



CARU TEIFI



NEWS/ACTION

OFGEM CONSULTATION **'Electricity Distribution License' to GreenGEN**

OFGEM are currently '**minded to grant**' GreenGen an Electricity Distribution License, but have amended their standard conditions for the grant.

These amendments focus on adequacy of financial resources and credit worthiness.

Also, the fact that a generating company cannot also be a distribution network operator- (*Green Gen is a subsidiary of Bute*) questions if they can demonstrate sufficient separation between the two?

Given the magnitude of the proposed distribution operations by GreenGEN & their importance from a national perspective, our question is: "is it reasonable to grant them leave from full compliance with the Standard Conditions, and what protection is in place to guard against default by Green Gen in respect of any of their obligations?"

OFGEM have announced a Statutory Consultation period of 28 days from April 24th-May 6th relevant to the conditions it has placed on the license.

You can see the detail on their website here: ([link](#))

You can lodge your concerns to this using the email below:

licensing@ofgem.gov.uk

For reference there is the detailed and comprehensive response by Sarah Eyles from the TowyTeifi action group. She has shared her response to Ofgem and invited anyone, should they wish, to utilise it for their objection. It is better to not copy and paste but to edit and use in your own words as much as possible. (Attached PDF)

Sarah also wrote an excellent critique that was published on Nation Cymru: ([link](#))

Action Group Formed

Following on from the recent consultation GreenGEN held in the Cellan village hall, an action group has now formed comprising of members from the Cellan area, all directly impacted by the proposed renewable energy infrastructure on our rural communities. We currently have a working name of CARU TEIFI and we have set up a Facebook page ([link](#)) so please join up via this link where we will be posting updates & information to all the significant and ongoing debates. We are also creating a website.

We have been extremely busy outlining the key areas where we can raise our objections, and we have been lobbying County Councillors, Members of Senedd and Members of Parliament with objections. Our explanations centre on the fact the proposed scale of wind farm and pylon development are inappropriate for this area. They would cause serious destruction of an important natural resource, and have the potential to devastate our communities.

Likewise, we have been sending objections to Bute Energy, GreenGEN and Ofgem- the regulator responsible for granting a licence to GreeGEN enabling them to erect Pylons.

Contacts with other groups in Llandovery and Llandeilo have been established with a view of sharing information and so creating a wide, united network of people objecting to these schemes right across the Cambrians.

A lot of effort is going into making more people aware of the huge amount of destruction that would be caused to the Cambrian Mountains if any of these schemes are allowed. At the same time urging all to voice their concerns and objections to Councillors, Members of Senedd and Members of Parliament.

CAMBRIAN MOUNTAIN SOCIETY

Presentation by Lorna Brazell

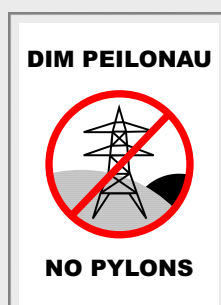
Cellan Village Hall Monday April 29th 7:15pm

CaruTeifi are hosting a presentation by Lorna Brazell from the Cambrian Mountains Society in the Cellan Hall, SA48 8HU. The CMS has been very active in presenting responses to the Bute/GreenGEN proposals, and have a lot of traction as a lobbying group.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by reply to our email: caruteifi@protonmail.com

We are also running the presentation via a Zoom ([link](#)) for those who would rather watch from home.

JPEG for 'Dim Peilonau/No Pylon' posters available



Y Stiwdio Brint in Lampeter have very kindly agreed to enable anyone who wants to get laminated prints up to A3 of this poster, can do so directly with them. They are holding the image as a JPEG and you can order any number you

Carter Jonas

Carter Jonas are the Surveying firm working for GreenGEN. They have recently been visiting properties in the area to establish ownership of lands not easily identified in the land registry. They have been using bullying tactics, and some people have reported back to us they have been very pushy. They have also written to local property owners requesting landowner /occupier status and 'non -intrusive' survey access. In the letters they threaten to use powers under section 172 of the housing and planning act 2016 if not granted access to lands. These tactics are deceptive as they do not currently have those powers. Anyone who has been affected by these approaches can write to/ contact Ben Lake MP who has offered to contact Green Gen to request that they do not approach their premises again

Ben Lake meeting GreenGEN

Alongside Elin Jones MS and Cllr. Eryl Evans, Ben Lake met with GreenGEN virtually at the end of March. During the meeting GreenGEN confirmed that they had received 1,142 pieces of feedback during the initial consultation process and acknowledged there was a strong preference for under-grounding the transmission lines as opposed to erecting pylons. The feedback is currently being processed by GreenGEN and will be compiled into a report as part of the planning process, estimated to be completed by the end of April.

GreenGEN confirmed that they are "currently looking at the Towy/ Usk project and the potential to underground the transmission cables, and they will be looking at the Towy/Teifi route in detail over the next 6 to 12 months". The other questions, prepared by CaruTeifi, have been submitted to GreenGEN and they have assured us that they will provide a written response in due course.

CABLE PLOUGHING DEMONSTRATION



On the 10th April, Pencader based ATP European Utility Ploughing Specialists hosted a demonstration in LLanybydder of their cutting edge technology used in cable installation to a number of influential and well connected representatives.

In particular they demonstrated how they can lay a 132kv & 400Kv Trifoel Duct System with 64mm Comms Duct 1200 cover underground. Exactly the same system that GreenGEN say they cannot do because it is far more expensive than Pylons.

Amongst those in attendance was Cefin Campbell MS. He said: "*I saw a glimpse of a pylon free Wales at work today with a fascinating demonstration of cable ploughing in Llanybydder! This innovative technology can put electricity cables underground thus making the case for invasive pylons redundant. This technique is also extremely effective and environmentally friendly with minimal ground disruption and damage. This has to be the way forward in supporting renewable energy whilst preserving the natural beauty of our unique landscape. Many thanks to ATP Cable Plough Pencader for organising this exciting event*".

ATP website is here: [\(link\)](#)

