



The Planning Inspectorate Yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio

Reference: 3154384

Elgin Energy EsCo Ltd proposal for a 30 MW solar park and ancillary development.
Land at Wauntysswg Farm, Abertysswg, Rhymney, Tredegar NP22 5BQ

Wednesday 13 July 2016 at 15:00 – 16:00

Welsh Government Offices, CF10 3NQ

Attendees:

David Meehan – Elgin Energy EsCo Ltd.
Dafydd Williams – RPS Planning & Development

Ifan Gwilym – Planning & Environment Team (Planning Inspectorate)
Kym Scott – Planning & Environment Team
Rob Sparey – Planning & Environment Manager

Lewis Thomas – Welsh Government, Planning Directorate

Inception Meeting Note

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) met with the above representatives regarding a 30 MW solar park and associated development. A brief overview of the proposed development and associated operation buildings was provided. It was confirmed the site does not contain any best and most versatile agricultural, and does not contain any common land.

The main discussions focused on the procedure. There was particular focus on consultation, with the community and statutory consultees. A brief overview of scheme amendments during the DNS process and secondary consents was given, and the differing procedure the application could follow (written representation, hearing, and inquiry).

There was also discussion around EIA and HRA considerations, cost estimates and pre-application services from the Inspectorate. The developers confirmed that they would seek a negative Screening Direction from the Inspectorate. The developers confirmed that they are at an early stage and have not started any engagement, but that they are meeting with the Local Planning Authority for an initial discussion soon.