

### **3216558 - Brynwell Farm Solar Project – Secondary Consent Statement**

This note sets out the elements of the proposals which would require a secondary consent in accordance with the Developments of National Significance (Specified Criteria, Fees and Fees for Deemed Applications) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2019.

From the 1st April 2019, Welsh Statutory Instrument No. 283 (W. 65) enacted amendments to The Developments of National Significance (Specified Criteria, Fees and Fees for Deemed Applications) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016. Regulation 2. (3)(b)(i) of the above Statutory Instrument clarifies the interpretation of a 'generating station' for the purposes of the regulations and makes clear that a 'generating station' "does not include... a facility that generates electricity from stored energy".

As the proposed battery storage units represent a proposal to generate electricity from stored energy, consent for these is therefore sought as a secondary consent under the abovementioned regulations.

For further clarity, the battery units would help to optimize the energy production of the development as it would avoid the otherwise intermittent supply of energy to the grid and will allow the solar farm to more closely align its output with the demand of the network outside of daylight hours. As such, it is considered that the battery units represent an ancillary, but separate form of development to improve the overall efficiency of the scheme. This supports the decision to exclude the battery storage units from the main DNS application and to seek a secondary consent for these components.

This element of the proposals is set out on the submitted site plans in the south eastern field of the paneled site area. It has been addressed in full through the suite of accompanying technical work which supports the DNS application. As such this aspect of the proposal is wholly addressed through the submitted application and may be considered as an integral part of the planning proposal.