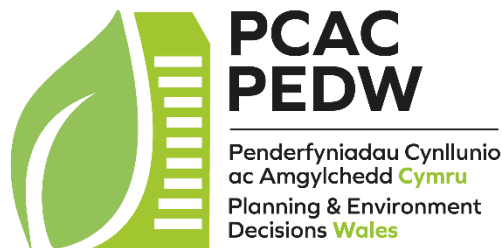


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To: Monmouthshire County Council
Newport City Council
Torfaen County Borough Council
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Natural Resources Wales
Agricultural Land Use & Soil Policy, Welsh Government

Dear Sir / Madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 THE DEVELOPMENTS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE (PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2016 (as amended)

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (WALES) REGULATIONS 2017 (as amended)

Potential DNS Application: DNS CAS-02366-F2C3K8 - Court Farm Solar

Site Address: Ponthir, Monmouthshire, NP18 1HU

Proposed Development: Installation and operation of a ground mounted solar photovoltaic array together with all associated works, equipment and infrastructure

Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) has received a request for a screening direction in relation to the above development and is therefore in the process of assessing whether the project is EIA development, within the meaning of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment (Wales) Regulations 2017.

In undertaking our assessment, we will take into account the selection criteria in Schedule 3 of the 2017 Regulations and advice contained in Welsh Office Circular 11/99: Environmental Impact Assessment. When undertaking EIA screening we do not take account of the planning merits of the project.

We are consulting your organisation as we have limited information before us as to potential environmental issues related to this site.

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh. Correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not involve any delay.

Please note that whilst we have cited our reason for consulting you, your response should indicate whether you consider there is likely to be any significant environmental effect in relation to any matter which falls within your organisation's remit.

We would welcome your advice on:

- Any environmental effects the development may have and whether you consider that any of those effects would be **likely** to be **significant**.

Please note, if you identify any potentially significant effects which are not **likely**, you should specify this in your response.

Your advice will help to inform our screening direction as to whether the development is considered EIA development and subject to an Environmental Statement.

If you wish to highlight any concerns regarding the determination of the application at this stage, please do so in an Appendix to your response, so that is clear what relates to EIA Screening, and what relates to the final decision making process.

Please respond no later than Wednesday 23 April 2025. The Screening Report can be viewed online at: <https://planningcasework.service.gov.wales/> - search for **CAS-02366-F2C3K8**

If you have any difficulty viewing the document, please let me know. Once the issues have been considered a screening direction will be issued and made publicly available. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Marloes Holtkamp

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