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Community Consultation Commitment

Introduction

Floventis Energy is a joint venture between the renewable energy project development company Cierco and SBM Offshore, who specialise in floating offshore energy.

Located off the coast of Pembrokeshire in the Celtic Sea, Llŷr 1 is a test and demonstration floating wind farm array. At its closest point, the boundary of the proposed area for lease for the project is approximately 55 km from the Lundy Island shore and 36 km from the Welsh coastline.

This document outlines our Community Consultation Commitment which sets out how Floventis Energy intends to consult the public ahead of its consent applications for the project.

Consent process

To build and operate Llŷr 1, we will need to apply for the following consents:

Section 36 consent under the Electricity Act 1989:

This would allow us to build and operate an offshore generating station (the wind farm) and would also include deemed planning permission for the onshore works. This means that consent for our onshore works would be considered as part of the section 36 application. Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) administering on behalf of the Welsh Ministers is responsible for determining this type of application

Marine Licence under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009:

This would allow us to carry out certain activities in the marine environment, such as works on the seabed and the establishment of moorings. Natural Resources Wales administer Marine Licence applications on behalf of the Welsh Ministers.



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Environmental information

We're currently undertaking an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to understand the potential effects of the project on the environment and local communities and to identify ways in which any impacts could be avoided or mitigated.

The assessment will consider visual impact; restrictions to navigation; ecology, water quality, coastal processes and other environmental impacts. It will also consider traffic impact during the construction and operational phases.

The findings of our EIA will be presented in a document known as an Environmental Statement which will be submitted as part of our applications for consent.

Where possible, we'll share the initial findings from the EIA process during our public consultation, to give you the opportunity to provide your view.

Consultation is a key element of the EIA process and we'll be consulting throughout the process with key technical consultees such as Natural Resources Wales, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee.

Approach to public consultation

We have outlined our approach to public consultation below, including where you can find information on the project and how to respond. This document will be available to view and download via the scheme webpage and paper copies will be available on request. Contact details to request information or documents from us can be found at the end of this document.

How will we consult?

Our consultation will run between 15th January 2024 and 11th February 2024 and all the details about the project and our consultation will be shared on the scheme website - www.llyrwind.com. This pre-application consultation will deal with the onshore and offshore elements of the project and all related impacts, as summarised above.

All communications related to the project will be bilingual and consultation responses can be submitted in Welsh or English. Large print format documents will be made available on request.

Drop in events

Three in-person drop-in events will be held at accessible locations close to the proposed development. Subject to venue availability, we intend to hold events in Hundleton, Pembroke Dock and Pembroke. These drop-in style events will be designed for members of the public to attend, view the plans in more detail and ask questions of the project team.

Technical specialists covering a range of disciplines will be at the event to answer more specific or technical questions that people might have.

A consultation response station will be in place at the events to allow people to fill out the survey response form manually, or digitally via an iPad. A member of the project team will be able to assist with this if requested. Hard copies of the survey will be available for attendees to take away and return in their own time via post.

Virtual Consultation Room

The Virtual Consultation Room (VCR) will be used as an additional method of engagement with the public. This is an interactive web-based tool which aims to complement in-person events and increase the reach of our consultation. This provides greater accessibility and flexibility for people who are unable to, or do not want to attend the in-person events, allowing them to view the same information in their own time.

The VCR will be developed to resemble a traditional exhibition room, with exhibition boards positioned around the room, as well as other supporting information. All consultation materials will be available to download from the VCR, including the consultation brochure. The VCR will also include a consultation response station, where people can submit their feedback online, or download a hard copy version to submit via email or post.

The VCR will be embedded on the scheme website www.llyrwind.com

How will we publicise the consultation?

We have identified several methods to publicise the consultation. This will ensure the local community and stakeholders are aware of the consultation and have the opportunity to participate in the consultation and leave their feedback. We will work with the local authorities to identify any Hard-to-Reach groups and will update the document as required.

Method	Detail
Project webpage	A full summary of the project and link to the VCR which will house electronic versions of all consultation materials will be available at: www.llyrwind.com
Information postcard	We will send a postcard to residential and business addresses within a defined zone, based on the project footprint, at the consultation launch. The postcard will provide details of the consultation, including where to get more info, how to respond and the public events. It will also include our contact details for people to ask questions or request printed copies of materials.
Media and Advertisements	Press releases/press advertisements will be issued to local publications during the pre-application process to include details of the consultation process and public exhibitions. This includes The Western Telegraph, The Pembrokeshire Herald, as well as fishing trade journals and regional publications.
Social media	We will explore options to take advantage of existing social media channels, including providing local authorities and other bodies with social media content.
Political engagement/town and community council briefings	Local politicians, councils and relevant community groups will be kept informed on all aspects of the project through email and written correspondence. Where possible, we will ask these stakeholders to share information on the consultation via their own channels.

How can the public provide feedback?

Responses to the consultation can be submitted in the following ways:

- **Online** Complete the online consultation response online at: www.llyrwind.com
- **Email** Email a completed feedback form or send a free text response to info@llyrwind.com
- **Post** Complete a paper copy of the consultation response form and return it to:

**Llŷr Project offices, Office 20, Bridge Innovation Centre,
Pembrokeshire Science and Technology Park,
Pembroke Dock SA72 6UN**

The consultation will run between 15th January 2024 and 11th February 2024. The deadline for responding to the consultation is 23:59 on 11th February 2024.

The below contact details are also publicly available for use outside of the consultation period:

Postal Address:

Llŷr Project offices, Office 20, Bridge Innovation Centre,
Pembrokeshire Science and Technology Park,
Pembroke Dock SA72 6UN

Website: www.llyrwind.com

Telephone: 01646689275

Email Address: info@llyrwind.com

For respondents who prefer a hard-copy of the consultation brochure and response form, we will make these materials available at:

Pembroke Dock Library:

Water Street, Pembroke Dock, SA72 6DW.

Pembroke Library:

Commons Road, Pembroke, SA71 4EA.

All responses received during the consultation will be recorded and analysed.

The detailed analysis will allow us to understand the views, opportunities and concerns raised by all our stakeholders and how these could be addressed. Where it is possible to do so, we will use the feedback to help influence the project design or to help identify ways to reduce the impacts of the project.

We'll summarise our findings in a public consultation report which will detail the feedback received and how it influenced our proposals. We'll submit the consultation report as part of our application.

Once we have submitted our application, there will be a further opportunity to have your say by making a representation on the application and registering as an Interested Party for any Public Inquiry.

If you have any queries about this Project,
please contact us by calling **01646 689275**
or email the project team E:info@llyrwind.com



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