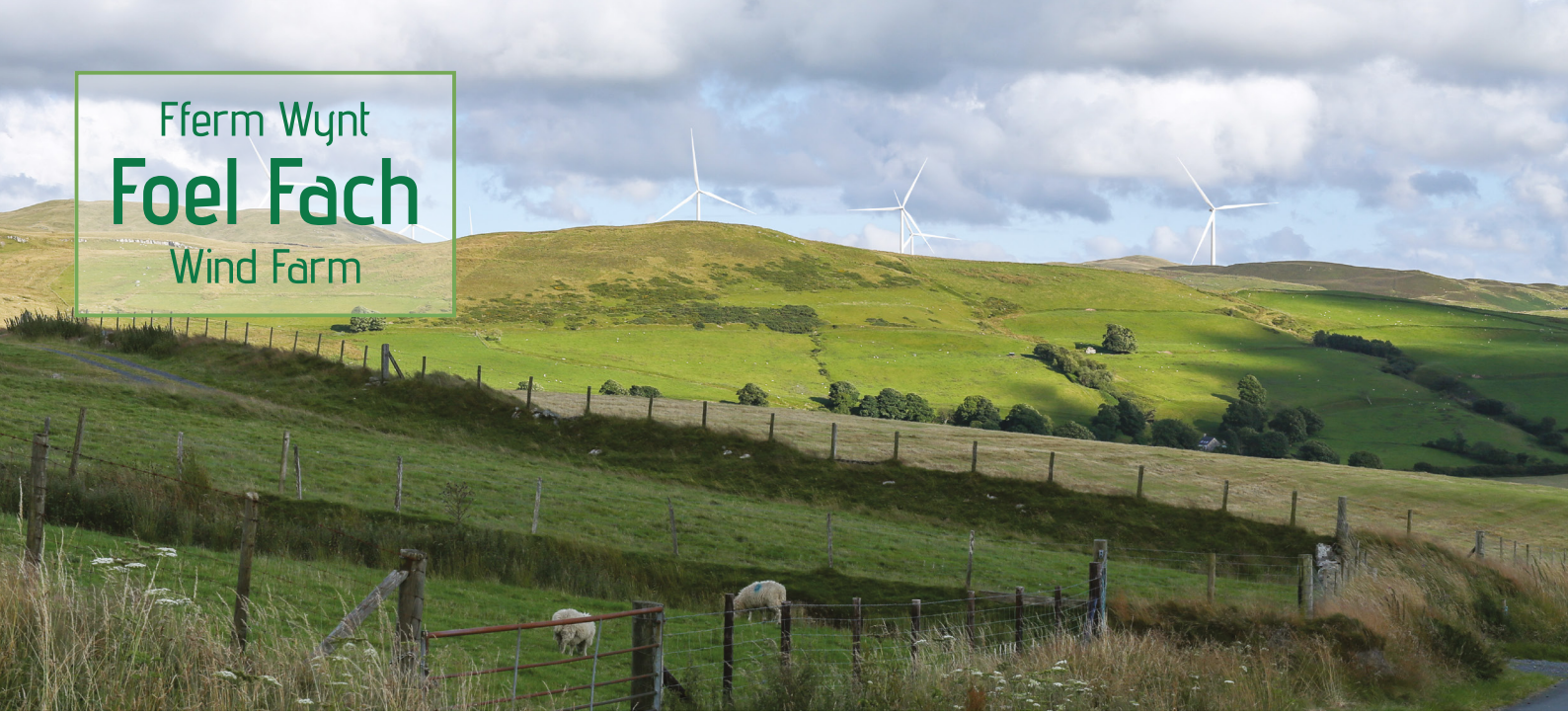
Fferm Wynt Foel Fach Wind Farm



How Foel Fach Wind Farm could look from Cae'r Garreg.

We are undertaking a statutory pre-application consultation on our draft plans for the proposed Foel Fach Wind Farm, a new wind farm on land to the north-east of Frongoch, near Bala.

The consultation is running from **15 December 2025 to 9 February 2026.** We have extended the statutory consultation period of 42 days by an additional two weeks to account for the Christmas holiday period.

