

GREEN GEN CYMRU



Green GEN Towy Usk Public consultation

The last day for submitting feedback is Friday 28 April 2023

Acting now to help deliver clean, green energy to our homes and businesses in Wales

As a nation we're in a climate emergency, and a cost-of-living crisis. Our supply of energy is threatened by world events. Yet there is endless potential for renewable energy in Wales – particularly from the wind that blows across our hills and mountains.

The Welsh Government, the Senedd and energy generators have been looking for ways to unlock this potential for a number of years but have been frustrated by a lack of robust electricity grid capable of distributing large volumes of power.

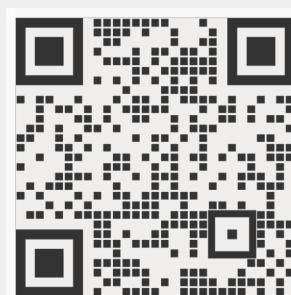
Green GEN Cymru (Green Generation Energy Networks Cymru) is taking action now, to help deliver clean green energy to our homes and businesses by developing the energy network in Wales. This will help tackle both the energy crisis and the climate crisis and make sure that local communities will be able to live modern electric lives with less reliance on fossil fuels.

Part of the Bute Energy Group, Green GEN Cymru is based in Wales and has a uniquely Welsh approach. Our network will be planned in Wales, for Wales, and we will deliver it without using any public money.

Green GEN Towy Usk will link Bute Energy's Nant Mithil Energy Park, which will generate around 237MW (megawatts) of clean, green energy in the Radnor Forest area, to the national grid. In the future, other renewable energy projects will also be able to connect, reducing the amount of additional infrastructure needed.

The Green GEN Towy Usk proposal is for a new 132kV (132,000-volt) double-circuit overhead line, initially connecting the Nant Mithil Energy Park to a proposed new substation near the existing National Grid 400kV (400,000-volt) transmission line between Carmarthen and Pont Abraham.

We now want to hear your views to help us develop our proposals. Please let us know by completing this feedback form, or scan the QR code to visit our website www.greengentowyusk.com, where you can also find more information about the project and give your feedback online.



Climate change and our energy supplies

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

(This section is optional)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Renewable energy has an important role in the fight against climate change					
More renewable energy generation in Wales would make us less reliant on imported energy and help to guarantee secure energy supplies for Wales in future					
Renewable energy developments in Wales are being held back by a lack of grid infrastructure to connect them to power networks?					
I support renewable energy projects in my local area					

Green GEN Towy Usk: our preferred route

Working with our environmental consultants, we identified corridors of land through which an overhead line route could be installed, looked at how each might affect local communities, the landscape and views, biodiversity, forestry and cultural heritage, flood risk and other land uses.

We then selected a preferred corridor for Green GEN Towy Usk and identified potential route options within it. Following further research, we have selected a preferred route in that corridor to take forward for public consultation.

Our preferred route avoids and seeks to reduce potential impacts on the Brecon Beacons National Park and other sensitive landscapes and requires the least amount of new infrastructure.

We believe this route achieves the best balance between our technical requirements and minimising the impact on the environment and the people, who live, work and enjoy spending their time in the area.

We know that new infrastructure can be disruptive to communities. We are committed to doing everything we can to cause the least disturbance to the environment and those who live, work and enjoy recreation close to our proposals.

1. Do you have any comments on the process we followed in selecting our preferred route?

2. Do you have any comments on our preferred route for the overhead line, or the alternatives we considered? We have divided the preferred route into five sections for ease of reference.

Please indicate which section your response relates to (tick all that apply):

Section 1:
Nant Mithil Energy Park to Builth Wells

Section 4:
Llandovery to Llandeilo

Section 2:
Builth Wells to Llangammarch Wells

Section 5:
Llandeilo to Llandyfaelog

Section 3:
Llangammarch Wells to Llandovery

Entire route

Green GEN Towy Usk: our preferred route

3. We will carry out further assessments to help us decide where we could locate the pylons within the preferred route. Are there any particular features, considerations or mitigations you would like us to consider as we develop our proposals?

Please indicate which section your response relates to (tick all that apply):

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Community Benefit Fund

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Bute Energy is setting up a Community Benefit Fund that will invest millions of pounds every year in local communities. The funding will come from the Bute Energy Parks that connect to Green GEN Towy Usk.

In this unique approach, every year Bute Energy will pay £7,500 per MW of installed capacity into the fund, which will be shared between the communities closest to the Energy Parks and those along the grid routes.

The Bute Energy Community Benefit team will be talking with local people and organisations about the projects, groups and services they are engaged with and how we can help. Let us know who's doing great work where you live so that we can speak with them. We want to be good neighbours as a part of a thriving community.

4. What would you like to see the Community Benefit Fund used for in your area?

About this consultation

5. How did you hear about the consultation?

- Leaflet media social media other

Was the information useful and what further information would have been helpful?

6. Did you attend a consultation event?

- Yes No

If yes, which one?

- Royal Welsh Showground Llandovery Llandeilo
 Penybont Llandyfaelog Online webinar

7. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

About You

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Title (Mr. Ms. Mrs. etc.):

First name*: Surname*:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email (if you would like to receive updates when there is project news):

Age range: 18 and under 19-34 35-50 51-65 over 65

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation? Yes No

If yes, which one

Please tick here if you would like us to keep you updated about our proposals via email

Equality and diversity

Green GEN Cymru would be grateful if you could answer the following equality and diversity questions. We will use the information we receive to help understand whether our consultation has been useful to people of different backgrounds and requirements.

We may publish a summary of the results, but no information about an individual would be revealed.

If you agree to provide equality and diversity information, you can withdraw your permission at any time. To withdraw your details, please contact us via email at info@greengentowyusk.com. If you wish to receive paper copies of these documents or need them in another format, please get in touch via the details on the bottom of this page (please note print charges may apply).

8. What is your gender?

Male Female Non-binary Prefer not to say

9. Do you consider yourself a person with a disability?

Yes No Prefer not to say

10. How would you describe your ethnic background?

African, Caribbean or Black Arab Asian Gypsy or Irish Traveller

White Mixed or multiple ethnic groups Prefer not to say

Any other ethnic group (please state)

11. What is your age?

Under 13 13 – 20 21 – 50 51 – 75 76+ Prefer not to say


Thank you

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Your views are important to us as we develop our proposals. If you have any questions, please contact us:

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 Email: info@greengentowyusk.com

 Post: You can write to us free of charge at **FREEPOST GREEN GEN TOWY USK**
(no stamp for further address is needed)

 Phone: You can call us free of charge on **0800 3777 339**

GDPR statement

Green GEN Cymru (a subsidiary of Bute Energy) is committed to protecting your personal information. Whenever you provide such information, we are legally obliged to use it in line with all applicable laws concerning the protection of personal data, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

How will Green GEN Cymru use information we collect about you?

We will use your personal data collected via this consultation for a number of purposes, including:

- To analyse your feedback to the consultation
- To produce a Pre-Application Consultation Report, based on our analysis of responses (individuals will not be identified in the Report)
- To write to you with updates about the results of the consultation and other developments if you have opted in to receive these updates
- To keep up to date records of our communications with individuals and organisations.

Any personal information you include in this form will be handled and used by (or made available to) the following recipients to record, analyse and report on the feedback we receive:

- Green GEN Cymru
- Bute Energy (development services provider to Green GEN Cymru)
- PEDW (which will consider our application for consent to build Green GEN Towy Usk – any details published as part of this process will be anonymised)
- The Welsh Ministers
- Our legal advisers
- Consultants working on the Green GEN Towy Usk project.