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# 1. Executive Summary

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1.1 This report details the consultation carried out as well as key issues raised by stakeholders during the early engagement and non-statutory consultation for Alleston Solar Farm and a response from Statkraft and its team of consultants.

1.2 The consultation to date has been carried out in accordance with the published Consultation Plan, which can be found in Appendix 1.

1.3 The early engagement took place between 31st October and the 8th November 2023, and the non-statutory consultation took place between the 9th November and 14th December 2023, with consultation events on the 29th and 30th November 2023.

1.4 Alleston Solar Farm received positive support in both early engagement and non-statutory consultation. The investment in the local area and the need for more green energy were recognised as key benefits. 57% of those who responded to the early engagement supported the development of a solar farm at the location. A range of useful feedback was provided to help refine the designed for the solar farm. This included information about areas at risk of flooding, details of how local residents use the Public Rights of Way (PRoW), and a range of feedback on the proposed transport route.

## 2. Introduction

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2.1 This report and accompanying appendices constitute the interim consultation report prepared by Grasshopper Communications to support a DNS application for Alleston Solar Farm on land in Pembroke.

### Site overview

2.2 The proposed Alleston Solar Farm will be on approximately 100ha (247 acres) of land between Lamphey and Pembroke, close to the Pembroke Dock-Carmarthen railway line.

2.3 The site has potential capacity of up to 49MW, which is equivalent to the needs of around 15,000 homes every year.

2.4 At the time of the early engagement, proposals included:

- Up to 49MW estimated capacity.
- A community benefit fund delivered across project lifetime.
- Local grid connection on site.
- Panels will be a maximum of 3m from the ground on a framework of aluminium or steel, connected to each other and the substation via underground cables.
- 40-year active lifetime (after which the solar farm will be decommissioned and the land can be returned to agricultural use).
- 6-9 months for construction.
- Net benefit for biodiversity.

### Overview of consultation process

2.5 Early engagement began on 31<sup>st</sup> October, when key stakeholders, including local councillors, the host Town Council and neighbouring Community Council, the local MP, local and regional MS's were informed of the project and upcoming consultation. The public consultation began on 9 November and ran until 14 December, with in person consultation events held on Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 November.

2.6 The public consultation was communicated using a direct mailing to local residents, adverts in local news publications and posters in local venues. The information made available at the in-person exhibition was also available on the project webpage ([www.alleston-solar.co.uk](http://www.alleston-solar.co.uk) [English]/ [www.alleston-solar.cymru](http://www.alleston-solar.cymru) [Welsh]). Consultees were encouraged to submit their feedback via email, feedback form (online and hard copies) or telephone.

## Legislative context

2.7 The following legislation/guidance has informed the Consultation Plan:

- **Planning (Wales) Act 2015**: for a Development of National Significance (DNS), which will be submitted to the Planning and Environment Decisions Wales for determination by Welsh Ministers.
- **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**
- **Wales Principles of Public Engagement**
- **Pembrokeshire County Council**: discussion with officers and local ward members on the draft Consultation Plan.

2.8 Statkraft is also committed to promoting Welsh language and culture, with all key consultation materials produced in English and Welsh.

# 3. Early Engagement

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## Key stakeholder meetings

### Invitations

3.1 Key stakeholders (see Appendix 2) were sent an email on 31 October 2023 to introduce the project and invite them to a virtual meeting. A presentation was given to Cllr Mel Phillips, the ward member for the project site, to introduce the project and discuss the draft Consultation Plan (Appendix 1) with members of the project team. Neighbouring county councillors Cllr Jon Harvey and Cllr Tessa Hodgson were also invited to the meeting but were unable to attend.

3.2 Following discussions with Cllr Phillips, an additional (third) exhibition was organised for Pembroke Town Hall. An update email was sent to key stakeholders on 15 November 2023 with the information about this additional event.

### Stakeholder meetings

The following stakeholder meetings were held:

#### Stakeholder meeting 1

**Date:** 16:00, 16 November 2023

**Venue:** Online (Microsoft Teams)

**Attendees:** Cllr Mel Phillips (Pembrokeshire County Council),

#### Key discussion points:

- Statkraft gave a short presentation about Statkraft and the project and asked for any feedback on the draft Consultation Plan and engagement methods.
- Cllr Phillips expressed concern that there was no event planned for Pembroke and suggested that an additional event should be held in Pembroke Town Hall, which was subsequently arranged.
- Cllr Philips requested details of the project transport route, highlighting the existing traffic and users on Lower Lamphey Road.



## 4. Non-statutory consultation

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4.1 The non-statutory consultation on the emerging proposals for Alleston Solar Farm took place between 9<sup>th</sup> November and 14 December 2023. This section provides a summary of the communications and engagement activity during non-statutory consultation.

4.2 A variety of consultation tools and communication channels were used to encourage participation in the consultation from stakeholders and the local community, which are set out below:

### Resident Invitation and Feedback Form

4.3 A bilingual resident invitation introducing the emerging proposals for Alleston Solar Farm was posted to 1,549 properties (1,527 residential and 22 business addresses) in the defined consultation zone (approximately 3.41 square miles of the site as shown in **Appendix 3**) and emailed to stakeholders (including elected representatives, schools, community and interest groups) in the consultation zone and wider area (listed in **Appendix 4**).

4.4 The resident invitation introduced Statkraft and provided an overview of the site and the proposals as well as feedback mechanisms, consultation events and contact details (see **Appendix 5**).

4.5 The resident invitation was sent by 1<sup>st</sup> class mail on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November to land on doorsteps and launch the project on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November. This gave almost three weeks' notice of the consultation events that took place on 29/30 November 2023.

4.6 The resident invitation included a feedback form with a freepost envelope. The same forms were also available to be completed by those attending the consultation events.

4.7 A copy of the feedback form is attached in **Appendix 7**.

### Website

4.8 A website was set up at the start of the project to provide information about the site, proposals, consultation events, local benefits, FAQs, feedback mechanisms, supplier registration, and contact details so local communities and stakeholders can find out more and comment on the emerging proposals: [www.alleston-solar.co.uk](http://www.alleston-solar.co.uk) [English]/ [www.alleston-solar.cymru](http://www.alleston-solar.cymru) [Welsh]. . A screenshot of the website is included in **Appendix 6**.

An online feedback form was produced to gather feedback during the non-statutory consultation. This was made available on project website at the start of the consultation at [www.alleston-solar.co.uk](http://www.alleston-solar.co.uk) [English]/ [www.alleston-solar.cymru](http://www.alleston-solar.cymru) [Welsh].

4.9 176 unique visitors logged into the website during the non-statutory consultation 167 to the English version and nine to the Welsh version.

## Press release

4.10 A press release was sent to local media to introduce the project and publicise the consultation on 9th November 2023 (see **Appendix 8**). The press release was sent to:

- The Tenby Observer
- The Pembroke and Pembroke Dock Observer

4.11 Coverage included:

Date	Paper	Headline and link
20/11/23	The Tenby Observer	<a href="#">Statkraft announces community consultation events for Alleston Solar Farm</a>

## Advertising

4.12 A number of tools were used to ensure the wider public, who didn't receive the newsletter, were informed about the emerging proposals and had an opportunity to participate in the consultation.

### Newspaper advert

4.13 An advert was placed on page 13 in the Western Telegraph and page 7 in the Pembroke and Pembroke Dock Observer on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November to advertise the public exhibitions (see **Appendix 9**). A digital advert was also placed on the Western Telegraph website for seven days leading up to the first exhibition on the 29<sup>th</sup> November.

### Posters

4.14 A copy of the A4 advert was emailed to local venues in the area to be used as posters to advertise the exhibitions (see **Appendix 9**). This was sent to:

- Lamphey Primary School

- Golden Grove
- Lamphey Jubilee Hall
- Lamphey (St. Tyfei) Church
- Lamphey Village Hall
- Foundry House Community Centre
- Pembroke Library & Tourist Centre
- Pembroke Rugby Football Club
- Pembroke Cricket Club
- Lamphey Cricket Club
- Pembroke Town Council
- Lamphey Community Council
- Stackpole and Castlemartin Community Council

## Public exhibitions

The exhibitions provided an opportunity for the local community to meet the project team and discuss the proposals at local venues.

4.15 Originally two public exhibitions were organised due to venue availability, but an additional event was organised at Pembroke Town Hall on the request the local county councillor Mel Phillips.

4.16 The following drop in events took place:

Date	Time	Venue	Attendees
Wednesday 29 November 2023	9:45am - 12:45pm	Pembroke Town Hall, SA71 4JS	17
Wednesday 29 November 2023	2pm – 7pm	Lamphey Jubilee Hall, SA71 5NR	49
Thursday 30 November 2023	10am – 2pm	Pennar Community Hall, Pembroke Dock, SA72 6SH	6

4.17 These venues were chosen because they had availability, space for the exhibition materials, disabled access, good public transport links, parking onsite or nearby, and were either central to the community, closest to the site or suggested by the local councillor.



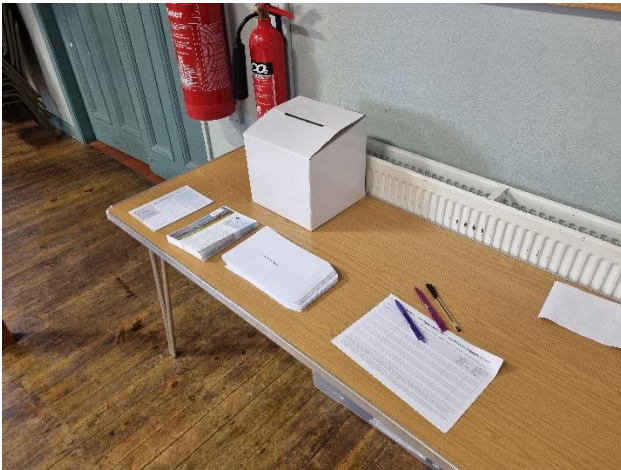
4.18 There were 10 exhibition boards (5 Welsh and 5 English) with the following information:

- **Board 1** – welcome to the event and information about Statkraft - globally and in the UK.
- **Board 2** – project summary, red line map and information on the planning process.
- **Board 3** – environmental considerations.
- **Board 4** – community benefits, including the community benefit fund, local investment and biodiversity enhancements.
- **Board 5** – feedback options, next steps (including project timeline) and contact details.

4.19 The boards were produced and displayed in English and Welsh at each of the venues and were available to download from the project website. The exhibition boards are attached in **Appendix 10**.

4.20 Feedback forms and newsletters were also available at the events for attendees.

4.21 A bilingual A2 Constraint maps and an OS map were also available for attendees to view.



4.22 An area for children was available at each of the events with Welsh and English language children's books, colouring books and puzzle books.

4.23 Each exhibition included a pull up banner with information on Statkraft's partner, Solar Aid, a charity helping to provide access to clean energy in Africa. Pamphlets and seed packets were also made available for attendees.



4.24 Events were held at different times of the day to allow the most opportunity for local people to attend around their work/life schedules.

4.25 The following key issues raised during the consultation were:

- Traffic along Lower Lamphey Road; residents highlighted existing transport issues as the road is narrow and used for resident parking, which can cause bottlenecks and cars have been damaged. It is also used by HGVs.
- Lower Lamphey Road has a high frequency of use for recreational activities – bike rides, Iron Man marathon, horse riding, walking etc.
- Visual impact of panels – especially for residents on Lower Lamphey Road.
- Impact on PRow – and questions if they would be lost or diverted?
- Positive business investment in the area, including opportunities for local businesses in the supply chain. Agricultural/best and most versatile (BMV) land, which it would be better to use for farming and growing crops than for solar energy.
- Accuracy of existing flood surveys versus observed flooding by local residents.
- Impact on tourism, and therefore businesses, during construction in the busier summer months.
- Opportunities for skills and educational opportunities linked to the solar park.
- Grid connection – concerns around the need for additional pylons and cabling.
- Housing – suggestions the land would be better used for housing; to meet need for additional housing in the area.
- Encouraging self-sufficiency in generation in Wales.
- Concern around glare from panels.
- Concerns around the removal of existing hedgerows and the impact on wildlife.
- Opportunities to encourage new habitats for bird and mammal species.
- Planting – residents wanted to ensure that native species would be used for the planting of meadows.
- The northern part of the site regularly floods during periods of high rainfall.
- Impact on the Grade 2 listed farmhouse in the centre of the site.
- House devaluation due to impact on views and proximity to solar panel farm.
- What will be done to work around existing underground infrastructure – will there be a buffer zone?
- Some people questioned why there was an event being held in Pembroke Dock.
- Some people were not aware of and hadn't seen any advertisement for the additional event that was arranged for Pembroke Town Hall.
- Statkraft / Norway – issue with the profits going to a foreign organisation like Statkraft rather than staying in Wales and benefitting local people. One person believed the money is going to a Norwegian wealth fund and to private investors.

