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Denbighshire

Plans for Ynni Celyn energy storage scheme to go on display.

- **NatPower will shortly be consulting on plans for a new 1GW battery energy storage scheme ahead of submitting a full planning application to Denbighshire County Council.**
- **A public exhibition for the Ynni Celyn scheme will take place at Corwen Sports Pavilion, War Memorial Park, LL21 0DN on 25th November (3pm-7pm) and 26th November (10am-2pm).**

NatPower, one of the UK's leading developers of clean energy generation and distribution, is seeking community feedback on its plans to build a new battery energy storage scheme (BESS) on a 30 hectares site located between Gwyddelwern and Clawdd Poncen, Corwen.

Battery storage is crucial to guaranteeing a secure, affordable and clean energy supply for the whole of the UK in the future. As more renewable energy comes onto the grid, batteries are needed to store energy for use during times of peak demand, or when renewable power isn't available. This will ensure grid resilience as renewable generations become more prominent as part of the UK's energy mix.

As well as the plans for the BESS project, NatPower will be sharing details of its Community Energy Transition Foundation, an independent charity which will support communities to become the most sustainable in the UK. Should the project go ahead, the Foundation will invest in local initiatives that support the transition to net zero, ensuring local benefits from the delivery of national infrastructure.

Following the consultation, NatPower will consider all the feedback received before submitting full planning applications to Denbighshire County Council.

John Sturman, Managing Director at NatPower, said:

'Battery storage will play an essential role in delivering clean, secure and affordable energy for the UK. We are looking forward to meeting with the local community and talking them through our plans.'



'The NatPower team will be on hand to answer questions and explain the essential role that battery storage will play in clean energy delivery. We will also be discussing our Community Energy Transition Foundation, which will invest in local initiatives to create market-leading sustainable living for the local community. We are keen to hear about what your community would like to see to become more sustainable.

'I would encourage everyone to come along and have their say, so we can enhance the proposals further.'

Local residents are invited to the public consultation, which will take place over two days, at Corwen Sports Pavilion, War Memorial Park, LL21 0DN on 25th November (3pm-7pm) and 26th November (10am-2pm).

For more information, visit the website www.natpower.uk/project/ynni-celyn or contact the project team on 0204 4599 7991 or email Ynni.Celyn.bess@natpower.uk.

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1. NatPower has the largest energy transition development programme in the UK, aiming at integrating large scale smart clean energy generation and distribution with large scale intermittent clean energy demand.
2. We are part of the NatPower Group, an independent, well-capitalised energy enabler, with 25 years' experience and 30GW of assets developed across 20 countries and six continents.
3. Battery storage plays a critical role in supporting the transition to net zero, given that renewables do not generate energy consistently. Using batteries, we can store electricity at times of high production, and release it to the grid at times of peak demand.
4. NatPower uses lithium-Ion batteries – a tried and tested technology that is commonly used in our day-to-day lives, such as in smartphones.



5. All of our BESS projects are designed to be safe and to avoid impacts on our neighbours. To understand potential impacts, we carry out assessments during the planning phase. These inform the measures we build into our proposals – including using planting to screen homes from noise or views of the BESS.
6. Our Community Energy Transition Foundation invests in local communities to help them become more sustainable. Through funding local projects, we aim to leave a positive legacy locally as we support the national transition to net zero.