

FAO: Nick Atkinson
Wrexham County Borough Council
Planning Service
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04/10/2022

Re: P/2022/0541

Dear Mr Atkinson,

I am writing on behalf of Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water to express support for the above referenced Solar photovoltaic and energy storage development. Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water is actively collaborating with Novus Renewable Services on this project. There is a long-term opportunity for electricity generated from this renewable scheme to displace Dŵr Cymru's electricity use at Dŵr Cymru's Five Fords Wastewater Treatment Works, allowing benefits from this development to be delivered locally; reducing dependency on grid supplied electricity and accelerating Dŵr Cymru's journey to be a 'net zero' business by 2040. As the nation experiences an energy crisis, secure, reliable, directly connected electricity generation and storage has significant economic benefit on our operations.

The scheme would also contribute to Dŵr Cymru's renewable generation ambition to be 100% energy self-sufficient by 2050, as published in 2018 in 'Welsh Water 2050'¹. This commitment highlights the synergy between the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and the opportunity to invest now in responsible climate mitigation projects such as the Cefn Solar development, to achieve long-term environmental and sustainability benefits for all the people of Wales, as well as locally in Wrexham. I trust that viewing this planning application in light of Welsh Government's wider 'Climate Emergency' will allow the scheme benefits to speak for themselves when reviewed formally in the planning process.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Dixon

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¹ <https://corporate.dwrcymru.com/en/about-us/our-plans/water-2050>

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