## Summary of feedback

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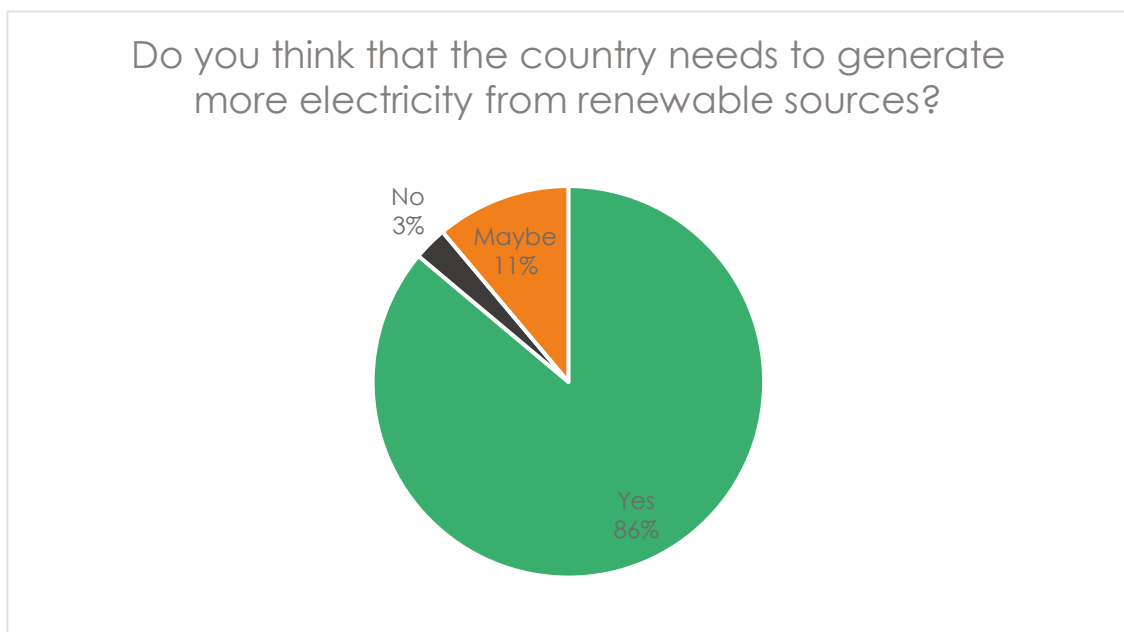
## Emails / telephone enquiries

4.26 A total of 4 email or website enquiries were received during the non-statutory consultation. Two of these were requests for additional copies of the newsletter or posters to help advertise the public events and two were other queries regarding the project.

## Feedback forms

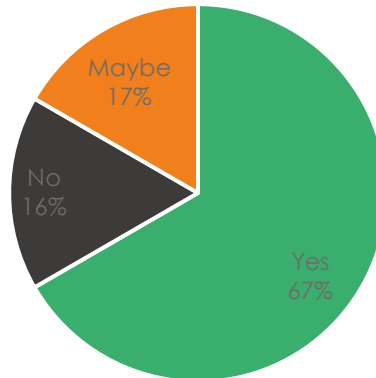
4.27 During the non-statutory consultation, 74 feedback forms were completed in person at exhibitions, online or returned using the freepost address. Copies of these feedback forms are attached as **Appendix Seven**.

4.28 Of those who responded to the question asking: 'Do you think that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources?', 86% of respondent were supportive of renewable energy, with only 3% unsupportive.



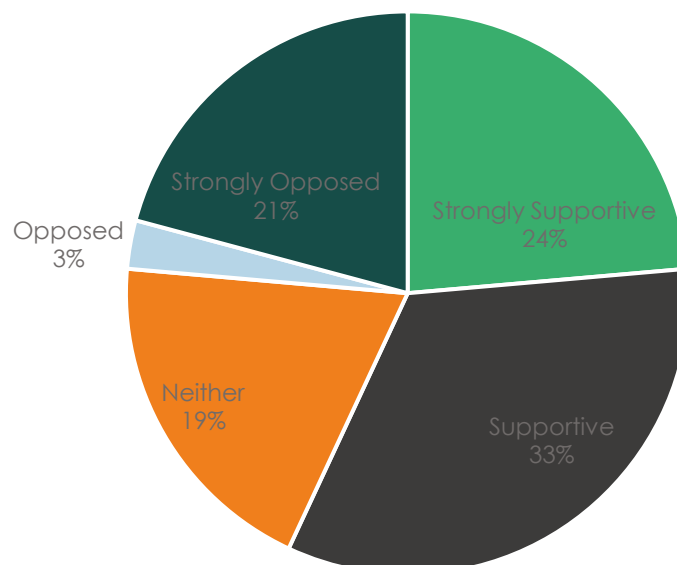
4.29 Answering the follow-on question 'Do you agree that solar farms are a good way to achieve this?', 67% of respondents agreed, with only 16% of replies disagreeing.

Do you agree that solar farms are a good way to achieve this?



4.30 In answer to the question 'Which of the following best describes your initial thoughts on the emerging proposals for Alleston Solar Farm?', 57% of respondents said that they were supportive or very supportive, with 24% opposed or strongly opposed. 19% of respondents were neither supportive or opposed.

Which of the following best describes your initial thoughts on the emerging proposals for Alleston Solar Farm?





4.31 Key considerations respondents thought should be taken into account as the proposals were developed for Alleston Solar Farm included:

- **Transport:** Residents raised the existing traffic along Lower Lamphey Road and the potential impacts of construction traffic on householders and users of the route, including young people travelling to school, cyclists, walkers and horse riders.
- **Concerns about flood risk zone:** Some respondents suggested that part of the proposed site may be at greater risk of flooding than suggested by existing flood risk assessments.
- **Agricultural Land:** Respondents were concerned about the potential impact of the solar site on local food production and food security, citing nearby areas of high quality agricultural land.
- **Community Benefit:** The development of a community benefit fund available to communities in both Pembroke and Lamphey was welcomed, with some residents suggesting possible uses, including helping to restore historic buildings and funding a new or expanded cemetery.

4.32 Respondents to the consultation have been broadly supportive of the proposal, welcoming the investment in the area and Pembroke's contribution to decarbonising the energy system in Wales and the UK. Amongst those expressing support, common issues raised included the impact of transport during construction, the need for biodiversity improvements being delivered as part of the project and comments regarding community benefit.

4.33 The feedback provided will help the project team to make positive changes to the initial design of the project such as reducing the proposed area of panels, refining the transport route and designing areas for biodiversity enhancement. The updated designs for the project will be presented later in 2024.

## 5. Main issues and responses

5.1 During the consultation period residents and interested parties were invited to provide feedback on the project proposals. They were able to do in response to the newsletter mailing, in-person at the exhibition or online via the project website.

The table below summarises the issues raised by non-statutory consultees during the consultation and have been organised according to the chapters in Environmental Statement.

Issue Raised	Response
<b>Site and Development (Chapter 3 of the ES)</b>	
<p><b>End of Life:</b> Respondents queried how the end of life of the solar farm would be dealt with and if the land would be restored in the future.</p> <p>“Will there be a legally binding commitment to remove the solar farm (if permitted) at the end of its life and return land fully to agriculture.”</p>	<p>Once the 40 years operational life is complete, the solar arrays and site infrastructure will be decommissioned, and the site can return to its original use. This agreement will be part of our planning permission if the project is consented.</p>
<b>Alternatives and Design Evolution (Chapter 4 of the ES)</b>	
<p><b>Other forms of generation:</b> Other forms of generation were proposed as alternatives to the solar farm, including rooftop solar, offshore and onshore wind and tidal generation.</p> <p>“I firmly believe that solar panels should be put on all new houses and factories etc. that way we wouldn't be covering our fields with these horrible things”</p> <p>“Investigate tidal energy not ruin our countryside!!!!</p>	<p>To successfully decarbonise the UK's energy network, we require a mixture of different generation sources, including solar, wind and emerging technologies such as tidal generation. At the moment, solar is the cheapest and most efficient generation technology, which means we can complete construction quickly and contribute to bringing down the overall price of energy.</p>
<b>Construction and Methodology Phasing (Chapter 5 of the ES)</b>	
<p><b>Transport:</b> A number of respondents expressed concern regarding traffic on Lower Lamphay Road during construction.</p> <p>“High volume of traffic in construction already a problem on this road”</p> <p>“I am concerned about the traffic involved in this construction. The roads in this area are not</p>	<p>We received extremely useful feedback as part of our consultation, which has significantly contributed to our transport plans. We are examining a wide range of measures to reduce the impact of traffic and to ensure a high level of safety for all users of Lower Lamphay Road – including a one way system for site access, advanced training for drivers regarding road users such as cyclists</p>

<p>suitable. There is already too much heavy traffic for the narrow roads.”</p> <p>“Only concerns are lorries and traffic on the road between Pembroke and Lamphey and debris on the road”</p>	<p>and equestrians, clearly identifying all site vehicles and limiting the times that vehicles will access the site. The full range of measures will be included in our Construction Traffic Management Plan.</p> <p>The highest volume of vehicles accessing the solar farm will be limited to a short period of the construction nine month construction phase, with only occasional access once the solar farm is operational.</p>
<p><b>Use of land for Housing:</b> Some respondents noted the potential for the land to be used for housing as an alternative to the solar farm development.</p> <p>“Removes this land from future provision for homes. A bad idea.”</p> <p>“I would rather have a field of solar panels that help the wildlife with extra space and with grasses growing than people building more houses we need the green space for the wildlife.”</p>	<p>We are not aware of any alternative proposals for this land to be used for housing or other forms of development.</p>
<p><b>Landscape and Visual Impact (Chapter 7 of the ES)</b></p>	
<p><b>Visual Impact:</b> There were some concerns expressed regarding the visual impact of the proposed development.</p> <p>“...not in keeping with the locality especially as it is very near to the Pembrokeshire national park.”</p> <p>“I [...] am very concerned on the impact it will have on our views and our house price”</p>	<p>Based on feedback, we are examining options to reduce visual impact. The site benefits from having existing screening in the form of woodlands and hedgerows, and we will expand these through our biodiversity enhancement measures.</p>
<p><b>Agricultural Land (Chapter 8 of the ES)</b></p>	
<p><b>Best and Most Versatile Land:</b> Respondents noted the high quality of agricultural land in the local area, suggesting that it would be more appropriate to be keep in agricultural use.</p> <p>“I support solar energy, but I don't like the use of agricultural land”</p> <p>“Probably the best land in Pembrokeshire that could be put to better use. Solar projects need to focus on wasteland!”</p>	<p>As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment, the quality of the land in the proposed site will be assessed and reported on. Areas of Best and Most Valuable Land, considered to be Grade 3a and above, will be excluded from the proposed development wherever possible.</p> <p>We have designed the solar farm so the landowner can continue his business and continue to farm if they wish.</p> <p>Solar farms occupy a smaller area of land in the UK than golf courses, far below the area of land currently in agricultural use. (<a href="#">Briefing 1 Fact Checker (solarenergyuk.org)</a>)</p>

<p><b>Food Security:</b> Some respondents made the point that use of land for solar generation threatened food security, making reference to wider political issues and concerns.</p> <p>“Productive agricultural land should be used to FEED people. Reduce imported goods to reduce balance of trade for United Kingdom.”</p> <p>“You cannot eat solar panels. You can eat WHEAT.”</p>	<p>In 2021, the UK Government Food Security report identified climate change as the biggest threat to food security in the UK. (<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/92422/uk-food-security-report-2021.pdf">United Kingdom Food Security Report 2021 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>)</p> <p>Solar Farms are significant in combating climate change, by helping to reduce the use of carbon-emitting fossil fuels for generation and by providing the energy that we need to help decarbonise more widely. These changes will help us avoid the worst impacts of climate change.</p>
<p><b>Biodiversity (Chapter 9 of the ES)</b></p>	
<p><b>New Plantings and habitats:</b> New trees, local plant species and bird and insect habitats were amongst suggestions provided by respondents for the biodiversity enhancement plan.</p> <p>“Any development must ensure the local environment is not negatively impacted and measures are taken to be as pro-environment as possible”.</p> <p>“It is vital that environmental/ecological links are maintained and enhanced and retaining hedgerows protecting river corridors etc”</p>	<p>We propose to deliver a net benefit for biodiversity in line with Welsh Government draft policy guidance as part of this project. Following completion of our Environmental Impact Assessment, we will use the data that we have gather on local flora and fauna to develop a detailed plan including proposed areas of tree planting, hedgerow restoration, pollinator corridors and other measures that will enhance local biodiversity.</p> <p>Our biodiversity enhancement plan will include a variety of measures which will benefit insect and pollinator populations, which will help farms and gardens in the surrounding area. We are committed to substantial biodiversity net gain.</p>

## 6. Summary and conclusion

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6.1 This consultation report documents the actions taken by Statkraft to undertake the non-statutory consultation, demonstrating Statkraft's willingness to go beyond what is deemed 'statutory' in this context.

6.2 The responses show support for both solar energy in principle and the proposed location as a site for a solar farm, with more than 50% of respondents supporting the proposal.

