

GREEN GEN TOWY USK



Connecting renewable energy to homes and businesses in Wales

FEEDBACK FORM

Have your say on our revised plans

Consultation open:
13 March to 8 May 2024.

There's endless potential for renewable energy in Wales – particularly from the wind that blows across our hills and mountains. But we need to get the green energy generated to the many homes, hospitals, schools, businesses, and communities that need it in the rest of Wales and beyond.

Much of the existing electricity network infrastructure in Wales was built many years ago to transport energy from old fossil-fuel power stations in the north and south. The existing network in Mid Wales does not have nearly enough capacity to connect all the new renewable energy we need for our homes and businesses, locally and nationally. To end the use of fossil fuels we need new infrastructure, and quickly.

We want to build a positive, clean future for us all. Green Generation Energy Networks Cymru (Green GEN Cymru) is acting now to build and operate a green energy network for Wales, that will make sure renewable energy can flow to our homes, hospitals, schools, businesses, and communities.

In order to do this, we are proposing a new 132kV (132,000-volt) connection, approximately 97 kilometres in length between a substation in Bute Energy's Nant Mithil Energy Park and a new substation, to be developed by National Grid Electricity Transmission, on the existing 400kV (400,000-volt) transmission line near Llandyfaelog, in Carmarthenshire.

Our original proposals – spring 2023

During spring 2023, we consulted local people on our preferred route for Green GEN Towy Usk.

Our original proposal for the connection was for a double-circuit overhead line, carried on steel pylons throughout the route.

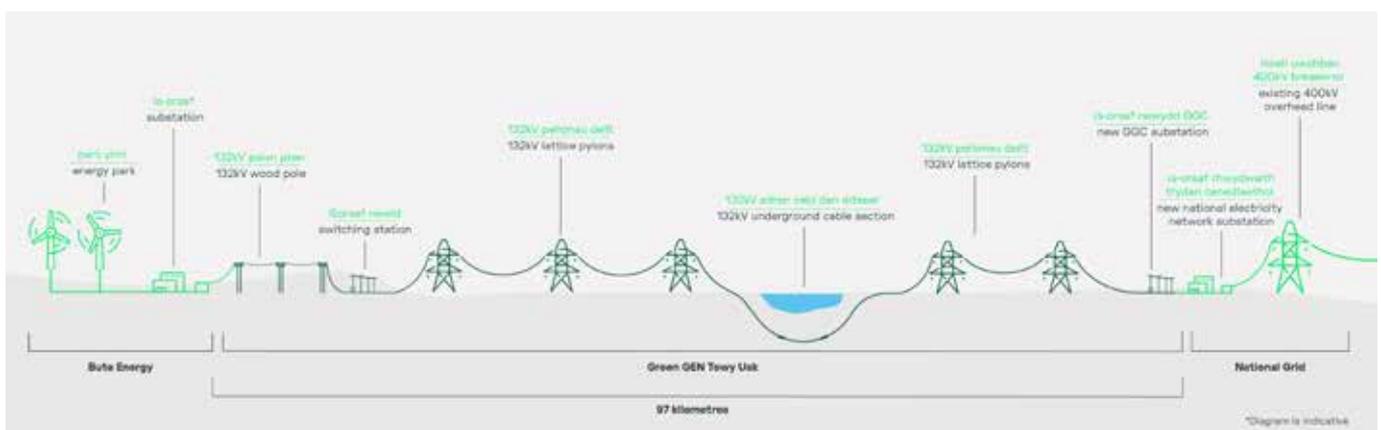
Our revised proposals – spring 2024

We carefully considered all feedback received in our first round of consultation, alongside further environmental and technical assessments. We have now revised our plans and have identified a **draft route alignment** which shows where the infrastructure might go.

We have made a number of changes to our proposals to include:

- a single-circuit overhead line supported on wood poles between Nant Mithil Energy Park and a new switching station at the foot of Aberedw Hill;
- a section of underground cable where the route crosses the River Towy near Llanarthney, and;
- some alterations to the route in other places.

There is more detailed information, including maps showing our revised proposals, in our **Stage 2 consultation brochure** on our website at www.greengentowyusk.com.



