

Find out the facts on the project

The next series of public exhibitions will be held in mid-June for the Nant y Moch wind farm. Members of the project team will be available to talk through our latest proposal, which will take into account our consultation work to date.

Finding suitable community venues has been more challenging this time around due to the increased size of the exhibition and so SSE Renewables will provide a free bus service from communities which previously hosted our public exhibitions.

The exhibitions will be in

the same format as the successful events that were held in June last year. Detailed proposals for the wind farm site will be available providing details on the number of turbines and their exact location as well as environmental information and photo montages showing how the proposal will fit into the landscape.

"We look forward to seeing you there," says Community Liaison Officer, Eluned Lewis. "We will be ready to offer more information and answer any questions you may have."



New Name but same commitment

Since January 2010, people around the Nant y Moch site have been getting used to a new name – SSE Renewables.

Almost two years after becoming part of the Scottish and Southern Energy group, Airtricity is taking on the new name to reflect its growing contribution.

As part of the group, the company has increased its expertise and knowledge and the new name shows an even greater commitment to clean energy.

"SSE Renewables not only celebrates Airtricity's proud heritage over the past decade as a wind farm developer but also marks the company's natural progression," said Airtricity Chief Executive Paul Dowling

The facts

- The proposed site of Nant y Moch wind farm is east of the A487 and north of the A44, between Tal-y-bont and the Nant y Moch reservoir.
- The aim, provided the wind farm performs as well as others in the UK, is to have the capacity to generate between 128 and 160 megawatts (MW) – that's enough for the average electricity needs of 71,000 homes*.
- There are currently 64 turbines in our preferred layout. Exact details will be available at the Public Exhibitions held on 16 – 19 June 2010
- SSE Renewables is committed to providing £6.8 million to local communities during the anticipated 25 year lifespan of the wind farm – that's at least £256,000 each year based on an installed capacity of 128MW.

* Based on household consumption of 4,700kWh a year.



Public Exhibitions on the Nant y Moch Wind Farm development will be held on

Wednesday 16 June **Neuadd Penrhyn-coch 3pm – 8pm**
 Thursday 17 June **Y Plas Machynlleth 3pm – 8pm**
 Friday 18 June **Neuadd Goffa Tal-y-bont 3pm – 8pm**
 Saturday 19 June **Neuadd Capel Bangor 9am – 2pm**

Free transport provided
 A free bus service will operate for the communities of Bontgoch, Eglwys Fach, Furnace Treddol and Taliesyn on the day of the Tal-y-bont Exhibition and for the communities of Ponterwyd and Goginan on the day of the Capel Bangor Exhibition. The time table is as follows:

Tal-y-bont Exhibition
 Furnace 2.30pm, 4pm, 6.15pm, (pick up point at the lay by where the community notice board is). The bus will also pick up at Treddol at the garage and Taliesyn from the lay by outside Llancynfelin School on the way through. Bontgoch (pick up point at t junction by community notice board) 3.15pm, 4.45pm, 7pm

Capel Bangor Exhibition
 Ponterwyd 10am, 11am, and 12pm, (Pick up point at the Rheidol Garage). The bus will also pick up at Goginan, at the Druid Inn Car Park on the way through.
Please note that the timetable given could vary slightly on the day due to unforeseen circumstances.

Ceredigion can be proud of its green energy production

A common misconception is that Ceredigion is energy self sufficient and there is therefore no requirement for the Nant y Moch Wind Farm development. It is important to realise that due to the National Grid system of delivering and receiving power nowhere in the UK is energy self sufficient.

Ceredigion can be proud of its long standing relationship with renewable energy production, the county's current production stands at 134.4MW. This does mean that sometimes more electricity is produced locally than is required by domestic households. When this happens the power is exported via the national grid to other areas in the UK. However, this production isn't constant and at times the county relies on power from other sources.

Ceredigion does have an abundance of renewable energy resources particularly wind, but also hydroelectric power and potential biomass through forestry, which could enable the County to play a further major significant role in aiding efforts to tackle climate change and ensure the security of our energy supplies for future generations.

National Eisteddfod and Royal Welsh Show supported

SSE Renewables is proud to have supported two key events which are connected to Ceredigion County this year, the Urdd National Eisteddfod which is being held at Llanerchaeron and the Royal Welsh Show, for which Ceredigion is the host county. Community Liaison Officer Eluned Lewis said "Community commitment is an integral part of the proposed Nant y Moch project. I'm pleased that SSE demonstrated their commitment to the local area through their support and am excited about the prospect of more local events being supported through the community fund in the future when the project is operational, if we receive planning consent."

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The IPC and the planning application

At an expected installed capacity range of 128 - 160MW, the wind farm development at Nant y Moch is a nationally significant infrastructure project under the Planning Act 2008 and therefore is likely to be determined by the recently constituted Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC)*.

The new development consent and consultation system introduced by the Planning Act and administered by the IPC will ensure that local communities, the public, local authorities and interest groups will have much improved opportunities to make their views known and greater influence over the development process. For further details please go to <http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/> for more details.

The IPC has six decision making steps when dealing with applications:

1. **Pre-Application:** Once the IPC is made aware of the proposed application, it is registered on their website, which will include all project related information in the public realm. Early stage information of the proposal is expected to be made available in local media and public places - this is the current stage of the Nant y Moch project.
2. **Acceptance by the IPC:** Once the project is submitted formally, the IPC has 28 days to decide whether there has been effective consultation and whether the application meets the required standards. We anticipate this will take place in early 2011.
3. **Pre-examination:** If the application is accepted as above all members of the public can then register as an interested party and will be kept informed of progress and further opportunities to get involved. After 28 days all the relevant information will be published on to a specific project web page by the IPC. There will then be 21 days for comments to be received on these which will be published on the IPC website.
4. **Examination:** During this period members of the public and communities can submit comments in writing to the IPC. The timetable for events at the examination stage is then confirmed. Registered parties have 28 days from the start of this stage to submit their detailed representations which will be published on the IPC website. Anyone can then make comments on these and will have 21 days to do so. Thereafter, the comments will be made available online next to the detailed representations to which they refer. A Local Impact Report (LIR) will be produced by the relevant local authority or authorities, which is a report on the likely effects of the proposed development on their area. The LIR is submitted to the IPC no later than 42 days after the start of the Examination stage. Thereafter, it will be uploaded to the IPC website. You will then have 21 days to comment on the LIR through the website.
5. **Decision:** The Commissioner(s) has 3 months in which to come to a decision or recommendation which will be issued with a Statement of Reasons on the IPC website.
6. **Post Decision:** The Planning Act 2008 allows for legal challenges of decisions on applications for orders granting development consent. The claim must be lodged within 6 weeks of the decision.

Further information about the IPC and the process will be available at the Public Exhibitions. Do come along and talk to the project team.

* A new proposed Planning Bill by the new government may shift this decision making responsibility to the Planning Inspectorate.

We'd like to keep you informed about developments on this exciting new project. However, if you would prefer not to receive these updates, please write to us, call us, or e-mail us at the details provided.

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