6.3 The responses to the consultation have been documented, considered and acted upon by Statkraft, with the following areas under review ahead of further consultation:

- **Site size and layout:** Following feedback from neighbours, the possible arrangement of the panels is subject to review. This is intended to reduce the visual impact on the surrounding area while continuing to maximise power generation.
- **Public Rights of Way:** It is intended that the existing Public Rights of Way will be moved to the west and be upgraded to meet expected accessibility standards.
- **Transport:** Lower Lamphey Road cannot be completely avoided during construction, however the feedback provided has shaped the proposed transport route and allowed development of a range of possible mitigations. If the project is consented engagement will continue to minimise negative effects on the community.

6.4 This report demonstrates the activities undertaken by Statkraft in undertaking the consultation in line with the relevant legislation and also where best practice guidance has been utilised when engaging with interested parties.

6.5 Furthermore, the report identifies how the consultation responses received have been addressed where possible – either by answering the questions posed and making reference to other application documents, or explaining how the proposed development (whether that be the methodology, assessment or other feature) has considered these to account for this.

6.6 It is considered by Statkraft that the non-statutory consultation process was essential and valuable in respect of obtaining and understanding feedback on the project.

6.7 Importantly, the pre-application consultation process has identified and enabled the team to address concerns raised by consultees as it refines proposals ahead of the statutory consultation. This process and the content of this report demonstrates how Statkraft has considered the matters raised, resulting in a more refined scheme for consideration.

# Appendix

## Appendix 1 – Consultation Plan



# Consultation requirements

## The following legislation / guidance has informed the Consultation Plan:

- **Planning (Wales) Act 2015:** for a Development of National Significance, which will be submitted to the Planning and Environment Decisions Wales for determination by Welsh Ministers.
- **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**
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# Multi-stage approach



## Early Engagement

- Initial discussions with key elected representatives and stakeholders to introduce the project and discuss the draft Consultation Plan.
- Stakeholder and community engagement on the emerging proposals for Alleston Solar Farm **(for a minimum of 4 weeks/28 days)**.



## Statutory consultation

- Statutory consultation on the detailed proposals and draft planning application **(for a minimum of 6 weeks/42 days)**.



## Analysis and reporting

- Feedback will be analysed and used to help shape the final application, which will be detailed in the Consultation Report submitted with the planning application.

# Consultees

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## Statutory consultees *(Appendix 1)*

- Specialist consultees
- Local elected representatives
- Relevant persons
- Landowners

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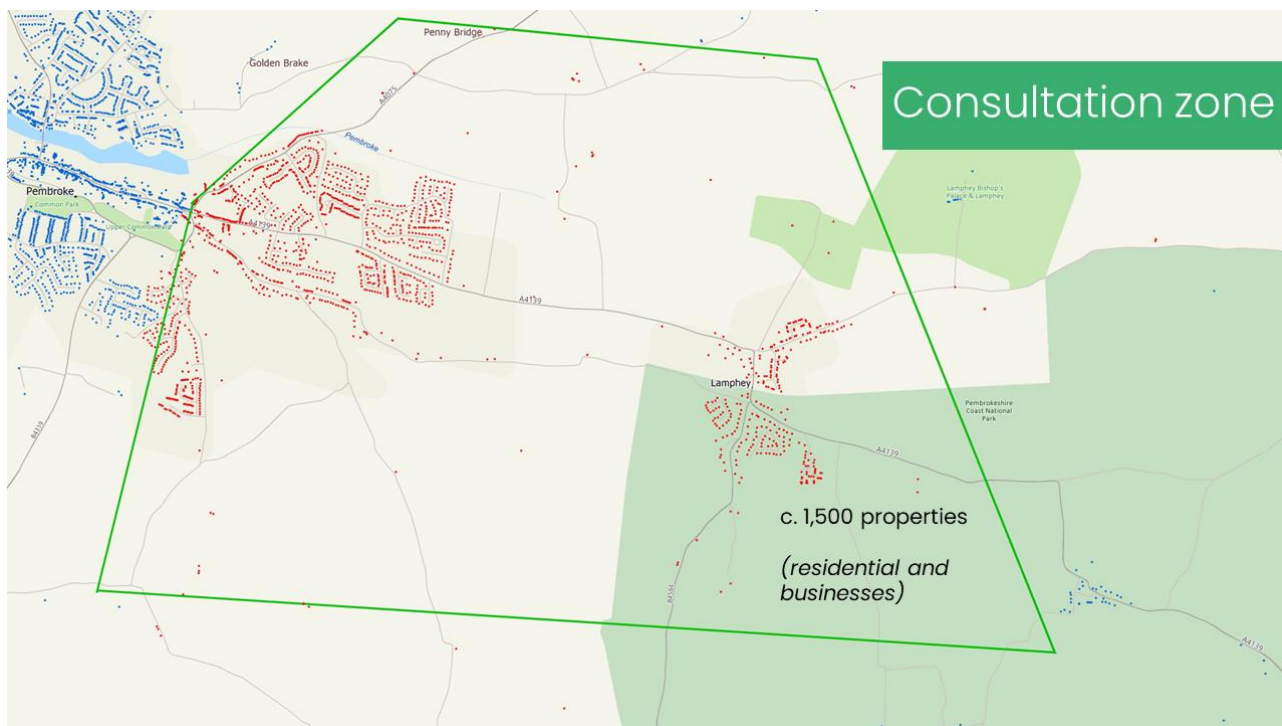
## Non-statutory consultees *(Appendix 2)*

- Residents and businesses within the consultation zone (see map on next slide)
- Local stakeholders and community groups
- Local and regional interest groups

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## Wider community *(Appendix 3)*

- Stakeholders, community groups, businesses and residents in the wider area







# Methodology

\*Timings are indicative

## Early engagement

Autumn/Winter 2023

### Inform

- Launch project webpage: [www.alleston-solar.co.uk](http://www.alleston-solar.co.uk)
- Newsletter to introduce the project and promote the early engagement (to include a feedback form)
- Media release and advert in the Western Telegraph and Pembroke and Pembroke Dock Observer

### Collaborate

- Meetings/briefings with local elected representatives/key stakeholders

### Engage

- Public drop in events – 29<sup>th</sup> November in Pembroke Town Hall and Lamphey Jubilee Hall, and 30<sup>th</sup> November in Pennar Community Hall
- Feedback mechanisms: online, at engagement events and by freepost

# Statutory consultation

Spring/Summer 2024

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- Feedback mechanisms: online, at engagement events and by freepost

# Consultation Report

## Analysing



All comments obtained during the engagement and consultation will be examined, collated and presented to the project team so feedback from local communities and stakeholders can help inform the emerging proposals.

## Reporting



Comments received will be categorised into key themes and responded to through the Consultation Report, which will be submitted with the planning submission.

The Consultation Report will also detail the consultation process and explain how key issues have been addressed in the final proposals, where appropriate.

# Indicative timeline

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October–December 2023

**Early Engagement**

January / February 2024

**Stakeholder Feedback**

March – May 2024

**Statutory Consultation**

June / July 2024

**Analysis, reporting and feedback in Consultation Report**

(as part of application submission)

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- Pembroke Town Council

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### Site and adjacent landowners

### Relevant parties

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### Adjacent ward members

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# Appendix Three

## Wider community

### Wider residents

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## Appendix 2 – Key stakeholders

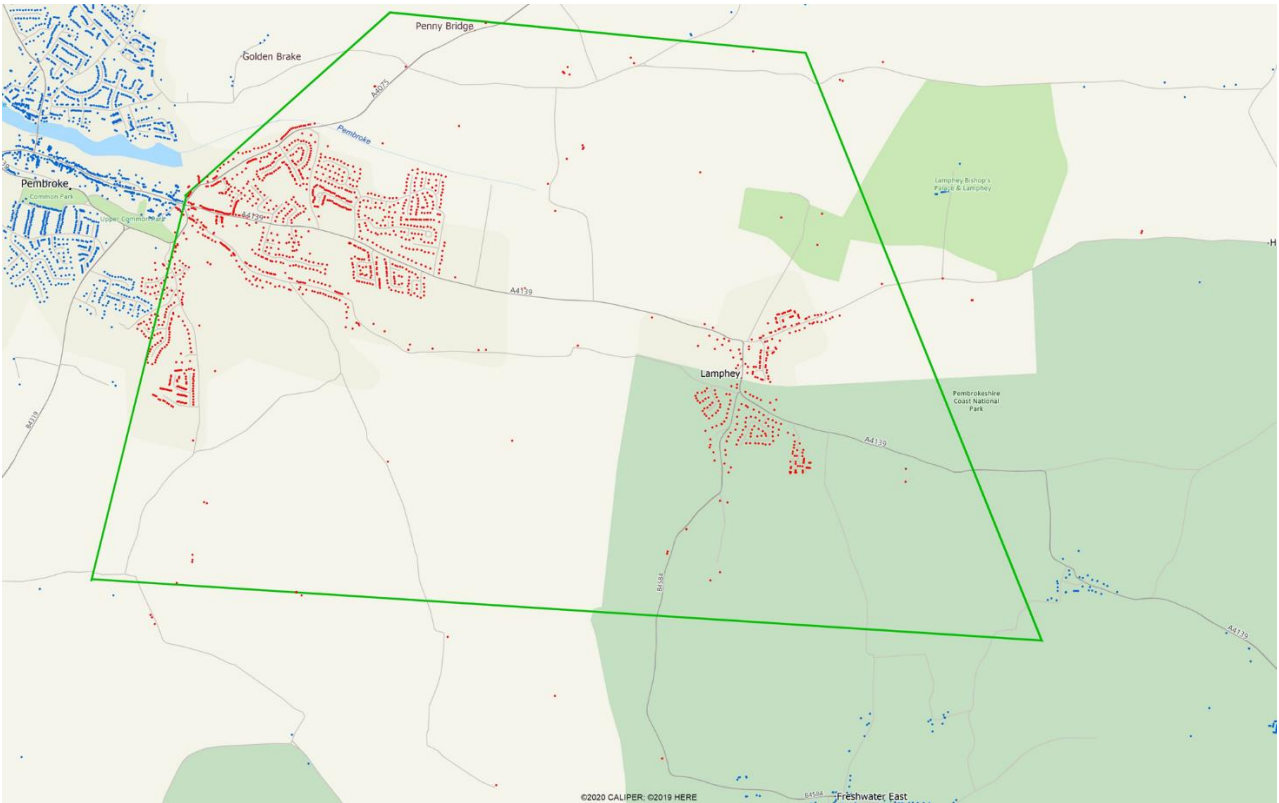
Organisation	Significance	First Name	Position
<b>UK Government</b>	Site MP	Simon Hart	Secretary State for Wales; MP for Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
<b>Senedd</b>	Site MS	Samuel Kurtz	MS for Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
<b>Senedd</b>	Regional MS	Eluned Morgan	Regional MS for Mid and West Wales
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<b>Pembroke Town Council</b>	Site Town Council	Aden Brinn	Mayor
<b>Pembroke Town Council</b>	Site Town Council	Ann Mortenson	Deputy Mayor
<b>Pembroke Town Council</b>	Site Town Council	Susie Thomas	Clerk
<b>Pembroke Town Council</b>	Site Town Council	Linda Asman	Councillor
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<b>Pembroke Town Council</b>	Site Town Council	Gareth Jones	Councillor
<b>Pembroke Town Council</b>	Site Town Council	Darell Willington	Councillor
<b>Pembrokeshire County Council</b>	Neighbouring ward member	Tessa Hodgson	Ward Member for Lamphey and Cabinet Member for Social Care & Safeguarding
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<b>Lamphey Community Council</b>	Adjacent community council	Pam Davies	Clerk
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# Appendix 3 – Consultation zone



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### **Interest stakeholders**

#### **Wider residents**

#### **Businesses**

#### **Visitors**

# Appendix 5 - Newsletter



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

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Dear Resident,

**Statkraft is developing plans for a new solar farm between Lamphey and Pembroke. Alleston Solar Farm will be approximately 100ha (247 acres) and is close to the Pembroke Dock-Carmarthen railway line.**

**We believe the site has potential for capacity of up to 49MW, which is equivalent to the needs of around 15,000 homes every year.\***

As part of our early engagement, we will be holding community events in Lamphey and Pembroke Dock on 29 and 30 November 2023. We invite you to come along to find out more, chat with members of the project team and share your thoughts on our emerging plans.

Feedback from the early engagement, along with the results of a range of site investigations and surveys, will help us refine our proposals, which we will share with you during the statutory consultation next year. We are also looking for feedback on biodiversity improvements for the site and ideas for how we can maximise the benefits to the local community.

We look forward to hearing your initial thoughts and working with you as the project develops.

With best wishes,

**Gui Zandomenighi and Consuela Beauchamp-Davies**  
Principal Project Manager and Project Developer UK

\* Based on Welsh average household consumption of 3,325kWh per year (BEIS, Dec 2022)

## Have your say

We welcome your thoughts on our emerging plans by:

	Completing the form on the webpage: <a href="http://alleston-solar.co.uk">alleston-solar.co.uk</a>
	Calling: <b>0800 772 0668</b>
	Emailing: <a href="mailto:UKProjects@statkraft.com">UKProjects@statkraft.com</a>

We welcome feedback by 15 December 2023. Feedback after this time will be responded to but may not be included in our Consultation Report.

