



## DELEGATED DECISION

### Powys County Council Constitution Schedule 13 Responsibility for Functions

**Application Number:** 24/1872/PRL

**Grid Ref:** E:  
N:

**Community Council:**

**Valid Date:** 20.12.2024

**Case Officer:** Lorraine Jenkin

**Applicant:** Todd Brumwell

**Location:** Future Energy Solar Project, Land To The South Of Llanwern Steelworks (approx. 2.5km) Comprising The Gwent Levels Between Whitson, , ,

**Proposal:** EIA Scoping Notification EN01071 refers

**Application Type:** Preliminary enquiry

Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) consulted Powys County Council local planning authority (the LPA) requesting the LPA's advice on the scope of the proposed EIA and the proposed methodologies outlined in the Scoping Report, in respect of the above proposed development.

Proposed Development: The construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) scheme within the Gwent Levels with a generating capacity of greater than 350megawatts (MW).

The LPA have considered the Scoping Request and offer the following comments.

- *Planning Constraints*

Whilst the site is some 45 miles from the most southern point of the county of Powys (Ystradgynlais), the interactive Constraints Map available at the following web link: [Cyngor Sir Powys County Council – Local Plan: Powys LPA Constraints Map \(opus4.co.uk\)](https://opus4.co.uk) may be useful in identifying any key policy and designated site constraints.

Please note that this data should NOT be relied on for legal purposes and may not be fully up to date with changes made to the constraints data in the County. The Council can accept no responsibility for any error or inaccuracy which may arise.

- *Local Planning Policy*

The adopted Powys Local Development Plan and associated suite of Supplementary Planning Guidance can be found at the following weblink:

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/4898/Adopted-LDP-2011---2026>.

Heneb have referred to inclusion of the Historic Environment SPG and other relevant policy/guidance within the EIA and the other SPG's (e.g. Renewable Energy, Landscape, Biodiversity and Geodiversity) will be relevant the project. The link for those documents is [LDP Supplementary Planning Guidance \(SPG\) and Supporting Policy - Powys County Council](#) .

*Comments on Proposed EIA Scope per chapter from Powys County Council.*

Questions for Chapter 5 – Landscape and Visual

The LPA concurs with your proposed study areas and your approach, particularly in relation to the cumulative effect area. However, it raises concerns about Powys County Council involvement due to the distance, lack of inter-connectivity in terms of visual awareness and the lack of impact upon Powys as a county, although it is appreciated that the Wye Valley is within your Study Area (and also in Powys) – although it is not expected that the proposal will impact the Wye Valley section that is within Powys.

Chapter 6 – Solar Glint and Glare Assessment

The LPA accepts your methodology and parameters, accepting that Powys is unlikely to be impacted by this element.

Questions for Chapter 7 – Cultural Heritage and Archaeology

Powys County Council's Built Heritage Officer had no comment to make on this chapter.

The LPA concur with your methods and scope, but it is not considered that the county of Powys will be impacted in this way by the proposal.

Chapter 8 – Ecology

The LPA concurs with the methodology and your approach.

### Chapter 9 – Ornithology

The LPA concurs with the methodology and your approach.

### Chapter 10 – Water Environment and Flood Risk

The LPA concurs with the methodology and your approach, and agree to the scope of the CEMP.

The PCC Land Drainage Officer states:

*The SAB and Land Drainage Section do not wish to make comment on the application at this time as we do not believe that the works will have any impact on assets owned, maintained or policed by Powys County Council. Should you believe this is not the case then we would ask that you make us aware so that further comment can be provided.*

### Chapter 11 – Ground Conditions

The LPA concurs with the methodology and your approach

### Chapter 12 – Traffic and Transport

No response has been received by PCC Highways, however it is not considered that there would be any concerns with the methodology used, due to the distance between Powys and the site.

### Chapter 13 – Noise and Vibration

It is not considered that there would be any comments with the methodology used, due to the distance between Powys and the site.

### Chapter 14 – Climate Change Resilience

The LPA concurs with the methodology used.

Chapter 15 – Greenhouse Gas Assessment

The LPA concurs with the methodology used.

Chapter 16 – Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation

The LPA concurs with the methodology used.

Chapter 17 – Other Environmental Topics

The LPA concurs with the methodology used, but appreciates that the county of Powys is unlikely to be impacted by the development.

Chapter 18 – Cumulative Effects

The LPA has no comments to make as Powys County Council had no projects within the chart.

Chapter 19 – Summary

The LPA concurs with the elements to be scoped out of the EIA.

The LPA concurs with the Scope of Approach to other Environmental Topics.

Signed...Lorraine Jenkin  
Senior Planning Officer

Date: 3/5/25

Signed...Richard Edwards  
Authorising Officer

Date: 6/5/25