



Bute Energy
Aberedw Energy Park



Statutory consultation webinar

7 August 2025

Aberedw Energy Park.



3km east of Builth Wells



The proposal includes 18 turbines.



Generating up to 120MW of clean, green energy.



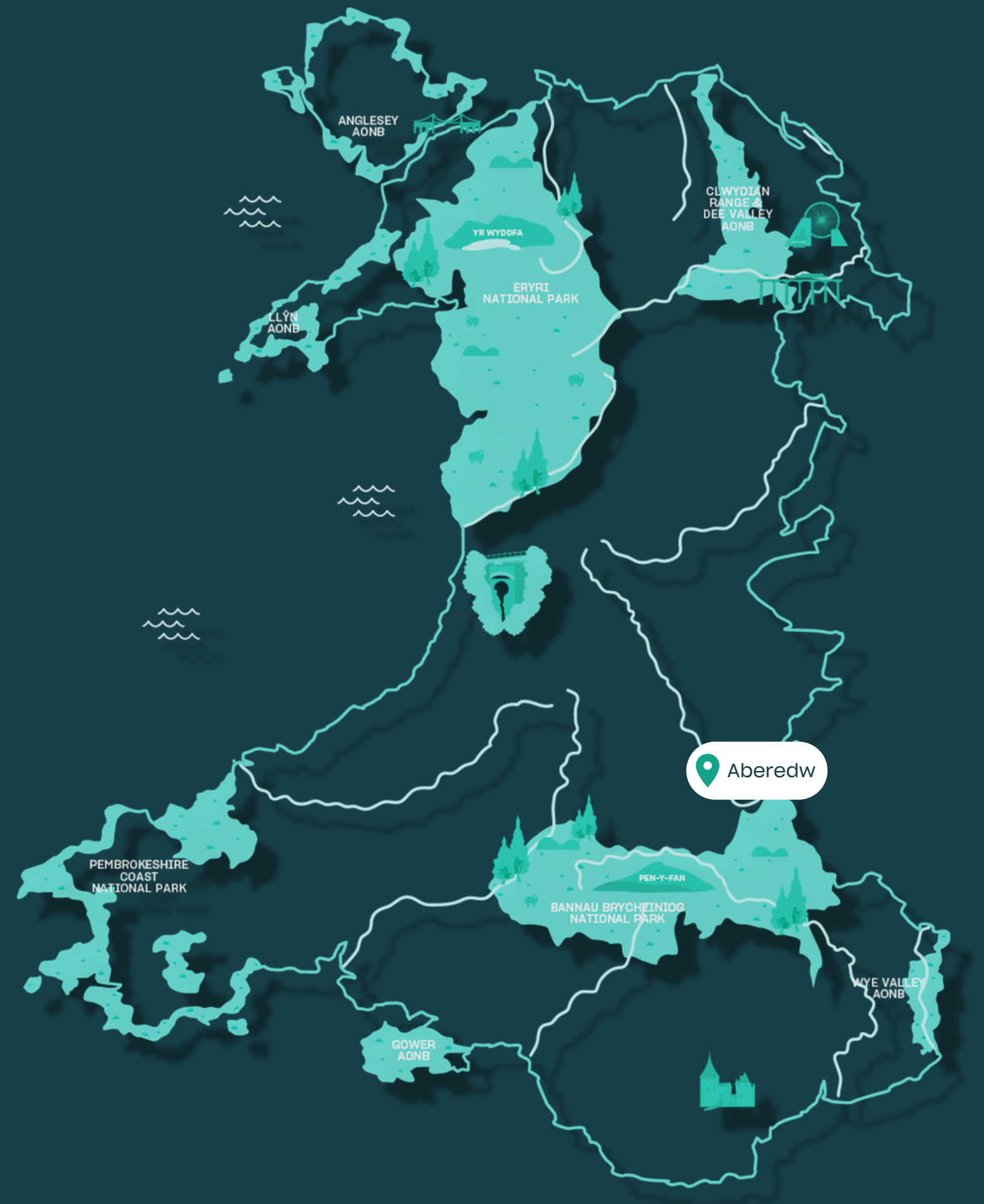
Powering the equivalent of between 86,000 and 113,000 homes every year.