### FIND OUT MORE:

#### COMMUNITY EVENTS



**Wednesday 29 November**  
from 2pm to 7pm  
at Lamphey Jubilee Hall,  
SA71 5NR

**Thursday 30 November**  
from 10am to 2pm  
at Pennar Community Hall,  
Pembroke Dock, SA72 6SH

If you require assistance to attend, please do not hesitate to contact us.

#### We look forward to welcoming you.

All the information displayed at the exhibitions will be available on the project website from 29 November 2023.



## The proposals



**SOLAR PANELS:** These will be anchored into the ground. Panels will be a maximum of 3m from the ground. The framework supporting them will be made of aluminium or steel. They will be connected to each other and the substation via underground cables.



**GRID CONNECTION:** An onsite grid connection, means no additional cables outside the site boundary.



**PROJECT LIFECYCLE:** Alleston Solar Farm has an expected lifetime of 40 years. At the end of the project, the solar farm will be decommissioned and the land can be returned to agricultural use.



**CONSTRUCTION:** If consented, construction of the development will take approximately 6 to 9 months.

## Project summary



**49 MW**  
Up to 49MW estimated capacity



**15,000**  
Approximately 15,000 estimated homes powered\*



**COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**  
Across project lifetime



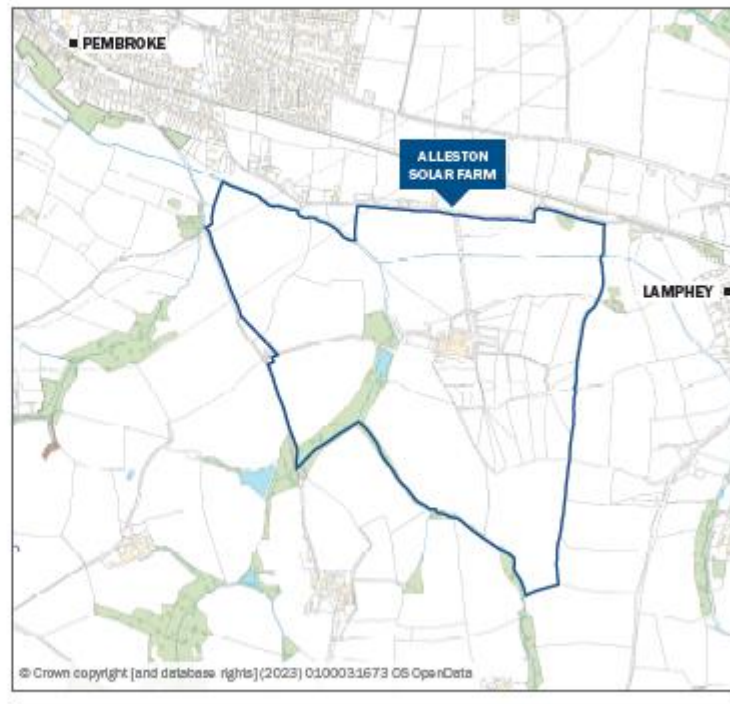
**GRID CONNECTION**  
Local grid connection on site

\* Based on Welsh average household consumption of 3,325kWh per year (BEIS, Dec 2022)

## Why this site

- High solar irradiance levels to maximise efficient electricity production.
- On site grid connection.
- Low flood risk.

## Site location plan



**ALLESTON SOLAR FARM: SITE LOCATION PLAN LEGEND**

Site Boundary

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## Environmental consideration

Early site investigations have started and Statkraft has submitted a scoping request to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) to ensure the appropriate environmental studies are carried out as the proposals are developed.

These studies will also help identify opportunities for biodiversity enhancement and improvements to be delivered as part of the development.

A copy of the scoping request is available to view at [alleston-solar.co.uk](http://alleston-solar.co.uk).

## Helping Bumblebees thrive

Solar projects have the potential to provide an ideal environment for bee habitats because they can support a range of attractive microhabitats to encourage a variety of wildlife.

That is why we are working closely with the experts at the Bumblebee Conservation Trust to develop solar farms that enhance, restore and create bumblebee habitats, which are currently very limited on-site due to intensive agriculture.

The Bumblebee Conservation Trust provides feedback on habitat, plant species and ground preparation techniques that enable bumblebees to thrive.

 **Bumblebee Conservation Trust**  
Business Member 2023/24



## Why solar energy

Solar power is a crucial technology to help overcome our energy security and climate challenges. If consented, Alleston Solar Farm would contribute to the delivery of the UK, Welsh Government and Pembrokeshire County Council policy objectives, diversify the energy mix, and facilitate the transition to low carbon energy, whilst decreasing the dependency on fossil fuels.

The cost of solar has significantly reduced in recent years and it is now one of the cheapest ways to produce electricity.\* 2022 was a record-breaking year for renewable energy in the UK; solar power can produce as much as 30% of UK electricity at different points in the year.\*\*

Solar farms can also be wildlife havens, by incorporating wildflower meadows, restoration of hedgerows, and native planting. The first results of a national survey produced with Lancaster University\*\* highlight the valuable biodiversity benefits from solar farms across the UK.

\*[www.carbonbrief.org](http://www.carbonbrief.org) \*\*[www.solarenergyuk.org](http://www.solarenergyuk.org)

## About Statkraft

Statkraft is a leading renewables developer internationally and Europe's largest generator of renewable energy. Our acquisition of Solarcentury in 2020 has strengthened our skills and experience to deliver quality solar projects to renew the way the world is powered.

Operating in the UK since 2006 and with offices in Cardiff and Aberystwyth, we have 40 projects in operation or in development across the UK, including Alltwalis Wind Farm in Carmarthenshire and Rheidol Hydropower Plant near Aberystwyth. We are also currently developing proposals for a green energy hub to produce green hydrogen in Trecwn, north Pembrokeshire.

We are fully committed to consulting with the community, and feedback will be taken into account where possible through the design of the project. We look forward to sharing our plans with you.

[www.statkraft.co.uk](http://www.statkraft.co.uk)

## Planning process

As Alleston Solar Farm will have an installed generating capacity of more than 10MW of electricity it is defined as a Development of National Significance (DNS). This means the planning application will be submitted to Planning Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) and considered by an Inspector, with the final decision made by Welsh Ministers.

### INDICATIVE TIMELINE

#### Autumn/Winter 2023

Early engagement community consultation on application and scoping submission.

#### Winter 2023

Site investigations and studies to inform the final proposals.

#### Spring 2024

Statutory community consultation on application.

#### Summer 2024

Submission of Planning Application to Planning and Environmental Decisions Wales (PEDW).

#### Winter 2024/25

Anticipated recommendation by PEDW and decision by Welsh Ministers.

## Community

We are committed to working closely with the local community to bring long term value and deliver a project that can be considered a local asset.

We want to hear what you think to help us shape the plans and explore options to maximise opportunities and benefits. Visit our community events to speak to a member of the projects team, find out more and let us know your thoughts.

### Community Benefit Fund

A community benefit fund will be delivered on an ongoing basis throughout the lifetime of the project.

This could be used to benefit local projects and initiatives including education, energy efficiency, environmental improvements and improved community facilities.

We want to hear your views on what else we could do to support the local area. If you have an idea of how we can support your local community, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

**We want to hear from you!**

## Meet the Project Leaders



Gui Zandomeneghi and Consueia Beauchamp-Davies are supported by a team of specialists who can receive your feedback and answer questions.

Please visit our webpage to find out more:

[alleston-solar.co.uk](http://alleston-solar.co.uk)

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# Fferm Solar Alleston

TACHWEDD/RHAGFYR 2023

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Annwyl Breswlydd,

**Mae Statkraft yn datblygu cynlluniau ar gyfer fferm solar newydd rhwng Llandyfái a Phenfro. Bydd Fferm Solar Alleston tua 100ha (247 erw) ac mae'n agos at reilffordd Doc Penfro-Caerfyrddin.**

**Credwn fod gan y safle botensial ar gyfer capasiti o hyd at 49MW, sy'n cyfateb i anghenion tua 15,000 o gartrefi bob blwyddyn.\***

Fel rhan o'n hymgylltiad cynnar, byddwn yn cynnal digwyddiadau cymunedol yn Llandyfái a Doc Penfro ar 29 a 30 Tachwedd 2023. Gwahoddwn chi i ddod draw i ddysgu rhagor, i sgwrsio ag aelodau o dîm y prosiect ac i rannu eich barn am ein cynlluniau newydd.

Bydd adborth o'r ymgysylltu cynnar, ynglyd â chanlyniadau amrywiaeth o ymchwiliadau ac arolygon safle, yn ein helpu i freinio ein cynigion, y byddwn yn eu rhannu â chi yn ystod yr ymgynghoriad statudol y flwyddyn nesaf. Rydym hefyd yn chwilio am adborth ar welliannau bioamrywiaeth ar gyfer y safle a syniadau ar sut y gallwn ni wneud yn fawr o'r buddion ffr gymuned leol.

Edrychwn ymlaen at glywed eich syniadau cychwynnol a gweithio gyda chi wrth ffr prosiect ddatblygu.

Cofion gorau,

**Gul Zandomeneghi and Consuela Beauchamp-Davies**  
Prif Reolwr Prosiect and Datblygwr Prosiect

\* Yn seiliedig ar ddefnydd cyfartalog cartrefi o 3,325kWh y flwyddyn (BEIS, Rhagfyr 2022)

## Dweud eich dweud

Rydym yn croesawu eich barn ar ein cynlluniau newydd drwy:



Cwblhau'r ffurflen ar y dudalen we:  
[alleston-solar.cymru](http://alleston-solar.cymru)



Yn galw:  
**0800 772 0668**



E-bostio:  
[UKProjects@statkraft.com](mailto:UKProjects@statkraft.com)

Rydym yn croesawu adborth erbyn 15 Rhagfyr 2023. Byddwn yn ymateb i adborth ar ôl yr amser hwn ond efallai na fydd yn cael ei gynnwys yn ein Hadroddiad Ymgynghoriad.

### DYSGWCH RAGOR:

#### DIGWYDDIADAU CYMUNEDOL



**Dydd Mercher 29 Tachwedd**  
o 2pm i 7pm  
yn Neuadd Jiwblîi Llandyfái,  
SA71 5NR

**Dydd Iau 30 Tachwedd**  
o 10am i 2pm  
yn Neuadd Gymunedol Pennar,  
Doc Penfro, SA72 6SH

Os oes angen cymorth  
amoch i ddod, mae croeso  
i chi gysylltu â ni.

#### Edrychwn ymlaen at eich croesawu.

Bydd yr holl wybodaeth  
a arddangosir yn yr  
arddangosfeydd ar gael  
ar wefan y prosiect o 29  
Tachwedd 2023 ymlaen.



## Y cynigion



**PANELI SOLAR:** Caiff y rhain eu hangori yn y ddaear. Bydd paneli uchafswm o 3m o'r ddaear. Bydd y fframwaith sy'n eu cynnal wedi ei wneud o alwminiwm neu ddur. Byddant yn cael eu cysylltu â'i gilydd a'r is-orsaf trwy geblau tanddaearol.



**CYSYLLTIAD GRID:** Mae cysylltiad grid ar y safle yn golygu dim oebiau ychwanegol y tu allan i ffin y safle.



**CYLCH OES Y PROSIECT:** Mae gan Fferm Solar Alleston oes ddisgwyliedig o 40 mlynedd. Ar ddiwedd y prosiect, bydd y fferm solar yn cael ei datgomisiynu a gellir dychwelyd y tir i ddefnydd amaethyddol.



**ADEILADU:** Os rhoddir caniatâd, bydd adeiladu'r datblygiad yn cymryd tua 6 i 9 mis.

## Crynodeb o'r prosiect



### 49 MW

Hyd at 49MW o gapasiti amcangyfrifedig



### 15,000

Amcangyfrifir bod tua 15,000 o gartrefi yn cael eu pweru\*



### CRONFA BUDD CYMUNEDOL

Ar draws oes y prosiect



### CYSYLLTIAD GRID

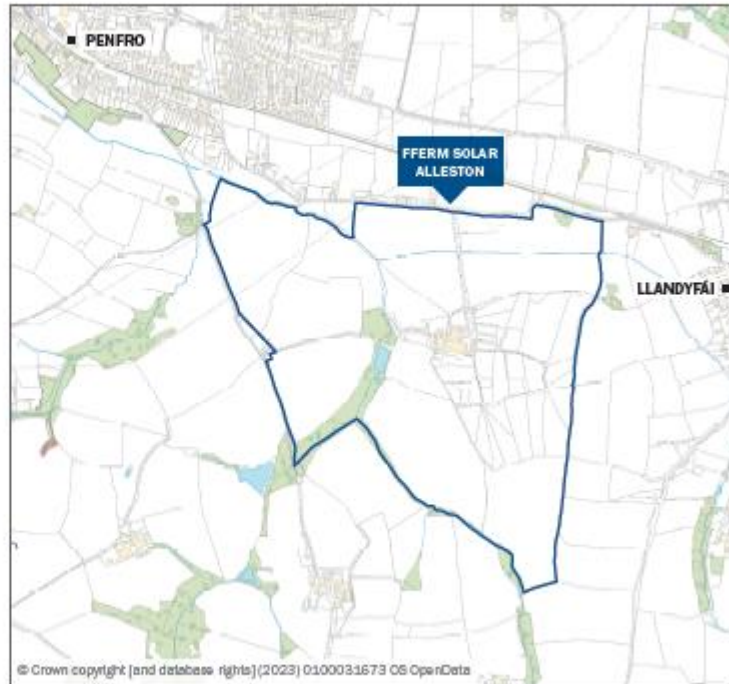
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## Pam y safle hwn

- Lefelau arbelydru solar uchel i gynyddu'r trydan effelthlon a gynhyrchl.
- Cysylltiad grid ar y safle.
- Perygl llifogydd isel.

