



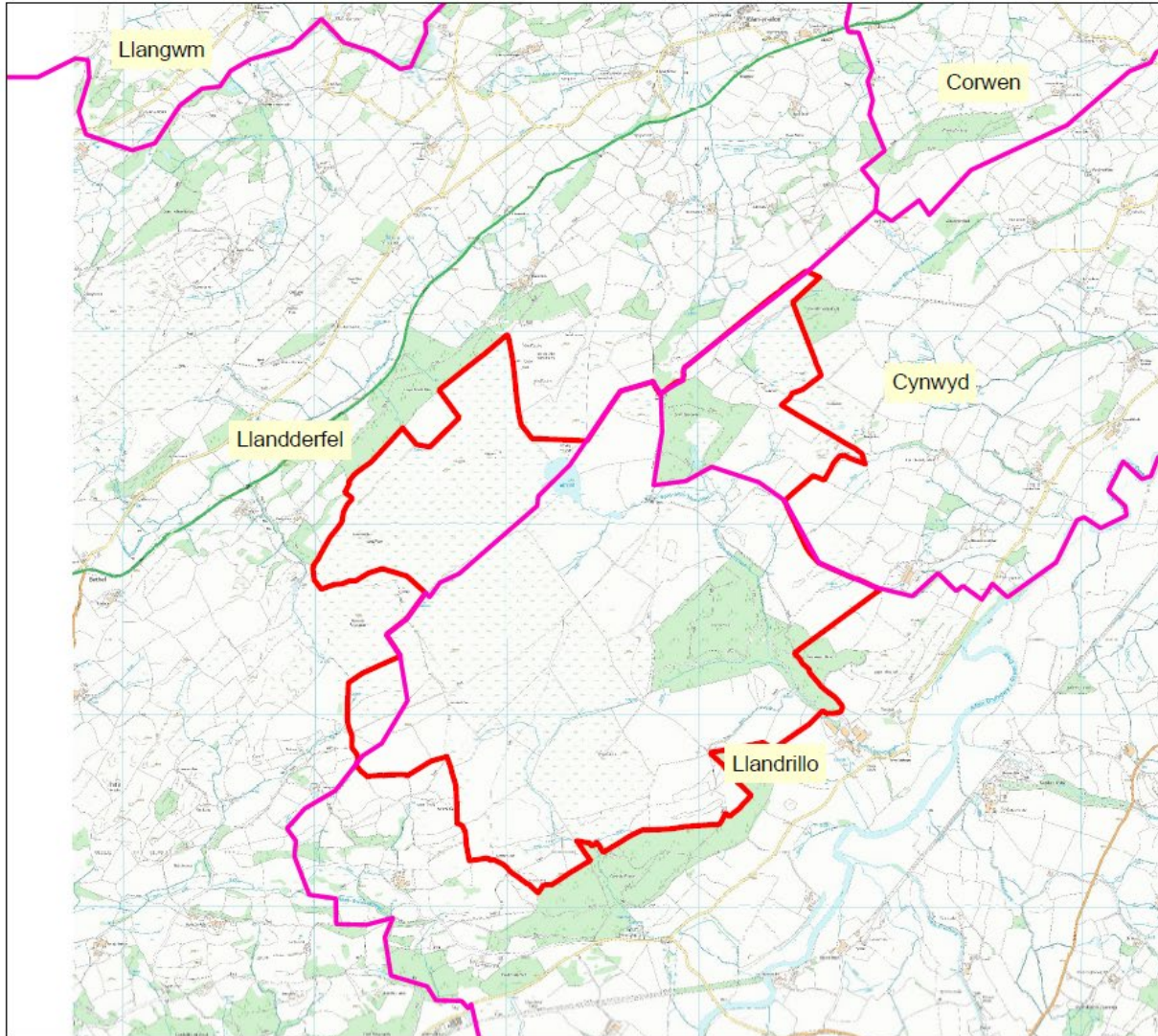
Gaerwen Wind Farm- early-stage briefing

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Gaerwen Wind Farm



Gaerwen Wind Farm:
Community Council Boundaries

Legend

-  Community-councils
-  Wind Project Area

1:20,000

0 250 500 1,000 Metres



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Gaerwen Wind Farm: Current Status

- 2021- Site feasibility work, commence ecology surveys, seek EIA scoping opinion
- 2022- Further site feasibility, firm up access and grid arrangements, Environmental Impact Assessment work, wind monitoring
- 2023- Planning submission
- 2024- Planning consent
- 2025- Discharge planning conditions
- 2026- Construction commences
- 2027- Anticipated start of commercial operations

Gaerwen Wind Farm: Key information

- Straddles border of Gwynedd/ Denbighshire
- Partly within a preferred area for onshore wind development in Future Wales
- Site is in early stages of development. Still to be confirmed:
 - Access route
 - Grid connection
 - Community investment arrangements
 - Number/ size of turbines (currently considering up to 15)

Gaerwen Wind Farm: Application process & consultation

- Application will be a 'Development of National Significance (DNS)
- <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-11/developments-of-national-significance-dns-procedural-guidance.pdf>
- Currently doing feasibility work- surveys and collecting information
- Pre-application consultation is a formalised part of the process- 'early engagement' and statutory pre-application consultation
- Application process is managed by the Planning Inspectorate, a Planning Inspector will be appointed to examine the application
- Decision is taken by the Welsh Ministers

Gaerwen Wind Farm: Community investment/ ownership

- RWE is committed to supporting the communities in which we operate
- We will be investigating a range of options of how we can work with the neighbouring communities including:
 - Community investment funds;
 - Local partnerships; or
 - Shared ownership
- Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm Community Fund
- <https://www.cvsc.org.uk/en/?view=article&id=583:clocaenog-home&catid=2>

Pre-application engagement & consultation

Stage 1: Pre-Application

- Inception Meetings and Pre-Application Advice
 - The developer publicises draft proposals, engages the local planning authority, affected communities and statutory undertakers to identify issues and exchange views.
- NB: It is up to the developer to decide how they undertake early 'engagement'.*

- The developer submits notification of intention to submit a DNS
- Acceptance of notification by the Inspectorate (10 working days)

- Statutory pre-application consultation undertaken by the developer

Application & consultation

Stage 2: Application

- Developer submits application with Consultation Report (validation 42 days for EIA cases and 28 days for all others)
- If the application is valid the Inspectorate publicises and consults on the application
 - LPA prepares a Local Impact Report

- *The developer has 10 working days following close of consultation period to decide whether or not to amend the application*

Examination & decision

Stage 3: Examination

- An Inspector is appointed to 'examine' the application and determines the procedure
- Examination will be written representations, hearing or inquiry, or a combination of all three

- *The appointed Inspector must consider all representations and any matters raised and writes a report to the Welsh Minister recommending whether planning permission should be granted or refused*

Stage 4: Decision

- Application is determined by Welsh Ministers and a decision issued

Developer led consultation- 'early engagement' and statutory pre-application consultation

Application process- managed by the Welsh Planning Inspectorate

A planning inspector will examine the application, before reporting to the Welsh Ministers

Welsh Ministers make the decision on the application