Annual Community Benefit Fund of up to £900,000.



At Pre-Application Consultation stage, which includes public events, webinar and digital survey.



Early engagement feedback (held in conjunction with Bryn Gilwern Energy Park).

**Autumn
2023**

non-statutory
consultation

**8,207
homes**
received
newsletters

458

attendees across
3 public events in
Builth Wells,
Penybont and
Llandrindod Wells.

136

feedback forms
received, 44 email
and 5 telephone
calls.

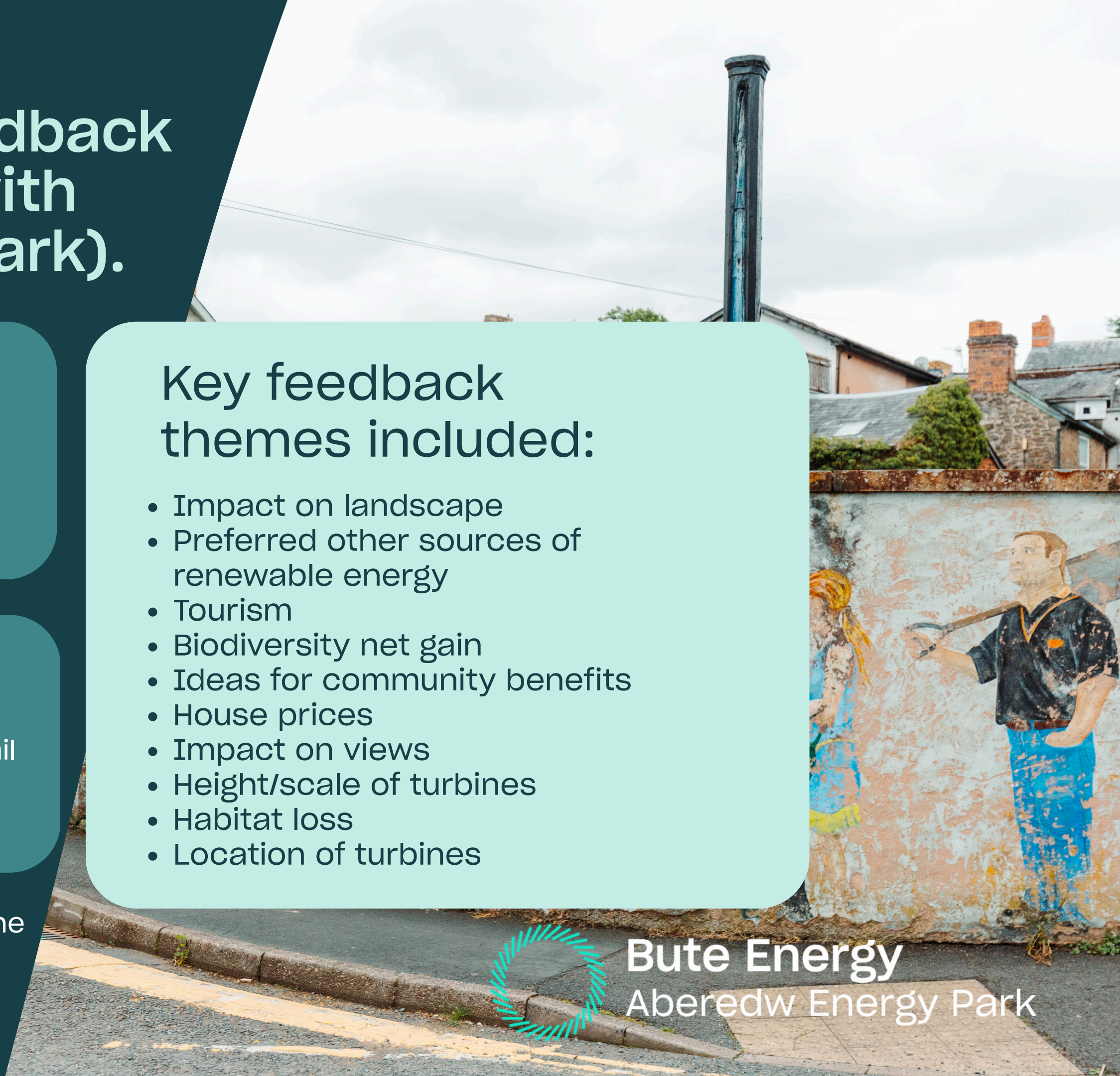
Key feedback themes included:

- Impact on landscape
- Preferred other sources of renewable energy
- Tourism
- Biodiversity net gain
- Ideas for community benefits
- House prices
- Impact on views
- Height/scale of turbines
- Habitat loss
- Location of turbines

See 'Non-Statutory Consultation Report' on the project website for further details.



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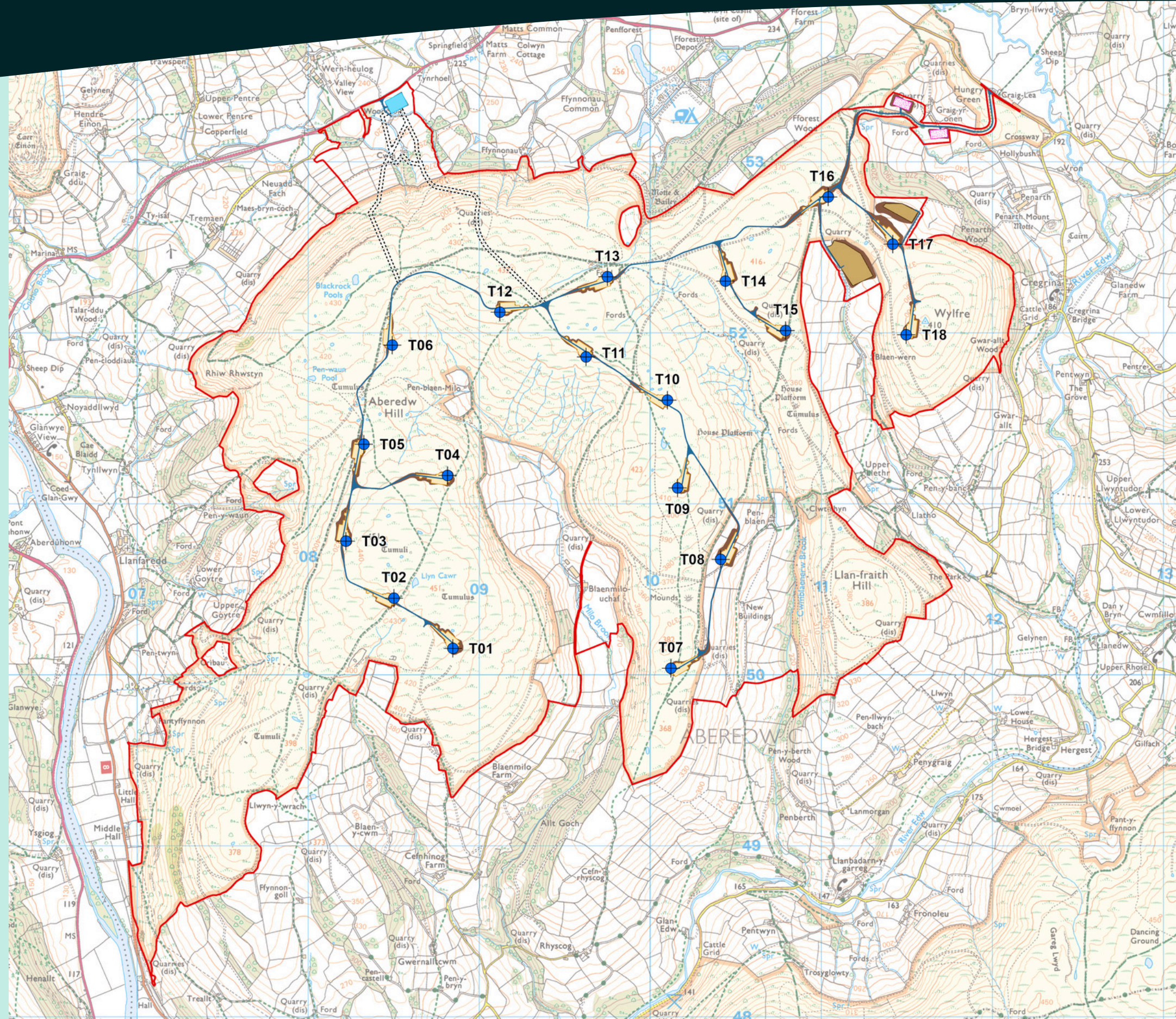
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Design update.