What are we consulting on in this second round of consultation - spring 2024

We are asking for your feedback on:

- Any factors you think we should consider when developing our proposals for the **draft route alignment**, including the proposed locations of pylons, wood poles, underground cables and switching station.
- Your views on whether we should select Option A or Option B for the draft route alignment in the Crychan Forest area (see section 3 map).
- Any factors you feel have not been considered in our work to date that will help us identify any potential issues and finalise our detailed plans before we prepare our consent applications.
- We'd also like to know if you have ideas on areas in your community that could benefit from investment through Bute Energy's community investment fund.

Your detailed feedback is important

Feedback from specialist organisations and communities is a key part of how we will refine our proposals. Your local knowledge can help us understand any potential effects and benefits that we may not have considered in our work to date, and to inform our work going forward.



We are keen to understand local views on our revised plans.

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.



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Please note, this feedback form is intended as a guide, you can use the form to provide feedback answering any or all questions. If you prefer to submit feedback by another method, you can do so in writing or by email.

Please submit your feedback to us on the draft route alignment in this round of consultation between Wednesday 13 March and Wednesday 8 May 2024.

Closing date is 11.59pm on Wednesday 8 May.



About you

Title:	Name:				
Age group:	<input type="checkbox"/> 18 and under	<input type="checkbox"/> 19 - 34	<input type="checkbox"/> 35 - 50	<input type="checkbox"/> 51 - 65	<input type="checkbox"/> Over 65
Address:					
Postcode:	Email:				
Would you like to receive email updates about the project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
Are you responding on behalf of an organisation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
If yes, which organisation:					
Do you own or occupy land within the area we have identified for the draft route alignment? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
If yes, have you been contacted by our lands team? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					

How we will use your feedback

We will use your feedback to review the decisions we've made to date and to inform our work going forwards.

New electricity transmission lines of 132kV are classed as a Development of National Significance (DNS) in Wales. This means developers must apply for planning consent to and final decisions are made by the Welsh Ministers.

Feedback from our public consultation and from local authorities, community councils and national organisations will help us develop a final design for the project. We will also carry out further technical assessments and surveys to inform our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

Before we submit a consent application to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW), which is expected to be in 2025, there will be a statutory Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) period, where people will be able to review and comment on the detailed designs and the draft Environmental Statement.

Please provide feedback by 8 May



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ABOUT THE CONSULTATION:

Q5

How did you hear about the consultation? (tick as appropriate)

- Postal information Social media Local information point
 News or media coverage Notified by someone else

Other (please provide details)

Q6

Did you find the information we provided for the consultation useful and informative?

Q7

Do you have any comments about your experience of the consultation?

BUTE ENERGY'S COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND:

Bute Energy's community investment fund will be directly investing in the communities affected by these proposals and will help to create lasting impact locally ensuring that the benefits of our renewable energy projects are felt by communities across Wales.

Bute Energy have prepared social mapping for the area, talked with local stakeholders and reviewed feedback from our previous consultation to help them better understand how communities in the area can be supported.

Through feedback from the first round of consultation in spring 2023, engagement with local people and extensive social research, the top 5 place-based challenges identified along the Towy Usk route are:

- 1. Community Life and Resilience
- 2. Agriculture
- 3. Access to transport and transport infrastructure
- 4. Support local businesses, micro enterprises, and organisations
- 5. Loneliness and isolation.

The social mapping work has identified similar themes as important in this area where we can provide support:

Q8 Do you feel that these themes accurately reflect the needs of the community, or are there any other themes you feel should be considered?

Please contact us to let us know the names of organisations providing support to your community.

Q9 Where would you like to see the community benefit fund invested in your area?

CLIMATE CHANGE AND OUR ENERGY SUPPLIES

Q10

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement
(Please note this section is optional)

Renewable energy has an important role in the fight against climate change.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Renewable energy developments in Wales are being held back by a lack of grid infrastructure to connect them to power networks.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Privacy notice

Green GEN Cymru (a company within the Bute Energy Group) 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 our legitimate business 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 (a company within the Bute Energy Group)
- Bute Energy (development services provider to Green GEN Cymru)
- PEDW (which will consider our application for consent to build the Green GEN Towy Usk project – 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.

What rights do I have over my personal data?

GDPR, you have certain rights over how your personal data is retained and used by Green GEN Cymru.

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