

**Meeting regarding Llandyfaelog Substation project  
12<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – 4.00pm**

**Present:** Representatives of National Grid, Cllr Tyssul Evans, Cllr Meinir James, Cllr Nicola Jones and Arfon Davies, Clerk.

**Apologies:** None.

National Grid representatives thanked everyone for their attendance and noted the purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on the project.

Confirmation was received that following design works, the project would be looking to carry out the design and implementation of the substation platform as 3 units together. This would include the drainage and biodiversity work. All earth works was intended to be completed in one stage. The NGET electrical equipment will be consented and built separately by NGET. The GGC and NGED substation equipment would be installed by themselves following their own consenting process.

The site boundary was unchanged, it was confirmed that the loss of hedgerows would be minimised as far as possible.

The Planning Application to be submitted would include all elements and an EIA Screening report would need to be re-submitted to Carmarthenshire County Council.

Concerns raised with the National Grid included:

- Provision of information on drainage plans;
- Loss of productive agricultural land;
- Whether other sites considered, including industrial sites rather than rural areas.

Queries raised with the National Grid included:

- Whether lines could be undergrounded, such as in the areas closest to the sub-station. This was felt to be an issue for the other projects rather than the sub-station project.
- Could additional projects be brought to the area, increasing the scale of the impact and infrastructure installed. There was no information available on future projects.
- Whether battery storage formed part of the project. This was confirmed as not the case for the National Grid.
- Whether an example of a site of comparable size could be provided to the Community in order to understand the scale of the project.
- Could a software model be used to create a map showing the projects in order to understand the possible impact and infrastructure better.
- How the new tree planting for screening would be carried out, taking account of the loss of mature trees and replanting with younger / smaller specimens. This was noted as something to be consulted on with the County Council.

- Protection of views – this was something to be discussed with the County Council Landscape Officer, however views of local concern could be taken into account.
- Provision of improved visibility splay for access to the site. It was noted that there was an intention to create an additional access from the A484 to the site. This was something to be discussed with the County Council as part of a traffic management plan and would be consulted on.