

Welcome to our public consultation on East Aberthaw Solar, a new proposed solar farm together with associated equipment, **infrastructure and ancillary works on land at Fonmon, Vale of Glamorgan.**

The proposed project site is located within the Vale of Glamorgan, and is situated north of Rhoose, between Aberthaw Power Station and Cardiff Airport. **The site extends to approximately 40 hectares (ha) / 98 acres in size.**

Planning context

Given the nature of this application, and the fact that it will generate more than 10MW of electricity, this project is deemed a **Development of National Significance (DNS) and we must apply** to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW), **which will make a recommendation** to Welsh Ministers on whether or not to grant planning permission.

Ultimately, Welsh Ministers will decide whether or not to approve the application, however many other **parties will have the opportunity to influence the proposals**, including the host local authority, Vale of Glamorgan Council, as well as local communities and interested parties.

The scheme is proposed to have an export capacity of up to 35MW – this is equivalent per year to:



11,630
Homes powered



7,161
Tonnes of CO₂
removed



3,818
Cars off the road



Consultation approach and timeline

We are committed to understanding the views of the local communities around the proposed site, and to incorporating these views into the development of the project.

We have already undertaken an initial phase of informal consultation on the initial proposals, and we are grateful for all the feedback we received. We are currently undertaking a formal phase of consultation on the 'Preferred Design', which has been created using feedback provided during the first, informal phase of consultation.

Further information about what has changed since we last consulted can be found on board 3.

We would be grateful for further local views on the refined design, as well as any additional comments you may have on where you think we might be able to bring some broader benefit to the community.

Following a period of analysis and any final refinement, the application will be prepared and submitted to PEDW.