

# VYRNWY FRANKTON CONNECTION

## Connecting renewable energy to homes and businesses to address the climate emergency

**Have your say on proposals for a new renewable energy connection**

**Consultation open:  
6 September – 18 October 2023**

The Welsh and UK Governments have set clear targets for more renewable energy, helping to stop the climate change that is threatening our livelihoods, landscapes, and wildlife.

In Mid Wales, the existing electricity network does not have the capacity to connect new renewables to homes and businesses. To end the use of fossil fuels we need new infrastructure and quickly.

To meet this need, Green GEN Cymru is proposing a new substation and an overhead line through the Vyrnwy Valley to connect clean, green energy to the existing electricity network near Lower Frankton, helping address the climate emergency.

We're proposing to use 27 metre tall steel lattice pylons. These are significantly shorter and less bulky than the pylons proposed previously in the area by National Grid – any visual effects are significantly less as a result.

We have identified an area for the substation and a preferred route for the connection based on a range of factors including potential effects on landscape, the environment, and communities. There is more information about this in our phase one consultation brochure and our routing and consultation document, both on our website [www.greengenvyrnwyfrankton.com](http://www.greengenvyrnwyfrankton.com)

We know that people have different views on new infrastructure, and we recognise people have concerns about pylons featuring in the landscape. Delivering the infrastructure we need to address climate change requires a careful balance.

We are focused on causing the least disturbance to those who live, work and enjoy recreation close to our proposals and we are committed to protecting the surrounding environment.

Feedback from specialist organisations and communities is a key part of how we will develop the project. Your local knowledge can help us understand any potential effects and benefits that we may not have considered in our work to date, and to inform our work going forward.



## About you

Title:	Name:				
Age group:	<input type="checkbox"/> 18 and under	<input type="checkbox"/> 19 – 34	<input type="checkbox"/> 35 – 50	<input type="checkbox"/> 51 – 65	<input type="checkbox"/> Over 65
Address:					
Postcode:		Email address:			
Would you like to receive email updates about the project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
Are you responding on behalf of an organisation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
If yes, which organisation:					
Do you own or occupy land within the area we have identified for the proposed route corridor? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
If yes, have you been contacted by our lands team? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					

## How we will use your feedback

We will use your feedback to review the decisions we've made to date and to inform our work going forwards. Our next steps will involve more detailed routing options and identifying locations for pylons and additional infrastructure.

## Please provide feedback by 23:59 on 18 October 2023



Electronic feedback form at:  
[www.greengenvrnwyfrankton.com](http://www.greengenvrnwyfrankton.com)



Email us at:  
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# THE PROPOSED SUBSTATION SITE AND ROUTE

**Q1** Do you have any overall comments about the preferred route we have identified for the Vyrnwy Frankton connection?

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**Q2** Are there any factors you feel have not been considered in the identification of the preferred route?

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## ABOUT THE CONSULTATION

**Q4**

**How did you hear about the consultation?  
(tick as appropriate)**

Postal information

News or media coverage

Social media

Notified by someone else

Local information point

Other (please provide details)

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**Q5**

**Did you find the information we provided at consultation useful and informative?**

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**Q6** Do you have any comments about the experience of the consultation?

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**COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**

Our community benefit fund will be directly investing in the communities affected by these proposals.

**Q7** Where would you like to see the community benefit fund invested in your area?

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## CLIMATE CHANGE AND OUR ENERGY SUPPLIES

**Q8**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements  
(This section is optional)

Please tick

Renewable energy has an important role in the fight against climate change

- Strongly agree  
 Agree  
 Neither agree nor disagree  
 Disagree  
 Strongly disagree

More renewable energy generation in Wales would make us less reliant on imported energy and help to guarantee secure energy supplies for Wales and England in the future

- Strongly agree  
 Agree  
 Neither agree nor disagree  
 Disagree  
 Strongly disagree

Renewable energy developments in Wales and England are being held back by a lack of grid infrastructure to connect them to power networks

- Strongly agree  
 Agree  
 Neither agree nor disagree  
 Disagree  
 Strongly disagree

I support renewable energy projects in my local area

- Strongly agree  
 Agree  
 Neither agree nor disagree  
 Disagree  
 Strongly disagree

Thank you for providing feedback on our proposals for the Vyrnwy Frankton connection.

We will carefully consider your feedback and use it to review the work we've completed to date, and our project plans moving forward.

## Privacy notice

**Green GEN Cymru** (a company within the Bute Energy Group) is committed to protecting your personal information. Whenever you provide such information, we are legally obliged to use it in line with all applicable laws concerning the protection of personal data, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

### How will Green GEN Cymru use information we collect about you?

We will use your personal data collected via this consultation for our legitimate business purposes, including:

- To analyse your feedback to the consultation
- To produce a Pre-Application Consultation Report, based on our analysis of responses (individuals will not be identified in the Report)
- To write to you with updates about the results of the consultation and other developments if you have opted in to receive these updates.
- To keep up to date records of our communications with individuals and organisations.

Any personal information you include in this form will be handled and used by (or made available to) the following recipients to record, analyse and report on the feedback we receive:

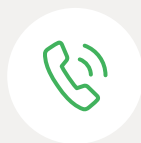
- Green GEN Cymru (a company within the Bute Energy Group)
- Bute Energy (development services provider to Green GEN Cymru)
- The Planning Inspectorate (which will consider our application for consent to build Green GEN Vyrnwy Lower Frankton – any details published as part of this process will be anonymised)
- PEDW (which will consider our application for consent to build Llyn Lort Energy Park – any details published as part of this process will be anonymised)
- The Welsh Ministers
- Our legal advisers
- Consultants working on the Llyn Lort and Green GEN Vyrnwy Frankton projects.

### What rights do I have over my personal data?

Under the terms of the UK GDPR, you have certain rights over how your personal data is retained and used by Green GEN Cymru.



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