## Cynllun lleoliad y safle



### ALLESTON SOLAR FARM: SITE LOCATION PLAN LEGEND

 Site Boundary



## Ystyriaeth amgylcheddol

Mae ymchwiliadau safle cynnar wedi dechrau ac mae Statkraft wedi cyflwyno cais cwmpasu cyn bo hir i Benderfyniadau Cynllunio a'r Amgylchedd Cymru (PEDW) i sicrhau bod yr astudiaethau amgylcheddol priodol yn cael eu cynnal wrth i'r cynigion gael eu datblygu.

Bydd yr astudiaethau hyn hefyd yn helpu i nodi cyfleoedd ar gyfer gwella bioamrywiaeth a gwelliannau i'w cyflawni yn rhan o'r datblygiad.

Mae copi o'r cais cwmpasu ar gael i'w weld ar [alleston-solar.cymru](http://alleston-solar.cymru).

## Helpu'r Cacwn i ffynnu

Mae gan brosiectau solar y potensial i ddarparu amgylchedd defnyddol ar gyfer cynefinoedd gwernyn oherwydd gallant gynnal amrywiaeth o ficrogynefinoedd deniadol i annog amrywiaeth o fywyd gwylt.

Dyna pam yr ydym yn gweithio'n agos gyda'r arbenigwyr yn yr Ymddiriedolaeth Cadwraeth Cacwn i ddatblygu ffermydd solar sy'n gwella, yn adfer ac yn creu cynefinoedd cacwn, sy'n gyfyngedig iawn ar y safle ar hyn o bryd oherwydd amaethyddiaeth ddwys.

Mae'r Ymddiriedolaeth Cadwraeth Cacwn yn rhoi adborth ar gynefin, rhywogaethau planhigion a thechnegau paratoi tir sy'n galluogi cacwn i ffynnu.

 **Bumblebee Conservation Trust**  
Business Member 2023/24



## Pam ynni'r haul

Mae ynni'r haul yn dechnoleg hanfodol i helpu i oresgyn ein heriau diogelwch ynni a hinsawdd. Pe byddai Fferm Solar Alleston yn cael caniatâd, byddai'n cyfrannu i gyflawni amcanion polisi'r DU, Llywodraeth Cymru a Chyngor Sir Penfro, yn arallgyfeirio'r amrywiaeth ynni, ac yn hwyluso'r newid i ynni carbon isel, wrth leihau'r ddibyniaeth ar danwydd ffosil.

Mae cost solar wedi gostwng yn sylweddol yn y blynyddoedd diwethaf ac bellach hon yw un o'r ffyrdd rhataf o gynhyrchu trydan. \*Roedd 2022 yn flwyddyn a dorodd record ar gyfer ynni adnewyddadwy yn y DU; gall pŵer solar gynhyrchu cymaint â 30% o drydan y DU ar wahanol adegau yn ystod y flwyddyn.\*\*

Gall ffermydd solar hefyd fod yn hafanau bywyd gwylt, trwy ymgorffori dolydd blodau gwylt, adfer cloddiau, a phlannu brodorol. Mae canlyniadau cyntaf arolwg cenedlaethol a gynhaliwyd gyda Phrifysgol Caerhirfryn \*\* yn amlygu manteision bioamrywiaeth gwerthfawr ffermydd solar ar draws y DU.

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## Ynglŷn â Statkraft

Mae Statkraft yn ddatblygwyr ynni adnewyddadwy blaenllaw yn rhyngwladol a chynhyrchydd ynni adnewyddadwy mwyaf Ewrop. Ar ôl inni brynu Solarcentury yn 2020 rydym wedi cryfhau ein sgiliau a'n profiad i gyflawni prosiectau solar o safon i adnewyddu'r ffordd y mae'r byd yn cael ei bweru.

Yn gweithredu yn y DU er 2006 ac â swyddfeydd yng Nghaerdydd ac Aberystwyth, mae gennym 40 o brosiectau ar waith neu wrthi'n cael eu datblygu ledled y DU, gan gynnwys Fferm Wynt Alltwalis yn Sir Gaerfyrddin a Gwaith Ynni Dŵr Rheidol ger Aberystwyth. Rydym hefyd wrthi'n datblygu cynigion ar gyfer hyb ynni gwyrdd i gynhyrchu hydrogen gwyrdd yn Nhrecwŷn, gogledd Sir Benfro.

Rydym wedi ymrwmo'n llwyr i ymgynghori â'r gymuned, a bydd adborth yn cael ei gymryd i ystyriaeth lle bo modd trwy ddyluniad y prosiect. Edrychwn ymlaen at rannu ein cynlluniau â chi.

[www.statkraft.co.uk](http://www.statkraft.co.uk)

## Y broses gynllunio

Gan y bydd gan Fferm Solar Alleston gapasiti cynhyrchu gosodedig o fwy na 10MW o drydan fe'i diffinnir yn Ddatblygiad o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol (DNS). Mae hyn yn golygu y bydd y cais cynllunio yn cael ei gyflwyno i Benderfyniadau Cynllunio ac Amgylchedd Cymru (PEDW) ac yn cael ei ystyried gan Arolygwr, a'r penderfyniad terfynol yn cael ei wneud gan Weinidogion Cymreig.

### AMSERLEN DDANGOSOL

#### Hydref/Gaeaf 2023

Ymgysylltu cynnar ymgynghoriad cymunedol ar y cais a'r cyflwyniad cwrmpasu.

#### Gaeaf 2023

Ymchwiliadau ac astudiaethau safle i lywio'r cynigion terfynol.

#### Gwanwyn 2024

Ymgynghoriad cymunedol statudol ar gais.

#### Haf 2024

Cyflwyno Cais Cynllunio i Benderfyniadau Cynllunio ac Amgylcheddol Cymru (PEDW).

#### Gaeaf 2024/25

Argymhelliad a ragwelir gan PEDW a phenderfyniad gan Weinidogion Cymru.

## Cysylltu â ni:

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Cardiff, CF24 0EB

#### London

19th Floor  
22 Bishopsgate  
London EC2N 4BQ

#### Glasgow

1 West Regent Street  
Glasgow G2 1RW



## Cymuned

Rydym wedi ymrwmo i gydweithio'n agos â'r gymuned leol i ddod â gwerth hirdymor a chyflawni prosiect y gellir ei ystyried yn ased lleol.

Rydym eisiau clywed eich barn i'n helpu i lunio'r cynlluniau ac archwilio opsiynau i gynryddu'r cyfleoedd a'r buddion. Ewch i'n digwyddiadau cymunedol i siarad ag aelod o'r tîm prosiectau, dysgu rhagor a rhoi gwybod i ni beth yw eich barn chi.

### Cronfa Fuddlon I'r Gymuned

Bydd cronfa fuddlon i'r gymuned yn cael ei gyflwyno'n barhaus drwy gydol oes y prosiect.

Gellid defnyddio hyn er budd prosiectau a mentrau lleol gan gynnwys addysg, effeithlonrwydd ynni, gwelliannau amgylcheddol, a chyfleusterau cymunedol gwell.

Rydym am glywed eich barn ar beth arall y gallem ei wneud i gefnogi'r ardal leol. Os oes gennych syniad sut y gallwn ni gefnogi eich cymuned leol, mae croeso i chi gysylltu â ni.

**Mae arnom eisiau clywed gennych chi!**

## Cwrdd ag Arweinwyr y Prosiect



Cefnogir Gui Zandomeneghi a Consuela Beauchamp-Davies gan dîm o arbenigwyr a all dderbyn eich adborth ac ateb cwestiynau.

Ewch i'n gwedudalen i ddysgu rhagor:

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Dychwelwch y cerdyn ateb  
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yn gweithio yn  
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# Appendix 6 – Webpage



Home Alleston Solar Farm

Project Documents

Local Suppliers

Local benefits

Frequently Asked Questions

Get in touch



We have created this website to provide information about our emerging proposals and to enable people to contact us with questions and feedback.

This webpage will be kept updated as the project develops to keep you informed and to hear your views and ideas.

[Click for this page in Welsh / Cliciwch ar gyfer y dudalen hon yn Cymraeg](#)

## Come along to our drop in events!

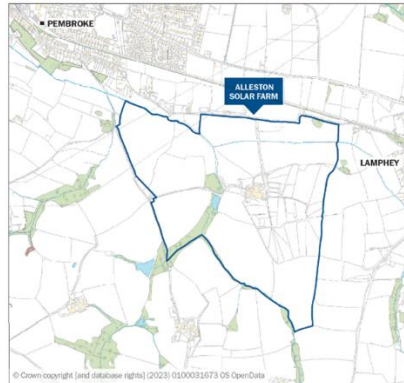
We'll be in Pembroke, Lamphey and Pembroke Dock to talk about Alleston Solar Farm. Come along to meet the team, find out more about the project and have your questions answered.

Wednesday 29 November: 9:45am – 12:45pm	Pembroke Town Hall, SA71 4JS
Wednesday 29 November: 2pm – 7pm	Lamphey Jubilee Hall, SA71 5NR
Thursday 30 November: 10am – 2pm	Pennar Community Hall, Pembroke Dock, SA72 6SH

Due to feedback, an additional session has been added in Pembroke Town Hall.

## About Alleston Solar Farm

We are developing proposals for a solar farm on approximately 100ha (247 acres) of agricultural land between Lamphey and Pembroke, close to the Pembroke Dock-Carmarthen railway line.



Solar power is a crucial technology to help overcome our energy security and climate challenges. If consented, the solar farm would contribute to the delivery of the UK, Welsh Government and Pembrokeshire County Council policy objectives, diversify the energy mix, and facilitate the transition to low carbon energy, whilst decreasing the dependency on fossil fuels.

We believe the site has potential for export up to 49MW at peak capacity, powering up to 15,000 Welsh homes every year (based on average Welsh domestic consumption of 3,325kWh per year).

The project will deliver a Community Benefit Fund over the course of its 40-year lifetime to benefit local projects and initiatives including education, energy efficiency, environmental improvements, and improved community facilities.

## Early Engagement

On 29 and 30 November 2023, we visited Pembroke, Lamphey and Pembroke Dock to present our proposals and hear your feedback. These are the materials that were on display at the exhibition. These will remain online in the project document section of the website throughout the planning process.





## Fferm Solar Alleston

Hyd at 49MW o gapasiti amcangyfrifedig

Mae'r wefan hon wedi'i chreu i ddarparu gwybodaeth am ein cynigion sy'n dod i'r amlwg ac i alluogi pobl i gysylltu â ni gyda chwestiynau ac adborth. Bydd y wefan hon yn cael ei diweddaru wrth i'r prosiect ddatblygu i roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf i chi ac i glywed eich barn a'ch syniadau.

[Cliciwch am y dudalen hon yn Gymraeg / Cliciwch ar gyfer y dudalen hon yn English](#)

### Dewch draw i'n digwyddiadau galw heibio!

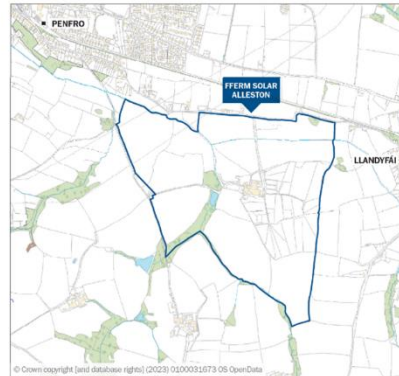
Byddwn ym Mhenfro, Llandyfai a Doc Penfro i siarad am Fferm Solar Alleston. Dewch draw i gwrdd a'r tim, dysgu rhagor am y prosiect a chael atebion i'ch cwestiynau.

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Dydd Iau 30 Tachwedd: 10am – 2pm	Neuadd Gymuned Pennar, Doc Penfro, SA72 6SH

Yn sgil adborth, ychwanegwyd sesiwn ychwanegol yn Neuadd y Dref Penfro.

### Ynglŷn â Fferm Solar Alleston

Rydym yn datblygu cynigion ar gyfer fferm solar ar tua 100ha (247 erw) o dir amaethyddol rhwng Llandyfai a Phenfro, yn agos at reilffordd Doc Penfro-Caerfyrddin.



Mae ynni solar yn dechnoleg hanfodol i helpu i oresgyn ein heriau diogelwch ynni a hinsawdd. Pe byddai'r fferm solar yn cael caniatâd, byddai'n cyfrannu at gyflawni amcanion polisi'r DU. Llywodraeth Cymru a Chyngor Sir Penfro, yn arallgyfeirio'r amyniadaeth ynni, ac yn hwyluso'r newid i ynni carbon isel, wrth lleihau'r ddibyniaeth ar danwydd ffosil.

