects, or about just wind energy.

It is a big year for our energy future, with important climate change talks taking place to try and agree how the world will deal with this challenge. Energy, both its production and our use of it as a society, continues to be an important topic for us all.

With this in mind, we've prepared a series of packs about energy which are now available. You can receive a pack by contacting our Freephone community line, or contacting us online.

Why are new sites being developed?

What are the different energy technologies?

What are our energy needs?

What does the future look like?

Vattenfall in 2014

2014 saw some exciting developments across our portfolio of projects. Here's a snapshot of the year!

Our fleet of wind farms in the UK, both on and offshore, produced enough power for 440,000 UK homes in 2014 (based on actual production in 2014).



Construction started on Pen y Cymoedd Wind Energy Project in South Wales, as well as an extension to Kentish Flats Wind Farm in Kent.



Over £100million pounds worth of contracts were awarded to Welsh companies.



All 18 turbines at Clashindarroch Wind Farm, in Aberdeenshire, were installed.



Planning consent was granted for East Anglia 1 – a major offshore joint venture project with Scottish Power Renewables.



Blade, a new mountain bike trail, was officially opened. The trail was developed as part of the Pen y Cymoedd project.



Four apprentices from South Wales started their practical training with Vattenfall at Thanet Wind Farm!

Swinford and Edinbane Wind Farms continued with some exciting community benefit funded projects – including solar installations on local buildings, a local apprenticeship project, funded local training courses in construction and healthcare, as well as community transport schemes and part funding for a local first responders vehicle.

Do you have questions? Visit a local surgery session

Although we are not at a stage to share a wind farm design for Mynydd Llest y Graig, we want to make sure that the local community can stay in touch with the project team and ask any questions they may have.

We will therefore be holding surgeries in March, April and May where you can come and talk to us:



An event at Pen y Cymoedd.

When and where

Thursday, 19 March 2015, 5pm – 7pm
Llanfair Caereinion Public Institute,
Llanfair Caereinion Powys, SY21 0RY

Tuesday, 21 April 2015, 5pm – 7pm
Llanbrynmair Community Centre,
Llanbrynmair, SY19 7DH

Tuesday, 19 May 2015, 5pm – 7pm
Llanerfyl Hall, Llanerfyl, SY21 0EQ

Please feel free to drop in and have a chat.

Next stages of consultation

We hope to be in a position to consult on an initial draft turbine layout in Summer/Autumn this year, dependent on the timing of the Mid Wales Conjoined Inquiry decision. A project newsletter will be circulated in advance and advertisements placed in the local press to provide details of the consultation events.

Following review of the comments received from this consultation, further liaison with stakeholders and analysis of studies/surveys, we will undertake statutory consultation on our preferred proposals later this year/early 2016.

Contact us

If you have any queries about the surgeries or any other aspect of the emerging proposals, you can contact us using the information below:

T 0800 169 6507 (Freephone – during office hours) **E** info@MLyG.co.uk **TW** @VattenfallUK

Write to FREEPOST CONSULTATION RESPONSE (no further address or stamp required)

Interested in supply chain opportunities? You can register your interest at one of the surgeries or on the project website: www.vattenfall.co.uk/MynyddLlestyGraig