Since the early non-statutory consultation in winter 2023, our plans have evolved following feedback from key stakeholders, the community and landowners:

- Reduce potential shadow flicker and noise at nearby properties;
- Reduce development on common land;
- Minimise impacts on landscape, visual amenity and historic features; and
- Minimise impacts on the watercourses across the site.
- We're proposing to upgrade an existing road junction and highway to the energy park site to minimise the amount of new development on Aberedw Hill.
- We've selected a substation location near the A481 which will be designed to look like a farm shed and will create an easier connection to the grid. This will have its own upgraded access from the A481.
- We've agreed our aviation lighting scheme with the Civil Aviation Authority and it complies with Ministry of Defence guidance.



Environmental statement.



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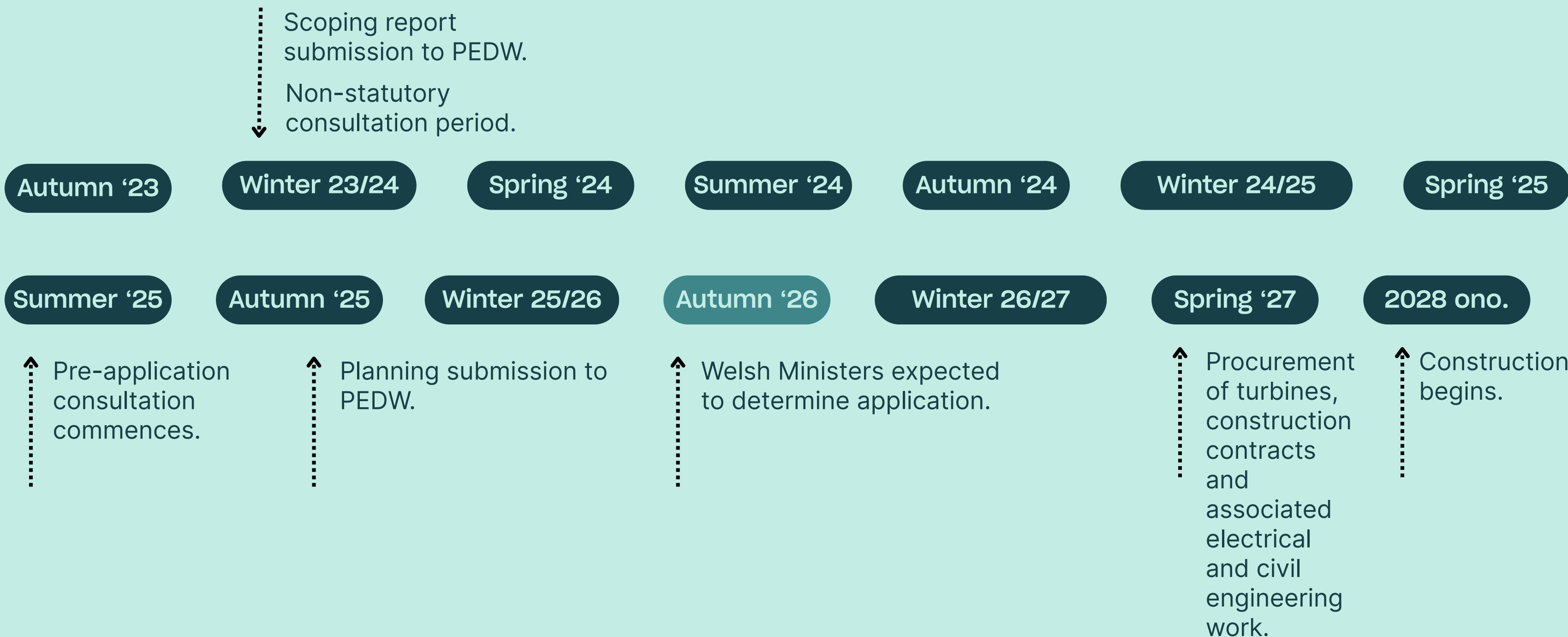


