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Jack Sargeant MS  
Chair - Petitions committee  
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21 November 2023

Dear Jack Sargeant MS,

Thank you for your letter of 23 October regarding the proposed solar farm development at Penyfodau Farm, Gower.

The proposal, known as “Parc Solar Caenewydd”, has been accepted by Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (“PEDW”) as a Development of National Significance (“DNS”) and is at pre-application stage.

The DNS process is rigorous and includes engagement and consultation with the public, stakeholders and the local authority. The applicant is required to undertake statutory pre-application consultation and engagement, this provides communities with an early opportunity to engage with and comment on a project. Once an application is submitted, it is subject to further consultation and publicity. Guidance on the process, consultation, how proposals are examined and a guide for communities are available on the Welsh Government website at <https://www.gov.wales/developments-national-significance-dns-guidance> .

When a DNS application is submitted to PEDW an independent Planning Inspector is appointed to assess the proposal. The Inspector provides a report with advice and recommendations for consideration by the Welsh Ministers. The Welsh Ministers make the final decision on DNS applications.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Due to my role as a Minister responsible for determining DNS applications it would not be appropriate for me to comment the case, so not to prejudice the final decision on the application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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