

East Aberthaw Solar Construction, operation and decommissioning



Construction

A Construction Traffic Method Statement has been developed as part of the planning application. This provides details of proposed access arrangements, the anticipated programme, construction vehicle numbers and type, construction worker numbers, and the proposed construction hours.

A Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) will also be prepared prior to development works commencing on site.

These documents **are** subject to consultation and agreement with relevant consultees and the local authority.

Ongoing operation

Given the nature of the proposed scheme, there will not be a significant amount of traffic required during the operational lifetime of the project. Solar farms generally require little maintenance (when compared to other energy generating facilities) and so traffic to the site will consist of a single vehicle, 3-4 times per week on average.

Decommissioning

The project lifetime is 40 years, meaning that we would be looking at decommissioning the site in the 2060s. Whilst the exact details of the process will be agreed closer to the time, the decommissioning activity will likely mirror the construction process in duration and activity.

The site will continue to be designated as 'Agricultural Land' meaning that the inclusion of solar panels for the lifetime of the project will not change the classification of the land.

Agricultural practices (such as sheep grazing) can continue through the lifetime of the project.