Programme.

Key events, targets and activities.



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Investing in Welsh communities.



Community Benefit Fund up to £800m over the lifetime of our projects. The fund will be linked to the Consumer Price Index to allow for economic inflation and future proof the funding.



Delivering future skills by working with local education and training providers, employing job coaches, supporting the supply chain with people policies and investing in third sector services.



Local, shared ownership: An accessible, equitable approach - through WPP investment and the development of small-scale generation projects gifted to communities.



Recreation plans for each energy park will be developed to enhance access and facilities for multi-rec users, whilst showcasing local culture and heritage assets, local artists and outdoor education space.



Connecting the skills of our supply chain with the needs of our communities. Enabling jobs, skills, resource and funding to generate social value and unlock opportunities and support wellbeing.



Our social value portal helps us and our community partners to measure the impact of investment and to capture the important human stories.



Partnerships and charity fundraising, including rural mental health charities, Young Farmers clubs, hospice care and many more. Partnering to grow participation in STEM, sport and Welsh cultural activities.



Via our Staff Volunteering Policy - we support our experienced staff to volunteer with local organisations and groups close their heart and use their specific skill set to add value.



Our 5 key themes



Education

designing and delivering interactive educational sessions for all ages, raising awareness about issues like climate change and renewable energy generation.



Employability

working with education, training and employment providers to create pathways and opportunities to enter the renewable energy industry.



Cost of living

identifying how we can support local residents struggling with the cost-of-living, particularly those living in fuel poverty.



Recreation and health

helping to improve access to local recreation, health and wellbeing activities, to support the physical and mental health of local communities.



Environment and culture

engaging with communities to celebrate and promote the natural environment, local culture and heritage sites.

Local insight

5 place-based challenges identified so far:

- Happy, healthy and safe lives
- Wellbeing and mental health
- Taking a whole systems approach to healthy weight
- Environmental challenges
- Culture and Community Wellbeing

Related to our themes of focus:



We've engaged with several recreation groups in the communities around Aberedw and had early conversations with Mid Wales Tourism forum and Mid Wales Sport Partnership to discuss wider strategic collaborative projects we could support.



- Bute attendance at the Powys Arts & Environment Network Development discussion days
- Discussions Powys County Council Arts Team
- Meeting with a local group with an interest in heritage to understand area
- Sponsorship provided for a local YFC rally in 2024



We have engaged with the Mid Wales Regional Skills Partnership Group to understand the skills gaps in the area. This includes working with local businesses and educational providers in the area.



- We have supported a local community fringe by funding an additional night per week for a year
- Initial discussions with Development Trusts Association Wales about energy mapping the area around the energy park
- Meeting with a local central community space to understand how we may support in future.



We have reached out to 10 schools. and participated in a local school Careers Fair.

Pre-application consultation.

Launched
Wednesday
2 July.

Closes
Monday 18
August.

