



Mynydd y Glyn wind farm

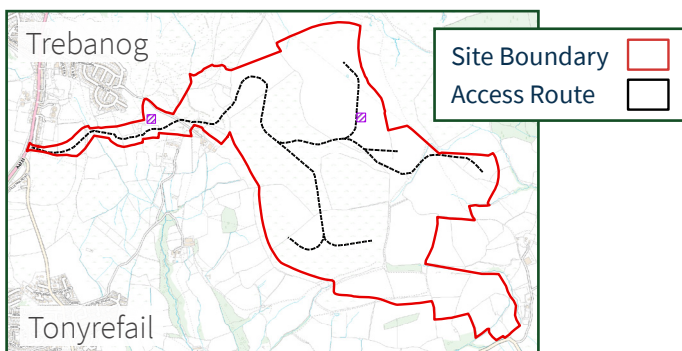
Statutory Consultation:
25 October to 9 December 2022

Following the results of extensive environmental studies and a review of the feedback from the early engagement in Autumn 2021, Pennant Walters has produced detailed proposals for Mynydd y Glyn wind farm, 3km west of Pontypridd in Rhondda Cynon Taf (see location map).

These detailed proposals form the basis of the statutory consultation taking place from 25 October to 9 December 2022. This consultation gives you the opportunity to examine the plans and provide your comments/responses for the project team to consider before finalising the Development of National Significance (DNS) application.

The application will then be submitted to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) for consideration before being determined by Welsh Ministers.

This newsletter provides a high-level overview of the proposals. More information – including photomontages showing what the wind farm would look like from a variety of viewpoints - can be found in the full draft planning application, which is available to view on the project website: www.mynydd-y-glyn.co.uk



Above: Site Location Plan

Have your say

To find out more, discuss the proposals with members of the project team and view the photomontages, **come along to one of our public exhibitions:**

Public exhibitions

<p>Tuesday 8 November 3 - 7pm</p>	<p>The Factory Jenkin Street Porth CF39 9PP</p>
<p>Wednesday 9 November 3 - 7pm</p>	<p>St John's Church Graig Street, Graig Pontypridd CF37 1NF</p>
<p>Saturday 12 November 10am - 2pm</p>	<p>Tonyrefail Community Centre Prichard Street Tonyrefail CF39 8PA</p>

If you are unable to attend, a virtual exhibition is available to view on the project website.

Although the wind farm application will ultimately be determined by Welsh Ministers, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and the local communities are key consultees, and we are keen to hear your views on the current proposals.

Please submit your comments by 9 December 2022.

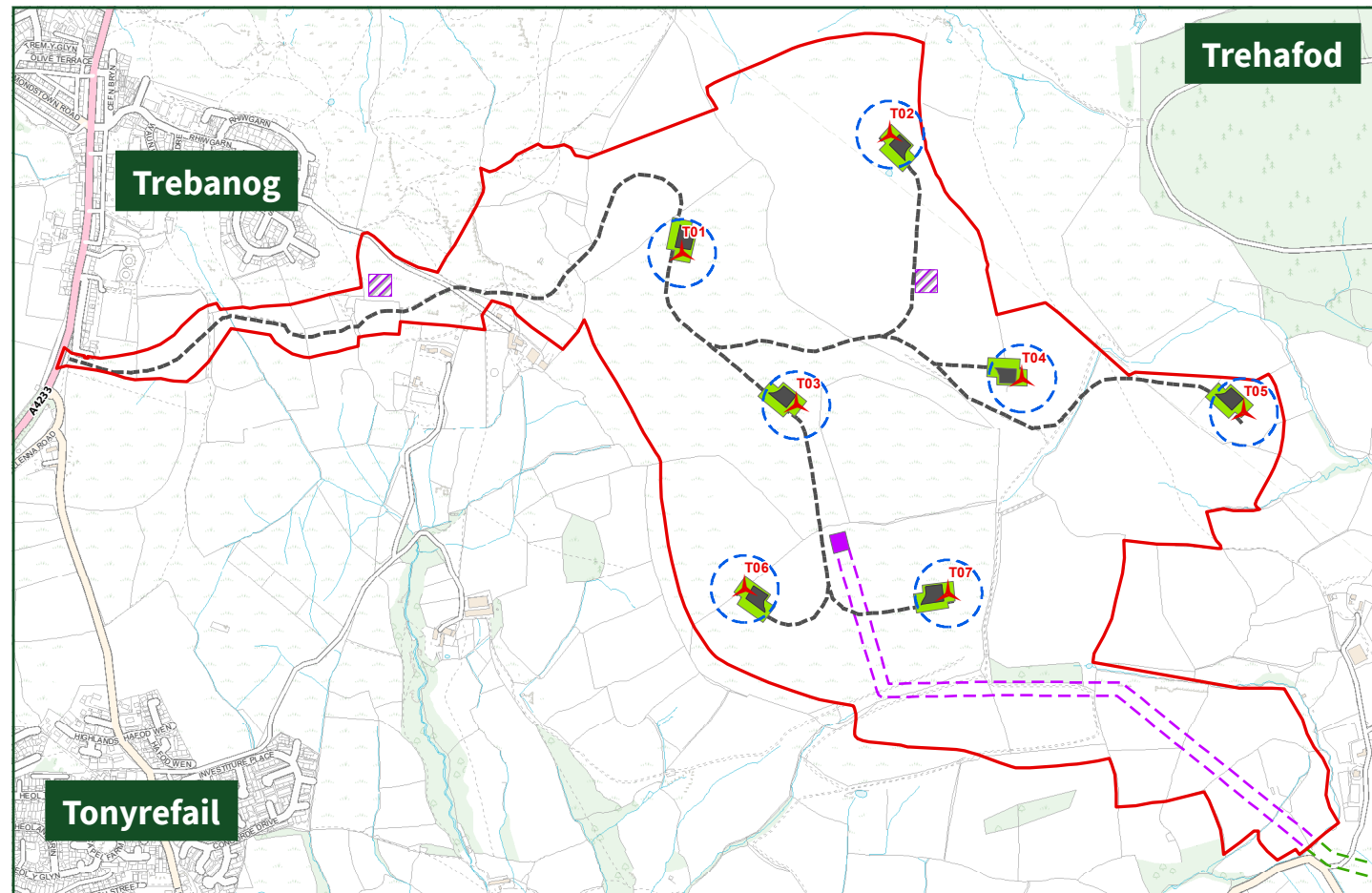
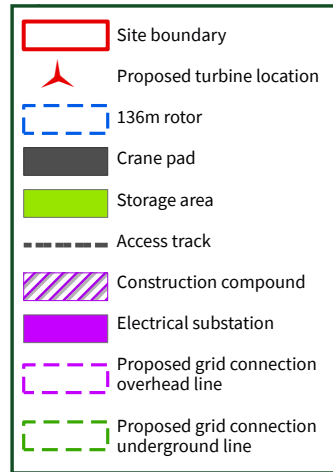