Credwn fod gan y safle botensial i allforio hyd at 49MW ar gapasiti brig, gan bweru hyd at 15,000 o gartrefi yng Nghymru bob blwyddyn.

Bydd y prosiect yn darparu Cronfa Budd Cymunedol bob blwyddyn dros ei oes o 40 mlynedd er budd prosiectau a mentrau lleol gan gynnwys addysg, effeithlonwydd ynni, gwelliannau amgylcheddol, a chyfleusterau cymunedol gwell.

# Appendix 7 – Feedback form

**EARLY ENGAGEMENT – Autumn 2023**

## ALLESTON SOLAR FARM

**We want to hear from you. You can use this form to let us know your views on the proposals and ask any questions. You can post this feedback form back to us at FREEPOST STATKRAFT**

**PRIVACY STATEMENT**

Respect for privacy and personal data protection is part of Statkraft's corporate culture. This enables us to maintain an environment where our customers, vendors and other stakeholders can trust Statkraft to process their personal data. Our online privacy statement explains how, why and for how long Statkraft processes your personal data. Go to <http://bit.ly/SKUKp2>

Comments made to Statkraft are not representations to the consenting authority. An application is expected to be submitted in 2024. There will be opportunities for further pre-application consultation and to make representations on the planning application to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW). **Please note all comments from the early engagement should be received by Statkraft no later than 15 December 2023.**

**PLEASE TELL US WHAT YOU THINK – complete and return in the envelope provided**



1. Do you think that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources?

YES  NO  MAYBE

2. Do you agree that solar farms are a good way to achieve this?

YES  NO  MAYBE

3. Which of the following best describes your initial thoughts on the emerging proposals for Alleston Solar Farm?

- I am strongly supportive
- I am supportive
- I am neither supportive nor opposed
- I am opposed
- I am strongly opposed

I would like to receive project updates (mainly by email)

**Comments box**

Comments box area with horizontal lines for text entry.

Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Tel:

**YMGYSYLLTU CYNNAR – Hydref 2023**

## FFERM SOLAR ALLESTON

**Hoffen ni glywed gennych chi! Gallwch chi ddefnyddio'r ffurflen hon i roi eich barn i ni ar y cynigion a holi unrhyw gwestiynau. Gallwch bostio'r ffurflen adborth hon yn ôl atom yn RHADBOST STATKRAFT**

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Mae parch at breifatrwydd a diogelu data personol yn rhan o ddiwylliant corfforaethol Statkraft. Mae hyn yn ein galluogi i gynnal amgylchedd lle gall ein cwsmeriaid, gwerthwyr a rhanddeiliaid eraill ymddiried yn Statkraft i brosesu eu data personol. Mae ein datganiad preifatrwydd ar-lein yn esbonio sut, pam ac am faint o amser y mae Statkraft yn prosesu'ch data personol. Ewch i <http://bit.ly/SKUKp2>

Nid yw sylwadau a wneir i Statkraft yn rhai a wneir i'r awdurdod cydsynio. Disgwylir i gais gael ei gyflwyno yn 2024. Bydd cyfleoedd i ymgynghori ymhellach cyn ymgaisio ac i gyflwyno sylwadau ar y cais cynllunio i Benderfyniadau Cynllunio ac Amgylchedd Cymru (PEDW). **Sylwch y dylai Statkraft dderbyn yr holl sylwadau o'r ymgysylltu cynnar erbyn 15 Rhagfyr 2023 fan bellaf.**

**DYWEDWCH WRTHYM BETH YW EICH BARN – llenwch a dychwelyd yn yr amlen a ddarparwyd**



1. Ydych chi'n cytuno fod angen i'r wlad gynhyrchu rhagor o ynni o ffynonellau adnewyddadwy?

YDW  NAC YDW  EFALLAI

2. Ydych chi'n cytuno fod ffermydd solar yn ffordd dda o gyflawni hyn?

YDW  NAC YDW  EFALLAI

3. Pa un o'r canlynol sy'n disgrifio orau eich syniadau cychwynnol ar y cynigion sy'n dod i'r amlwg ar gyfer Fferm Solar Alleston?

- Rwy'n gefnogol iawn
- Rwy'n gefnogol
- Nid wyf yn gefnogol nac yn wrthwynebus
- Rwy'n gwrthwynebus
- Rwy'n gwrthwynebu'n gryf

Hoffwn dderbyn diweddariadau prosiect (yn bennaf drwy e-bost)

**Blwch sylwadau**

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Teitl: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms

Enw:

Cyfeiriad:

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## Appendix 8 - Press release



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
9 NOVEMBER 2023**

### **Press Release**

#### **Statkraft announces community consultation events for Alleston Solar Farm**

Local communities in Pembrokeshire are being invited to find out about proposals for Alleston Solar Farm and share their thoughts on the emerging plans at community consultation events to be held in late November.

The proposed solar farm, to be located between Lamphey and Pembroke, would have an installed generating capacity of up to 49MW. It is being developed by Statkraft, Europe's largest generator of renewable energy and has the potential to produce clean electricity equivalent to the needs of around 15,000 homes.

Feedback from this early engagement, along with the results of a range of site investigations and surveys, will help Statkraft refine the proposals, which will be shared during the statutory consultation next year. The project team are also looking for feedback on biodiversity improvements for the site and ideas for how Statkraft can maximise Alleston Solar Farm's benefits for the local community.

Statkraft has been making clean energy possible since 1895, with a reputation of leadership in renewables, and a strong track record of engaging with local communities to deliver projects that have long term value. The company works to maximise opportunities for local suppliers to be involved during the construction and operation phases.

As the solar farm will have an installed generating capacity of up to 49MW of electricity it is defined as a Development of National Significance (DNS). This means the planning application will be submitted to Planning Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) and considered by an Inspector, with the final decision made by Welsh Ministers.

Based on the current timeline, Statkraft plans to hold statutory consultations on detailed proposal for Alleston Solar Farm in Spring 2024 and submit the planning application to PEDW in Summer 2024.



Charlotte Healey, Statkraft's Head of Solar, said: "We're at an early stage in the project, and want to share our initial proposals with the local community and hear what they think. I would encourage all residents to come along to one of the events we're holding and chat with myself and the team. This will help us shape and develop the plans, and also explore options to maximise the opportunities and benefits it will bring."

Those interested in finding out more can attend one of the community events from 2pm-7pm on Wednesday 29th November at Lamphey Jubilee Hall and 10am to 2pm on Thursday 30th November at Pennar Hall in Pembroke Dock.

A newsletter has been sent to around 1,500 homes and stakeholders in the local area with further details on the project and early engagement. More information can be found on the project website: [www.alleston-solar.co.uk](http://www.alleston-solar.co.uk).

**ENDS**

#### **About Statkraft**

Statkraft is a leading company in hydropower internationally and Europe's largest generator of renewable energy. The Group produces hydropower, wind power, solar power, gas-fired power and supplies district heating. Statkraft is a global company in energy market operations. Statkraft has 5,700 employees in 21 countries.

#### **About Statkraft UK**

Statkraft is at the heart of the UK's energy transition. Since 2006, Statkraft has gone from strength to strength in the UK, building experience across wind, solar, hydro, storage, grid stability, EV charging, green hydrogen and a thriving markets business.

We've invested over £1.3 billion in the UK's renewable energy infrastructure and facilitated over 4 GW of new-build renewable energy generation through Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs).

Across our UK businesses we employ nearly 500 staff in England, Scotland and Wales and play a key role in helping the global business reach its goal of 9 GW of developed wind and solar power by 2025.

# Appendix 9 – Advert / Poster



## ALLESTON SOLAR FARM Early Engagement

Statkraft is consulting on its emerging proposals for Alleston Solar Farm in Pembroke, Cornwall.

We want to hear what you think to help us shape the plans and explore how we can address concerns and maximise opportunities in the local area.

We will be holding three drop in events.

We hope you can come along to find out more, chat with members of the project team and share your thoughts on our emerging plans.

A copy of the exhibition boards will be available on the project website from 29 November:



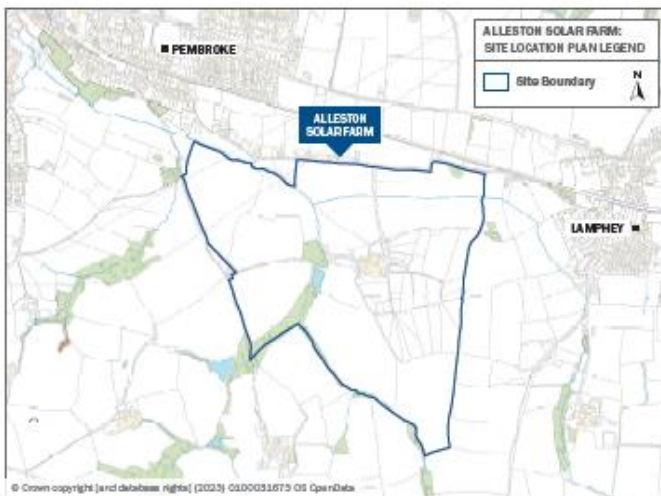
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Please submit your comments by 15 December 2023.



### COMMUNITY EVENTS



Wednesday  
29 November:  
9:45am – 12:45pm



Pembroke Town Hall,  
SA71 4JS



Wednesday  
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Thursday  
30 November:  
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Pennar Community Hall,  
Pembroke Dock,  
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If you require assistance to attend, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to welcoming you.



Scan the QR code for the project website.



## FFERM SOLAR ALLESTON

### Ymgysylltu Cynnar

Mae Statkraft yn ymgynghori ar ei gynigion ar gyfer Fferm Solar Alleston ym Mhenfro.

Rydym am glywed eich barn i'n helpu i lunio'r cynlluniau ac archwilio sut y gallwn ni fynd i'r afael â phryderon a gwneud yn fawr o'r cyfleoedd yn yr ardal leol.

**Byddwn yn cynnal trl ddigwyddiad galw hebldo.**

Rydym yn gobeithio y gallwch chi ddod draw i ddysgu rhagor, i sgwrsio ag aelodau o dim y prosiect ac i rannu eich barn am ein cynlluniau newydd.

Bydd copi o'r byrddau arddangos ar gael ar wefan y prosiect o 29 Tachwedd ymlaen.



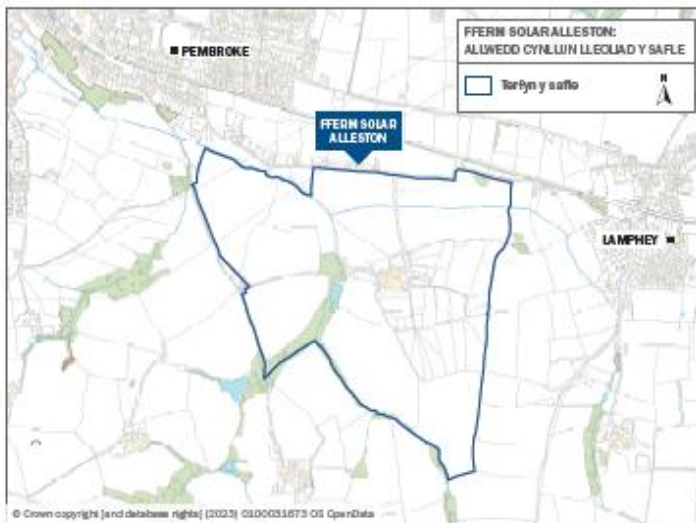
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Cyflwynwch eich sylwadau erbyn 15 Rhagfyr 2023.



### DIGWYDDIADAU CYMUNEDOL



**Dydd Mercher**  
29 Tachwedd:  
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**Neuadd y Dref Penfro,**  
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Llandyfai, SA71 5NR



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**Neuadd Gymuned**  
Pennar, Doc Penfro,  
SA72 6SH

Os oes angen cymorth amoch er mwyn dod, mae croeso i chi gysylltu â ni.

**Edrychw'n ymlaen at eich croesawu.**



Sganhwch y cod QR ar gyfer gwefan y prosiect.

# US long range bomber's night mission

B1 Lancer Supersonic Bomber flew over the county on its way back to RAF Fairford

**Sarah-Jane Absalom**

Sarah-Jane.Absalom@newsquest.co.uk

PEMBROKESHIRE had a late night call from America on Tuesday November 7, when a massive B1 Lancer Supersonic Bomber flew over the county on its way back to RAF Fairford.

Residents were woken at around midnight by a very low, rumbling noise as the multi-mission supersonic bomber flew over virtually every inch of Pembrokeshire, accompanied by a KC 135 aerial refuelling tanker.

People initially assumed it was thunder, however as the noise continued, residents realised it could only be some form of aircraft.

"My God, it was loud. It frightened the hell out of me," commented one resident on social media.

Another one said: "It freaked me out. I was getting out of the car at the time it started, and it was not a nice sound to hear."

Children were woken, dogs were disturbed and farmers had to check on their livestock as a result of the exceptionally loud engine roar.



