



Candwr Solar Farm

January 2026 update



Statutory Consultation

Due to the Welsh Senedd elections taking place on May 7th 2026, the statutory consultation will take place during early summer 2026.

Planning application submission

There continues to be a great deal of survey and design work required before any planning application can be submitted. The application will be supported by an Environmental Statement (ES), and in order to determine and agree the extent of issues that should be considered within the ES, the Applicant has requested an EIA Scoping Direction from the Welsh Minister. The Applicant is now awaiting the Welsh Minister's Scoping Direction. The Scoping Direction will be a key document setting out what environmental works should be carried out before an application can be finalised and submitted.

PEDW were re-notified in December 2025 to extend the application submission window to December 2026 under the DNS application process. Our aim is to submit before December.

Transport

No decision on a preferred transport route has been made.

Following our meeting with the three local authorities, we are progressing with further survey work. This will continue ahead of additional conversations that are planned with them in the coming months. Currently no timetable has been set for these meetings.

We are currently evaluating the relative merits of approaching the project site via routes to the south, from the M4 heading north via Caerleon, and from the A4042 to the east of the site, via the Grange Hospital roundabout and Tre-Herbet Road. To this end, we have undertaken traffic count analysis, swept path analysis and topographical surveys. We are currently evaluating the results of these reports.

In terms of options, we are also considering a plan involving the reduction of the numbers of vehicles approaching from any one direction and for having specific time limits for daily access of HGVs.

Construction compounds will be used within the land parcels to facilitate the offloading of HGVs onto standard agricultural tractors/trailers for movement within the site, within fields wherever possible and crossing roads only when necessary.

Specific arrangements for any traffic crossing points will also be developed and presented to the community councils prior to the statutory consultation as has been previously agreed.

Flood Mitigation

Infiltration testing begun early in January 2026 to measure the rate of soakaway of water in each land parcel. The initial survey work has been paused due to adverse weather conditions.

Activities will resume as soon as conditions allow, and the findings from these studies, along with surveys of the internal watercourses, will inform the development of our surface water and flood-mitigation drainage strategy.

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Future Communications

We appreciate that regular communication on project progress is important and also recognise that information that lacks detail or information that may be subject to change in the short term can cause frustration and distress.

We will continue to provide monthly updates, our aim, however, is to only share information on specific work items, once advanced and well-formed, as soon as these details become available.