Photomontage of proposed wind farm

The site

As currently defined, the site extends to approximately 208 hectares, consisting of upland habitat, mostly improved and semi-improved grassland that has been used for agricultural grazing. The proposed wind farm would be located on the summit and upper slopes of Mynydd y Glyn to the south of Rhondda River.

The site lies within Mynydd y Glyn and Nant Muchudd Basin Special Landscape Area (SLA), partially within Rhondda Historic Landscape Area and approximately 15km from the Brecon Beacons National Park. Parts of the site are also located within a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC).



Above: Proposed wind farm Layout

The proposals

Mynydd y Glyn wind farm proposals consist of up to seven wind turbines with a blade height up to 155m and associated infrastructure including internal wind farm tracks, crane pads, temporary construction compound, laydown and storage areas and grid connection infrastructure, including an on-site substation.

The design iteration work has been influenced by an extensive suite of assessment and survey work together with modelling of potential views from local sensitive receptors to minimise potential effects. As a result of this assessment work, the wind turbine heights have been reduced from those initially proposed (up to 180m).

The project team is confident the site can accommodate seven wind turbines, which could generate up to 30MW of electricity. The wind farm has been designed with an operational life of 30 years, exporting renewable energy to the National Grid.

It is anticipated that a separate application will be needed from the Local Authority for the temporary removal of highway furniture to allow for the transportation of turbines to site.

Pennant Walters has an accepted grid offer from Western Power Distribution (WPD) for a 33kV connection at Upper Boat. The connection would comprise of approximately 1.5km of new line on wooden poles and a further 7.5km underground via ducting in the highway network. Whilst the overhead line will be assessed and consented as part of the DNS application, the underground section will be delivered by WPD.

Key considerations

Site opportunities and constraints: There are a number of considerations that have been taken into account whilst developing the proposed layout for Mynydd y Glyn wind farm.

These include forestry, landscape features, biodiversity sites, Public Rights of Way, haul roads and Open Access Land. All of which have helped inform the draft layout that forms part of this consultation.

Environmental impact assessment: To help inform the number and location of the wind turbines, access tracks and substation, we have carried out studies on a range of environmental and technical issues including landscape and visual impact, biodiversity, ground conditions, noise and socioeconomics.

Details of environmental studies and how they have influenced the proposed wind farm layout can be found on the project website: www.mynydd-y-glyn.co.uk

Community benefits fund: For Mynydd y Glyn wind farm, we are considering several different ways to administer the fund allocated annually to local, qualifying projects. We continue to welcome suggestions on this as we develop plans for the fund, which will be available when the wind farm is operational.



About Pennant Walters

The proposals are being developed by Pennant Walters, a subsidiary of the Walters Group; a local company based at Hirwaun and operating nationally.

Pennant Walters has developed, built and now operates six wind farms and solar development in South Wales (on land very typical of the south Wales coalfield with both surface and underground mine features), generating a total of 127MW, making the company Wales' largest home-grown renewable energy company.

Contact us

Please let us have your comments on the proposals for Mynydd y Glyn wind farm by **9 December 2022**:

- Complete the feedback form at the public exhibition or online: www.mynydd-y-glyn.co.uk
- Call: **01443 548032**
- Email: consultation@mynydd-y-glyn.co.uk
- Write to: **Freepost GRASSHOPPER CONSULT** (no stamp or further address required)

*These contact details will put you in touch with Grasshopper Communications, who are managing the consultation.

A response to issues raised during the statutory consultation will be provided in the Pre-Application Consultation Report, which will be submitted as part of the DNS application.



Subject to planning consent being granted, the construction of Mynydd y Glyn wind farm would take around two years, so it would be operational and generating electricity by spring/summer 2027.

Indicative timeline	
Autumn/ winter 2022	Statutory consultation on detailed layout of proposed wind farm
Winter 2022	Review feedback from the consultation and finalise the proposals/DNS application
Spring 2023	DNS application submitted to PEDW
Autumn/ winter 2023	Examination of application by PEDW and recommendation submitted to Welsh Government
Spring/ summer 2024	Welsh Ministers determine application