The 10-turbine wind farm could provide up to **72 MW** of renewable electricity, enough to power **over 68,700 homes**.[1]

Since our informal consultation in 2024, and in response to technical feedback and surveys, we have made important changes to our project:

- The number of turbines has **reduced** from 11 to 10.
- One turbine has been **moved** to reduce the potential visual impact from Bala.
- Four turbines have **been reduced in height** from 220m to 200m to minimise potential visual impact from Eryri National Park.

Public consultation events

Visit one of our public consultation events to:

- Learn more about our draft planning application
- Speak to the team and ask any questions you have
- View a 3D model showing what Foel Fach Wind Farm could look like

3pm – 7pm
15 January 2026
Neuadd Mynach
Cwmtirmynach, Bala
LL23 7EB

3pm – 7pm
16 January 2026
Canolfan Henblas
22-24 High St, Bala
LL23 7AG

10am – 2pm
17 January 2026
Neuadd Sarnau
Bala LL23 7LG

Tell us what you think

We want to hear from you and would appreciate your feedback. You can contact us in different ways:

Feedback forms – available at public exhibition events and via the project website.

Email – written feedback can be provided via the project email address cyswllt@foelfach.cymru.

Phone – 01678 550032 between 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Scan the QR code to visit the website

You can also visit our website to read the full, draft planning application and view the virtual exhibition.
The draft Non-technical Summary of the Environmental Statement is available to view at Bala Library. [1] See www.foelfach.cymru/en

Working with local people

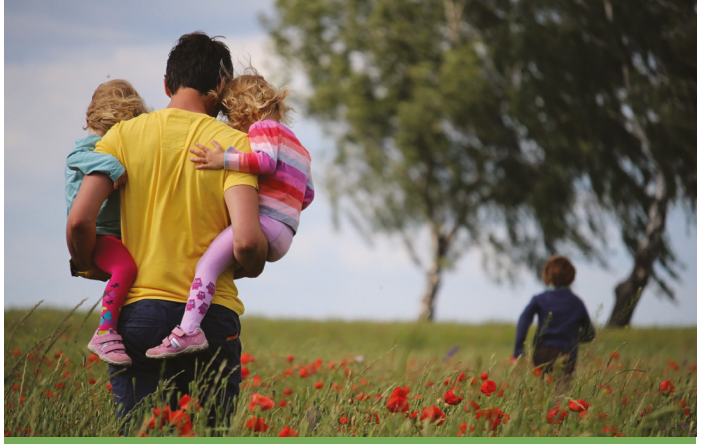
In late 2024, we held an informal consultation on our early-stage plans for Foel Fach Wind Farm and had useful conversations with residents, graziers and elected members.

Since then, we have continued to meet with local people, which has provided further local information and feedback on our plans.

Working in partnership with Community Energy Wales

Welsh Government has a target for 1.5 GW of renewable energy generation to be in local or shared ownership by 2035.

We are pleased to be working in partnership with **Community Energy Wales** with the aim to develop a community ownership model where local residents, businesses and community groups would be able to buy shares in the wind farm and **receive a return on their investment**.



Benefit Fund

We are excited to offer an industry-leading Community Benefit Fund of **£8,000 per MW** per year (index-linked) for the operational lifetime of Foel Fach Wind Farm (up to 40 years).

The fund could amount to **£576,000** every year to be spent on local initiatives. That amounts to a sizeable £23 million investment into the local economy. We are working with **Mantell Gwynedd and CVSC (Community and Voluntary Support Conwy)** to explore ways to ensure that this fund is appropriately set up so that it meets local needs, and that the application process is straightforward.

Mantell Gwynedd and CVSC will be at our consultation events and are eager to hear from you.

Ynni Cymunedol Cymru Community Energy Wales

Mantell Gwynedd
Yn cefnogi grwpiau gwirfoddol a chymunedol
Supporting voluntary and community groups

Cymorth Cymunedol Gwirfoddol Conwy
Community Voluntary Support Conwy

Draft Environmental Statement

We have assessed potential effects the wind farm could have, including on **ecology, ornithology, cultural heritage, landscape and visual, transport and access**, and the **cumulative impact** of other developments in the area. These are presented in the **draft Environmental Statement**, available on our website.