A B-1B Lancer, which was heard over Pembrokeshire Image: Clemens Vasters/Wikimedia Commons

People have reported hearing it in Marloes, Neyland, Haverfordwest, Milford Haven, Solva, Pembroke Dock, Broad Haven, Fishguard and Crymych.

The B1 Lancer, described by the RAF as 'fast and lethal' has been operating from RAF Fairford since October, with more US bombers expected to arrive

in May 2024. Whenever they are flown over the UK, they don't show up on FlightRadar24.

Nicknamed "The Bone," the B-1B Lancer is a long-range, mul-

ti-mission, supersonic conventional long-range strategic bomber, which has served the United States Air Force since 1966.

Carrying the largest conventional payload of both guided and unguided weapons in the Air Force inventory, the multi-mission B-1 is the backbone of America's long-range bomber force.

The UK RAF claims 'it can rapidly deliver massive quantities of precision and non-precision weapons against any adversary anywhere in the world, at any time'.

It was developed by Rockwell International, now Boeing Defence and Space Group.

Originally designed for nuclear capabilities, the B-1 switched to an exclusively conventional combat role in the mid-1990s, being capable of carrying the AGM-86B air launch cruise missile (ALCM) and the AGM-88 short-range attack missile.

The B-1 has been nearly continuously deployed in combat operations over Afghanistan and Iraq since 2001.

With a wingspan of 137 feet extended forward, its length extends to 146 feet and it's 34 feet high.

## ALLESTON SOLAR FARM Early Engagement



## FFERM SOLAR ALLESTON Ymgysyrtu Cynnar



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Byddwn yn cynnal dau ddiwyddiad gollu hysbysu.

Rydym yn gobeithio y gallwch chi ddod draw i ddiwyddiad rhyngor, i sgwrsio ag aelodau o'r ddiwyddiad a'i rannu eich barn am ein cynlluniau newydd.

Bydd copi o'r byrddau arddangos ar gollu ar wefan y prosiect o 29 Tachwedd ymlaen.

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Cyflwynwch eich sylwadau erbyn 15 Rhagfyr 2023.



### DIWYDDIADAU CYMUNEDDOL

Dyddi Mearbar 29 Tachwedd: 2pm - 7pm

Neuadd Jubilee Lamphey, SA71 5NR

Dyddi Iau 30 Tachwedd: 10am - 2pm

Neuadd Gymuned Pencar, Doc Penfro, SA72 6SH

Os oes angen cymorth amodol i'w ghytneru, dim problemau i'w gysylltu â ni.

Edrychwch ymlaen at eich crosawd.



Sgwrsioch y eidd QR ar gyfer gwefan y prosiect.

# That'll Be The Day - but oh, what a night!

THE nation's best Rock 'n' Roll variety show has raised over £10,300 for Paul Sartori Hospice at Home.

This was 'That'll Be The Day's' 16th year at Folly Farm and its 35th appearance at The Follies Theatre. The much loved show, with two nights of high-quality entertainment, was seen by over a thousand people.

Over those 16 years, the event has raised the staggering sum of just over £150,000 for various charities, including Wales Air Ambulance, the Rotary Clubs of Milford Haven and Narberth & Whitland, the RNLI and the Paul Sartori Hospice at Home, which has been the chosen charity for the last few years.

Event organiser Phil Thompson MBE commented: "It was great to have That'll Be The Day returning to Folly Farm for two wonderful nights of entertainment, especially in front of two sell out audiences, and yes they will be back on October 25, 26, 2024. Tickets will go on sale early next year.

"It was lovely to see so many members of clubs and organisations: Narberth & Whitland Rotary, Haverfordwest Rotary, Pembrokeshire Classic Car Club, Lamphey WI, Pembroke Bedside Club and Marion Hulley's Parties from local Care Homes."

Folly Farm again very kindly supplied the venue.

Chris Ebsworth, Director of Folly Farm, said:

"Folly Farm was once again proud to support Phil Thompson and the That'll Be The Day team.



Pictured are event organiser Phil Thompson MBE, Lynn Hunter and Nicola Wheeler (Paul Sartori Foundation) and Chris Ebsworth (Folly Farm).

A cascade of praise followed the performance, such as: 'The best show ever - not just TBTD shows but the best show I've ever seen' and 'tremendous night. First time I've seen the show but going to bring others next time because I've enjoyed it so much!'

These comments were summed up by the quote from another audience member: 'That'll Be The

Day - but oh, what a night!'

A huge thank you goes to Folly Farm and That'll Be The Day; also to sponsors Milford Haven Port Authority (Community Sponsor) Major Marketing and Pure West Radio (Marketing and Media sponsors) and the Paul Sartori Team: Nicky, Nia, Mand, Corinda, Val, Gill, Mair, Janet, Angela, Paul and Pat.

## Top Place to Eat

DULSE restaurant has landed a leading tourism award just 18 months after opening its doors at the new Tŷ Hotel Milford Waterfront.

Dulse secured the top honours in The Place to Eat category at the 2023 Cresso Awards organised by Visit Pembrokeshire to celebrate the very best of the county's vibrant tourism sector.

At this month's awards ceremony at Pembrokeshire College, Tŷ Hotel Milford Waterfront was also announced as a runner-up in the Hotel of the Year category after being shortlisted as a finalist for the second year running.

Named after an edible native seaweed which features on the menu, Dulse impressed the judges at a restaurant tasting for shortlisted nominations, scoring maximum points with two of the assessors.

## Digital drop-ins

A SERIES of free, drop-in sessions across the County will help you get connected. You can bring your own digital device, tablet or mobile phone or use one of the free access computers, ask questions and get support.

All sessions are at Pembrokeshire libraries from 11am-noon and 1pm-4pm: November 16 at Haverfordwest; November 22 at Pembroke Dock; November 23 at Tenby and December 7 at Milford Haven. Call 01437 764351 for any additional information.

## ALLESTON SOLAR FARM Early Engagement



Statkraft is consulting on its emerging proposals for Alleston Solar Farm in Pembrokeshire.

We want to hear what you think to help us shape the plans and explore how we can address concerns and maximise opportunities in the local area.

We will be holding two drop in events.

We hope you can come along to find out more, chat with members of the project team and share your thoughts on our emerging plans.

A copy of the exhibition boards will be available on the project website from 29 November:

[alleston-solar.co.uk](http://alleston-solar.co.uk) / [alleston-solar.cymru](http://alleston-solar.cymru)

You can also contact us by emailing: [UKProjects@statkraft.com](mailto:UKProjects@statkraft.com)  
Please submit your comments by 15 December 2023.



### COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wednesday 29 November: 2pm - 7pm

Lamphey Jubilee Hall, SA71 5NR

Thursday 30 November: 10am - 2pm

Pennar Community Hall, Pembroke Dock, SA72 6SH

If you require assistance to attend, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to welcoming you.



Scan the QR code for the project website.

## FFERM SOLAR ALLESTON Ymgysylltu Cynnar



Mae Statkraft yn ymgynghori ar ei gynigion ar gyfer Fferm Solar Alleston ym Mhenfro.

Rydym am glywed eich barn i'n helpu i lunio'r cynlluniau ac archwilio sut y gallwn ni fynd i'r afael â phryderon a gweud yn fawr o'r cyfleoedd yn yr ardal leol.

Byddwn yn cynnal dau ddiwyddiadau galw heibio.

Rydym yn gofodhio y gallwch chi ddod draw i ddygwu rhagor, i sgwrsio ag sefodau o dim y prosiect ac i rannu eich barn am ein cynlluniau nwydd.

Bydd copi o'r byrnodau arddangos ar gael ar wefan y prosiect o 29 Tachwedd ymlaen.

[alleston-solar.co.uk](http://alleston-solar.co.uk) / [alleston-solar.cymru](http://alleston-solar.cymru)

Gallwch chi helpu gysylltu â ni drwy e-bostio: [UKProjects@statkraft.com](mailto:UKProjects@statkraft.com)  
Cyflwynwch eich sylwadau erbyn 15 Rhagfyr 2023.



### DIGWYDDIADAU CYMUNEDDOL

Dydd Mercher 29 Tachwedd: 2pm - 7pm

Neuadd Jhebbil Llandyfal, SA71 5NR

Dydd Iau 30 Tachwedd: 10am - 2pm

Neuadd Gymuned Pennar, Doc Penfro, SA72 6SH

Os oes angen cymorth amoch er mwyn dod, mae cresso i chi gysylltu â ni.

Edrychwch ymlaen at eich cressawu.



Sganiwch y cod QR ar gyfer gwefan y prosiect.

# Appendix 10 – Exhibition boards

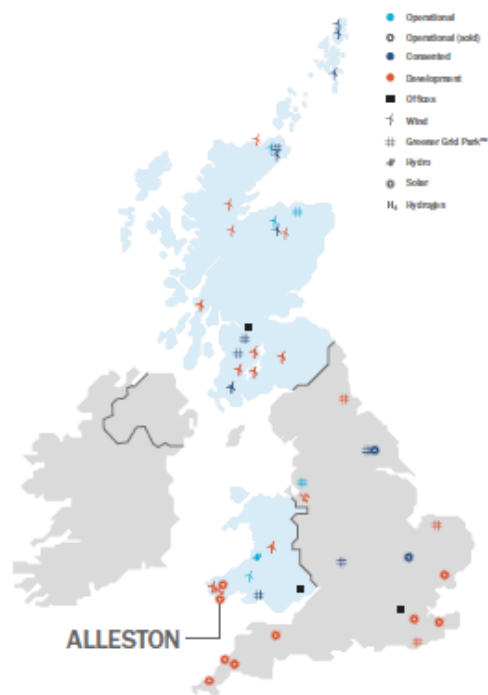


## Welcome

Welcome to our first community consultation on the emerging proposals for Alleston Solar Farm between Pembroke and Lamphey.

## About Statkraft

- The largest generator of renewable energy in Europe
- 40 projects in operation or development across the UK
- Origins in Norwegian hydropower over 125 years ago
- Operating in the UK since 2006 with offices across the UK, including Cardiff
- Develop, build and operate wind, solar, hydrogen and grid stability services
- Distributed over £4 million to communities near renewable energy projects



For more information and to register for updates, visit [www.alleston-solar.co.uk](http://www.alleston-solar.co.uk)





# About Alleston Solar Farm

## Project Summary



**49 MW**

Up to 49.9MW estimated capacity helping to power Wales



**15,000**

Approximately 15,000 estimated homes powered\*



**COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**

Available across project lifetime



**GRID CONNECTION**

Minimising additional power lines



**Estimated £50,000**

business rates to Pembroke County Council every year



### SOLAR PANELS:

These will be anchored into the ground. Panels will be a maximum of 3m from the ground. The framework supporting them will be made of aluminium or steel. They will be connected to each other and the onsite substation via underground cables.

The position of solar arrays will be fixed following assessments undertaken as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment. This will include a Visual Impact Assessment and photomontages showing what they could look like from key viewpoints will be available during the next stage of consultation.



### PROJECT LIFECYCLE:

Alleston Solar Farm has an expected lifetime of 40 years. At the end of the project, the solar farm will be decommissioned, and the land can be returned to agricultural use.



### CONSTRUCTION:

If consented, construction of the development will take approximately 6 to 9 months. A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) will be prepared prior to the commencement of construction works.

\* Based on Welsh average household consumption of 3,325kWh per year (BEIS, Dec 2022)

## Planning process

As Alleston Solar Farm will have an installed generating capacity of more than 10MW of electricity it is defined as a Development of National Significance (DNS). This means the planning application will be submitted to Planning Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) and considered by an Inspector, with the final decision made by Welsh Ministers.





## Environmental Considerations

Early site investigations have started and Statkraft has submitted a scoping request to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) to ensure the appropriate environmental studies are carried out as the proposals are developed.

This process allows early action to be taken to avoid adverse environmental effects and informs necessary mitigation measures required, including those embedded in the design of this project.

These studies will be undertaken by a team of specialist consultants and will help identify opportunities for biodiversity enhancement and improvements to be delivered as part of the development.

### The environmental investigations will include:

- Landscape and Visual Impact
- Ecology and Biodiversity
- Cultural Heritage and Archaeology
- Agricultural Land and Soil

### As part of our design, we will deliver biodiversity net gain.

Potential measures will include:

- Planting new hedgerows and trees
- Sowing appropriate wildflower seeds
- Establishing suitable mixed grassland
- Managing the land to create more wildlife habitats

**Our plans will be informed by ecological surveys and statutory guidance, but we want your ideas as well!**

## Helping Bumblebees thrive

Statkraft is working closely with the experts at the Bumblebee Conservation Trust to develop solar farms that enhance, restore and create bumblebee habitats, which are currently limited on-site.

The Bumblebee Conservation Trust will provide feedback on habitat, plant species and ground preparation techniques that enable bumblebees to thrive, and their advice will inform proposals for the project.



## Supporting Rare Breeds

Our partnership recognises the importance of farming traditions, demonstrating how old and new can work together for the benefit of a healthier, more diverse natural environment.







## Community Benefits

We like our projects to be considered a part of the local community. We look forward to engaging with the community to find out the different ways we can bring positive benefits to the local area.

