



Community Consultation Commitment

Our Community Consultation Commitment explains how you can comment on proposals by Menter Môn for Morlais – a tidal stream energy project.

There will be two phases of consultation with defined response periods. The details of where you can get further information are summarised below. Your comments on Morlais (the Project) are important to us and any comments you make will be considered as Menter Môn prepares its consent application for the Project. Submission of the consent application is planned for July 2019.

Menter Môn will be seeking consent for Morlais under the Transport and Works Act 1992 (TWA) 1992 and the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (MCAA), in relation to this we are undertaking a public consultation process, which is detailed below.

Morlais is a Menter Môn project. Menter Môn is a social enterprise which works across north Wales to deliver regeneration, environmental and cultural projects for the benefit of local communities.

Proposed development

Menter Môn has secured a lease from Crown Estate for the West Anglesey Demonstration Zone – 35 km² area of sea bed off the north west coast of Anglesey, to generate renewable electricity from the strong tidal currents.

The first stage of the Project looks to secure consent for the development of a tidal stream energy demonstration zone and the installation of the necessary infrastructure to enable developers of tidal energy converters to commercially test their technology. With funding support from Welsh Government, Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO), Isle of Anglesey County Council, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and the private sector, Morlais has the potential to be one of the largest tidal stream energy sites in the world. The Project is proposed to scale-up over time to a potential maximum electricity generating capacity of 240MW.

Offshore there will be tidal energy convertors, seabed cables and hubs connecting groups of tidal energy convertors together into arrays. Onshore there will be a landfall substation, underground power cables and a grid connection substation.

As a multi-million-pound investment, Morlais aims to provide a source of revenue for reinvestment locally through Menter Môn initiatives. It aims to secure maximum benefit to the area and create economic opportunities for local people and businesses during construction and operation.

Potential impacts arising from the proposals are being assessed, for example experts are assessing the potential impact on people and the environment resulting from issues such as visual impact; restriction to navigation within the demonstration zone; and potential increase in traffic during construction. Other areas of assessment include potential impacts on ecological, water quality and coastal processes.

It is vital that local communities and groups have the opportunity to make their views known, to inform the proposals and to contribute to the consenting process.

Consenting process

Menter Môn will apply to Welsh Government under the TWA for consent to develop and operate the Morlais demonstration zone. For more information on this process click [here](#).

Menter Môn will also apply to Welsh Ministers, via Natural Resources Wales Marine Licensing Team (MLT), for a marine licence under the MCAA. This process will run in parallel with the TWA consenting process. Further information on MLT and the licensing process can be found [here](#).

Environmental information

The production of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is a core component of the TWA application. Consultation is an important element of this process especially with statutory consultees on key technical issues. The consultation process is intended to ensure that concerns are raised early, and where possible, addressed before the submission of the TWA application.

When the EIA process is complete an 'Environmental Statement' (ES) will be produced. The ES will set out an assessment of the Project's likely significant environmental effects, along with any proposed mitigation that may be required if impacts can't be avoided. The ES will be submitted as part of the application for consent under TWA.

Consultation timetable, scope and responses

Details of the consultation including dates for responding will be made available on the Morlais website www.morlaisenergy.com.

When the dates of the first consultation are available they will be shared on the website.

Menter Môn will consult on the Morlais project proposals using the methods below:

- **Project website** – documents, plans and maps showing the proposals will be made available at www.morlaisenergy.com, along with a full list of consultation events.
- **Questionnaire/comments form** – to be sent to businesses and residential properties most likely to be affected by the development, and available at all public exhibitions and on the Project website.
- **Public exhibitions** – will be held at locations on Anglesey and specifically in the Holyhead area.
- **Newsletter** – to be sent to those identified as most likely to be potentially affected by the development and posted on the Project website.
- **Media** – press releases/advertisements will be issued during the pre-application stage to include details of the consultation process and public exhibitions.

- **Political engagement/ town and community council briefings** – local politicians, councils and relevant community groups will be kept informed on the Project.

All communications related to the Project will be bilingual. Consultation responses and feedback can be submitted in Welsh or English.

Large print format documents will be made available on request.

Feedback and responses to the consultation can be sent to the Project team using the contact information below.

The Morlais Team at Menter Môn will have regard to all relevant responses to consultation and will demonstrate this in a publicly available Consultation Report to be submitted with the application for the Project.

Document deposit locations

This Community Consultation Commitment, and all other relevant documents will be made available to view (free of charge) at the Menter Môn offices, Neuadd y Dref, Llangefni, Ynys Môn, LL77 7LR on Monday to Friday, between the hours 1030 to 1700.

Public exhibitions

Events will be held at accessible locations close to the proposed development. Details of these events will be publicised locally and in relevant media. This Community Consultation Commitment, and other relevant documents will be available to view, as well as other materials, and the Morlais project team will also be available to answer questions.

Contact information

For further information, please contact the team in one of the following ways.

- Menter Môn, Neuadd y Dref, Llangefni, Ynys Môn, LL77 7LR
Monday-Friday, 1030 to 1700
- Call 01248 725 722
- www.morlaisenergy.com
- info@morlaisenergy.com

When contacting the team, please state your name, or on whose behalf you are making contact. If providing feedback on the proposal or making a consultation response, please state the grounds of your response and an address where correspondence relating to the Project can be sent.

Please be assured that all feedback and consultation responses will be treated in line with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

For information the Morlais registered office is Menter Môn, Neuadd y Dref, Llangefni, Ynys Môn, LL77 7LR.