Looking after the local environment

We have ambitious and exciting plans to achieve an overall **Net Benefit for Biodiversity** at Foel Fach. For example, we plan to increase the extent of the heath and moorland by managing bracken growth. This will provide better habitats for ground nesting birds such as hen harrier, curlew, and skylark.

Visit our events or go online to learn about our **Habitat Management Plan**.

The planning process

The planning process for wind farms in Wales is designed to ensure transparency and public involvement. Applications are submitted under the **Developments of National Significance (DNS)** process and are examined by an independent Planning Inspector from **Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW)**.

Developers must carry out extensive consultation with local communities and stakeholders before submitting their proposals. PEDW also consults widely during its assessment.

After reviewing all evidence, the Inspector submits a report with recommendations to the Welsh Minister for Climate Change, who makes the final decision based on planning policy, environmental considerations, and the public interest.

Why onshore wind?

We need more electricity!

Electricity consumption in Wales is projected to nearly triple by 2050[2] due to the electrification of heat and transport, and our increasing reliance on datacentres to cater for our digital lifestyles.

Lower cost

Onshore wind energy is one of the fastest and cheapest methods of generating electricity.

Research by University College London has shown that in recent years, wind power has led to **lower electricity prices** for consumers.[3] Increasing our home-grown renewable electricity capacity is reducing our reliance on imported fossil fuels and reducing costs over time.

Low carbon

Turbine technology has improved greatly and modern turbines are more efficient and capture a greater wind resource. Over its operational lifetime, Foel Fach Wind Farm is expected to save over **2,632,967 tonnes** of CO_2 equivalent, when compared against electricity generated using fossil fuels.

Climate change

Summer 2025 was the warmest summer on record in the UK.[4] The Met Office states one of the main causes of the changing weather (climate change) is caused by **harmful greenhouse gases**, such as CO_2, which get released into the atmosphere when we burn fossil fuel.

The Welsh Government aims to meet 100% of Welsh electricity consumption from renewable sources by 2035, up from just 53% in 2023.[5]

[2] Welsh Government. 2025. Energy Generation in Wales 2023.

[3] UCL Press. 2025. Modelling the long-term financial benefits of UK investment in wind energy generation. https://journals.uclpress.co.uk/ucloe/plugins/isolinear/article/3584/version/1/

[4] Met Office https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/news-and-media/media-centre/weather-and-climate-news/2025/summer-2025-is-the-warmest-on-record-for-the-uk

[5] Welsh Government. 2025. Energy Generation in Wales 2023.

Timeline

Spring/Summer 2024
Project inception, submission of Environmental Impact Assessment scoping report to PEDW.

Autumn 2024
Community consultation on early-stage plans.

Late 2024 – 2025
Further surveys, assessments, reviewing feedback, speaking to local people, refining our plans.

We are here – Winter 2025
Statutory, pre-application consultation on the draft Environmental Statement, community consultation events.

Late 2025 – early 2026
Review feedback and finalise our planning application.

Spring 2026
Submission of planning application to PEDW.

2026
PEDW examine the application.

2027
Decision expected from Welsh Ministers.

2035 (indicative date)
Construction begins.

2037 (indicative date)
Operational, generating clean, green electricity

The deadline to receive feedback is **5pm on 9 February 2026.**

About us

This project is being developed by Coriolis Energy and ESB in partnership. Coriolis Energy is an experienced, professional wind energy developer, which has delivered projects around the UK which are bringing benefits to both communities and the environment.

ESB is Ireland's premier energy company and is a leading independent power generator in the UK, committed to investing in Wales's energy infrastructure.

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Map o'r safle
Site map

Allwedd / ***Legend***

- Tyrbin / *Turbine*
- Ffin y safle / *Site boundary*
- Cwrt LiDAR / *LiDAR Compound*
- Lloriau caled / *Hardstands*
- Traciau / *Tracks*
- Ymylon / *Verges*
- Is-orsaf a System Storio Ynni Batris / *Substation and BESS*