We will work with you to explore how our plans can make a positive difference to the local area.

### Community Benefit Fund

Statkraft is committed to delivering funding for communities where it operates, and will deliver an ongoing Community Benefit Fund for the surrounding communities.

This project fund is aimed at local groups and organisations rather than individuals, and will benefit local projects and initiatives and could include education, energy efficiency, environmental improvements, and improved community facilities.

If you have any suggestions on which local groups or projects might benefit from the fund, please let us know.

### Local investment

The relationships we forge with local suppliers help our projects to become successful and provide valuable investment in the local area.

Potential opportunities for local businesses exist in terms of groundwork, landscaping, hospitality, civil engineering, and construction contracts. Local businesses are encouraged to register as a supplier to the project, using the "Local Suppliers Registration Form" on the project website.

We welcome ideas on how our project can support local education and employment opportunities and boost local businesses.

### Biodiversity enhancements

We look to actively improve the environment around our projects.

We are targeting a minimum biodiversity net gain of at least 10% and are working with experts and groups to maximise local biodiversity improvements and enhancements.





# Feedback and next steps

Thank you for visiting.

Your feedback is important to help inform the emerging proposals for Alleston Solar Farm.

## Next steps

Following the consultation, we will review and respond to comments to help us inform the final proposals.

Please let us have your comments by **15 December 2023.**



### INDICATIVE TIMELINE

- **Autumn/Winter 2023**  
Early engagement consultation on application and scoping submission.
- **Winter 2023/24**  
Site investigations and studies to inform the final proposals.
- **Spring 2024**  
Statutory consultation on detailed proposals.
- **Summer 2024**  
Application submitted to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW).
- **Winter 2024/25**  
Anticipated recommendation by PEDW and decision by Welsh Ministers.
- **Subject to planning consent, construction would take 6-9 months, so the facility could be generating green electricity by 2026/27.**



Please return the freepost reply card provided.



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[UKProjects@statkraft.com](mailto:UKProjects@statkraft.com)



Phone the project hotline: **0800 772 0668**



## Croeso

Croeso i'n hymgyngoriad cymunedol cyntaf ar y cynigion sy'n ymddangos ar gyfer Fferm Solar Alleston rhwng Penfro a Llandyfái.

### Ynglŷn â Statkraft

- Cynhyrchydd mwyaf ynni adnewyddadwy yn Ewrop
- 40 o brosiectau ar waith neu'n cael eu datblygu ledled y DU
- Yn tarddu o ynni dŵr Norwy dros 125 mlynedd yn ôl
- Yn gweithredu yn y DU ers 2006 gyda swyddfeydd ledled y DU, gan gynnwys Caerdydd
- Datblygu, adeiladu a gweithredu gwasanaethau sefydlogrwydd gwynt, solar, hydrogen a grid
- Dosbarthu dros £4 miliwn i gymunedau ger prosiectau ynni adnewyddadwy



I gael rhagor o wybodaeth ac i gofrestru am ddiweddariadau, ewch i [www.alleston-solar.co.uk](http://www.alleston-solar.co.uk)





# Ynglŷn â Fferm Solar Alleston

## Crynodeb o'r prosiect



**49 MW**

Hyd at 49MW o gapasiti amcangyfrifedig yn helpu i bweru Cymru



**15,000**

Ynni adnewyddadwy cyfwerth ag angen tua 15,000 o gartrefi\*



**CRONFA BUDD CYMUNEDOL**

Cronfa Budd Cymunedol ar gael gydol oes y prosiect



**CYSYLLTIAD GRID**

Ieol ar y safle



Amcangyfrif o **£50,000**

o ardrethi busnes i Gyngor Sir Penfro bob blwyddyn



### PANELI SOLAR:

Caiff y rhain eu hangori yn y ddaear. Bydd paneli uchafswm o 3m o'r ddaear. Bydd y fframwaith sy'n eu cynnal wedi ei wneud o alwminwm neu ddr. Byddant yn cael eu cysylltu â'i glydd a'r is-orsaf trwy gablyau tanddaearol.

Bydd lleoliad araeau solar yn cael ei osod yn dilyn asesiadau a gynhelir yn rhan o'r Asesiad o'r Effaith Amgylcheddol. Bydd hyn yn cynnwys Asesiad o'r Effaith Weledol a bydd ffotogyfosodiadau yn dangos sut olwg a allai fod arwynt o olygfannau allweddol ar gael yn ystod cam nesaf yr ymgynghoriad.



### CYLCH OES Y PROSIECT:

Mae gan Fferm Solar Alleston oes ddisgwyliedig o 40 mlynedd. Ar ddiwedd y prosiect, bydd y fferm solar yn cael ei datgomisynu, a gellir dychwelyd y tir i ddefnydd amaethyddol.



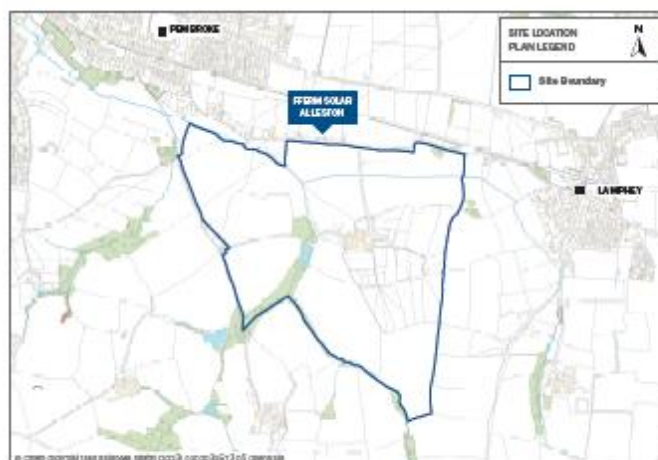
### ADEILADU:

Os rhoddir caniatâd, bydd adeiladu'r datblygiad yn cymryd tua 6 i 9 mis. Bydd Cynllun Rheoli Traffig (TMP) yn cael ei baratoi cyn dechrau ar y gwaith adeiladu.

\* Yn sailiadig ar ddatblygiad gyfarbaf Cymru o 3,525kWh y flwyddyn (DESNZ, Rhagfyr 2022)

## Y broses gynllunio

Gan y bydd gan Fferm Solar Alleston gapasiti cynhyrchu gosodedig o fwy na 10MW o drydan fe'i diffinnir yn Ddatblygiad o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol (DNS). Mae hyn yn golygu y bydd y cais cynllunio yn cael ei gyflwyno i Benderfyniadau Cynllunio ac Amgylchedd Cymru (PEDW) ac yn cael ei ystyried gan Arolygwr, a'r penderfyniad terfynol yn cael ei wneud gan Weinidogion Cymru.





## Ystiriaethau Amgylcheddol

Mae ymchwiliadau safle cynnar wedi dechrau ac mae Statkraft wedi cyflwyno cais cwmpasu i Benderfyniadau Cynllunio ac Amgylchedd Cymru (PEDW) i sicrhau bod yr astudiaethau amgylcheddol priodol yn cael eu cynnal wrth i'r cynigion gael eu datblygu.

Mae'r broses hon yn caniatáu i gamau cynnar gael eu cymryd i osgoi effeithiau amgylcheddol andwyol ac mae'n llywio mesurau lliniaru angenrheidiol, gan gynnwys y rhai sydd wedi'u hymgorffori yn nyluniad y prosiect hwn.

Cynhelir yr astudiaethau hyn gan dim o ymgynghorwyr arbenigol a byddant yn helpu i nodi cyfleoedd ar gyfer gwella bioamrywiaeth a gwelliannau i'w cyflawni yn rhan o'r datblygiad.

### Bydd yr ymchwiliadau amgylcheddol yn cynnwys:

- Effaith ar y Dirwedd ac Effaith Weledol
- Ecoleg a Bioamrywiaeth
- Treftadaeth Ddiwylliannol ac Archaeoleg
- Tir Amaethyddol a Phridd

Yn rhan o'n dyluniad, byddwn yn sicrhau enillion net bioamrywiaeth.

Bydd mesurau posibl yn cynnwys:

- Plannu gwrychoedd a choed newydd
- Hau hadau blodau gwylt priodol
- Sefydlu gwaswelltir cymysg addas
- Rheoli'r tir i greu rhagor o gynefinoedd bywyd gwylt

Bydd ein cynlluniau yn cael eu llywio gan arolygon ecolegol a chanllawiau statudol, ond rydym am eich syniadau chi hefyd!

## Helpu'r Cacwni ffynnu

Mae Statkraft yn gweithio'n agos gydag arbenigwyr yn yr Ymddiriedolaeth Cadwraeth Cacwn i ddatblygu ffermydd solar sy'n gwella, yn adfer ac yn creu cynefinoedd cacwn, sydd ar hyn o bryd yn gyfyngedig ar y safle.

Bydd yr Ymddiriedolaeth Cadwraeth Cacwn yn rhoi adborth ar gynefin, rhywogaethau planhigion a thechnegau paratoi tir sy'n galluogi cacwn i ffynnu, a bydd eu cyngor yn llywio cynigion ar gyfer y prosiect.



### Cefnogi Bridiau Da Byw Prin

Mae ein partneriaeth yn cydnabod pwysigrwydd traddodiadau ffermio, gan ddangos sut y gall hen a newydd gydweithio er budd amgylchedd naturiol iachach, mwy amrywiol.





## Buddion Cymunedol

Rydym yn hoffi i'n prosiectau gael eu hystyried yn rhan o'r gymuned lleol. Edrychwn ymlaen at ymgysylltu â'r gymuned i ddysgu am y gwahanol ffyrdd y gallwn ni ddod â buddion cadarnhaol i'r ardal lleol.

Byddwn ni'n gweithio gyda chi i archwilio sut y gall ein cynlluniau wneud gwahaniaeth cadarnhaol i'r ardal lleol.

### Cronfa Budd Cymunedol

Mae Statkraft wedi ymrwmo i ddarparu cyllid ar gyfer cymunedau lle mae'n gweithredu, a bydd yn darparu Cronfa Budd Cymunedol barhaus ar gyfer y cymunedau cyfagos.

Anelir y gronfa brosiectau hon at grwpiau a sefydliadau lleol yn hytrach nag unigolion, a bydd o fudd i brosiectau a mentrau lleol a gallai gynnwys addysg, effeithlonrwydd ynni, gwelliannau amgylcheddol, a chyfleusterau cymunedol gwell.

Os oes gennych unrhyw awgrymiadau ynghylch y grwpiau neu brosiectau lleol a allai elwa o'r gronfa, rhowch wybod i ni.

### Buddsoddi Lleol

Mae'r perthnasoedd rydym yn eu meithrin gyda chyflenwyr lleol yn helpu ein prosiectau i ddod yn llwyddiannus ac yn darparu buddsoddiad gwerthfawr yn yr ardal lleol.

Mae cyfleoedd posibl ar gael i fusnesau lleol o ran gwaith sylfaen, tirlunio, lletygarwch, peirianeg sifil, a chontractau adeiladu. Anogir busnesau lleol i gofrestru yn gyflenwr i'r prosiect, gan ddefnyddio'r "Ffurflen Gofrestru Cyflenwyr Lleol" ar wefan y prosiect.

Rydym yn croesawu syniadau ar sut y gall ein prosiect gefnogi cyfleoedd addysg a chyflogaeth lleol a hybu busnesau lleol.

### Gwelliannau bioamrywiaeth

Rydym yn ceisio mynd ati i wella'r amgylchedd o amgylch ein prosiectau.

Rydym yn targedu isafswm enillion net bioamrywiaeth o 10% o leiaf ac yn gweithio gydag arbenigwyr a grwpiau i gynyddu gwelliannau i fioamrywiaeth lleol.





# Adborth a'r camau nesaf

## Diolch am ymweld.

Mae eich adborth yn bwysig i helpu i lywio'r cynigion sy'n dod i'r amlwg ar gyfer Ffem Solar Alleston.

## Y camau nesaf

Yn dilyn yr ymgynghoriad, byddwn yn adolygu ac yn ymateb i sylwadau i'n helpu i lywio'r cynigion terfynol.

Rhowch eich sylwadau i ni erbyn  
**15 Rhagfyr 2023**



### AMSERLEN DDANGOSOL:

- **Hydref/Gaeaf 2023**  
Ymgynghoriad ymgysylltu cynnar ar y cais a'r cyflwyniad cwmpasu.
- **Gaeaf 2023/24**  
Ymchwilladau ac astudiaethau safle i lywio'r cynigion terfynol.
- **Gwanwyn 2024**  
Ymgynghoriad statudol ar gynigion manwl.
- **Haf 2024**  
Y cais wedi ei gyflwyno i Benderfyniadau Cynllunio ac Amgylchedd Cymru (PEDW).
- **Gaeaf 2024/25**  
Argymhelliad a ragwelir gan PEDW a phenderfyniad gan Weinidogion Cymru.
- **Yn amodol ar ganiatâd cynllunio, byddaf'r gwaith adelladu yn cymryd 6-9 mis, felly gallaf'r cyfleuster fod yn cynhyrchu trydan gwyrdd erbyn 2026/27.**



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