

Innova powers Dwr Cymru with 10MW Solar Project approval

Novus Renewable Services (Novus) and Innova Renewables are pleased to announce that planning permission has been granted for a new 10MWp solar project with energy storage and a new primary substation for the nearby Five Fords Wastewater Treatment Works, operated by Dwr Cymru, also known as Welsh Water.

The project will be funded, constructed and managed by Innova Renewables and will provide zero carbon renewable power directly to Dwr Cymru, as well as securing their supply from the electricity grid.

The site was identified for development due to its proximity to the Five Fords Wastewater Treatment Works and its identification as a suitable location for solar development in the local authority's emerging planning policy.

The solar project includes a new primary substation for the treatment works and will benefit from a significant amount of enhancement and management for biodiversity, including dedicated areas for great crested newts.

Simon Murrells, Programme Manager at Novus, commented: "We are thrilled to have obtained planning permission for this solar project, which will contribute towards meeting the growing demand for renewable energy in Wales. The site will not only provide renewable energy to the Five Fords Wastewater Treatment Works but will also help reduce carbon emissions and support the region's transition towards a low-carbon future."

The planning process for the project did not receive any objections from members of the public or any statutory consultee. Novus would like to thank the Wrexham County Borough Council and their officers for their proactive engagement and collaboration through the planning application process, as well as the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT) and Natural Resources Wales in helping refine the project and lead to a successful outcome.

Dwr Cymru will purchase power from the solar project under a long-term Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) and the parties will work jointly to deliver the new connection and development in early 2024.

Novus were advised on grid by Roadnight Taylor and planning and environmental support was provided by Corylus Planning and Environment.

About Novus

Novus Renewable Services is a leading independent renewable energy development consultancy. Our mission is to help developers create utility scale renewable energy projects using multi-technologies by providing a broad range of innovative and creative consulting solutions. Novus was born out of the success of Innova, to provide tailored consultancy services to developers, funds, landowners, and businesses to help power the UK-wide switch to green energy.

About Innova

Innova is a fast-growing renewable energy business with over 100 people across two offices in London and the Cotswolds. Innova is committed to developing, building, and operating innovative renewable energy hubs, helping deliver environmentally sustainable, green energy solutions to businesses and local communities.

Innova currently has over 60 DNO and Grid connected sites under development in the UK, with a combined solar and storage capacity in excess of 20 GW. Innova offers an integrated approach to renewable energy development and operations, offering services across the life cycle of any project including planning, grid connections, project rights development, financing, construction and asset management, power purchase agreements and long-term operations.

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