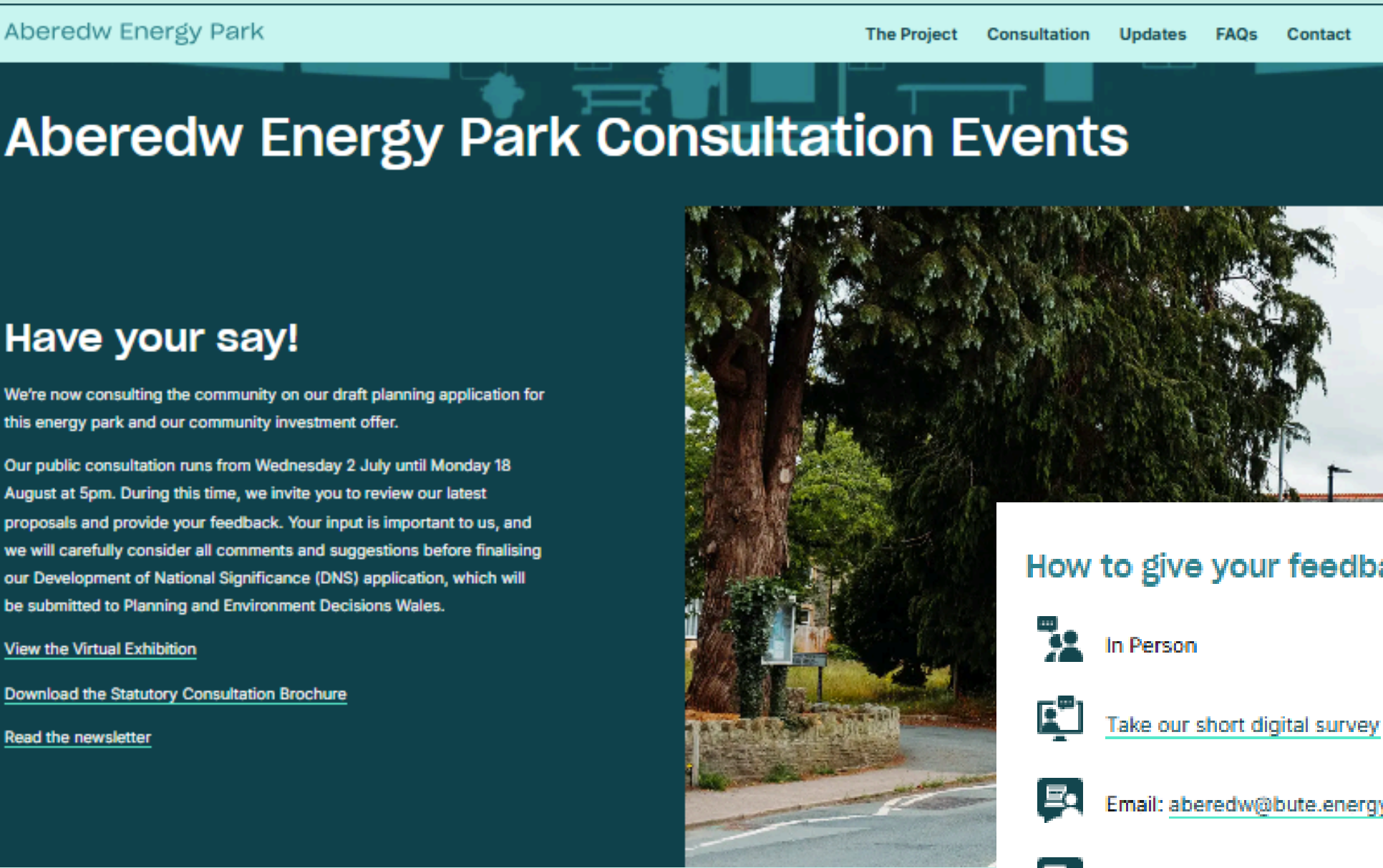
- Statutory notices and letters issued to statutory stakeholders – community consultees, relevant persons, neighbouring landowners and specialist consultees.
- Newsletters were sent to over 1,000 addresses around the site and non-statutory stakeholders.



Pre-application consultation. Project website.



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Scan the code
to head
directly to the
website.

How to give your feedback:



In Person



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Email: aberedw@bute.energy



[By feedback form: available here](#), or at our public drop-in sessions. Alternatively, get in touch and request a hard copy and we'll post it to you.



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