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Subject: Invitation to a Public Engagement Event for a Proposed Solar PV Farm on land at Bryn Lane, near Wrexham Industrial Estate
Attachments: Francis and Bryn Lane - site boundary aerial photo.jpg; Francis and Bryn Lane - site boundary aerial photo - context.jpg; Racking 30 20 SC deg.pdf; Consultation Poster - Francis Lane.pdf

FAO Lesley Griffiths AM, Aled Roberts AM, Mark Isherwood AM, Antoinette Sandbach AM and Llyr Huws Gruffydd AM

I am writing to invite you to a Community Consultation event for a proposed solar farm on land between Bryn Lane and Francis Lane, near Wrexham Industrial Estate. I have attached site location plans as well as an indicative elevation of the proposed panels.

We have confirmed a booking at Isycoed Village Hall from 3pm until 7pm on Tuesday 10 June, 2014. To give as many people as possible the opportunity to attend, we have sent invitational letters to local residents and businesses, have supplied local businesses with the attached poster, have placed a notice in the local press and have also invited Holt Community Council, Isycoed Community Council, Councillor Morris from Wrexham County Borough Council and Ian Lucas MP.

The area of the site is approximately 24.8 hectares. This is expected to have an installed capacity of 13.1MW and would power approximately 4,280 homes in the local area or help to supply power to nearby business and industrial users.

The site is flat and can be well screened in the local area, minimising landscape and visual impacts. It has been chosen as it can make a substantial contribution to renewable energy targets whilst the special qualities of the surrounding area are protected. The land owner would continue to use the land for sheep grazing, so the proposals represent an additional income stream, helping to support the businesses as well as the wider economy.

The event will be informal, providing an opportunity for people to drop in and learn more about the proposed development, discuss the proposals with TGC's staff and engage in the pre-application consultation process. Comments forms will be provided for attendees to submit their thoughts on the Proposals, which will be taken into account during the design and planning process. The findings of the community consultation process will be set out in Community Consultation Report which will accompany the application.

At this stage, I would also take the opportunity to note that as a company, TGC are committed to helping the UK make a responsible move towards a cleaner, greener future for everybody, both on a local and national level. We consider that these sites have the scope to contribute to that and that they comply with planning policy and guidance. TGC also propose a Community Benefit Fund of £1,000 per installed MW on the site, which would be payable to the Community Council for the first ten years of the project's operation (irrespective of the Community Council's support or otherwise for the project).

I hope you can attend, however if you are unable to do so, have any questions regarding the proposal or wish to discuss any issues, please do not hesitate to contact me via any of the means below.

Kind regards,

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