

Have Your Say: Targeted consultation on change to Rhiwlas wood pole route.

Proudly based in Wales, Green GEN Cymru has received an Independent Distribution Network Operator (IDNO) licence from Ofgem. We are developing new grid infrastructure to unlock Wales' energy potential and meet the future needs of its' people, communities, and businesses.

Our proposed network would:

- Connect renewable projects directly
- Reduce pressure on the existing grid
- Support energy resilience
- Help to enable the rollout of green heating and electric vehicles.

About Rhiwlas Green Energy Network

Rhiwlas Green Energy Network (GEN) is a proposed wood pole overhead line (132kW) connecting the proposed Rhiwlas and Banc Du Energy Parks near Llangurig to a new collector substation near Cefn Coch.

We held two non-statutory public consultations in winter 2023 and 2024 on the proposed route and pole locations. During our consultations we spoke with members of the community, elected representatives, landowners and specialist bodies to get their views on our proposals.

Since then, we've carefully reviewed each piece of feedback, including specific suggestions for design changes, and considered the findings of ongoing environmental and engineering surveys.

This process has identified places where we could make updates to our proposals including moving the route alignment eastward outside the previous consultation corridor between the collector substation near Cefn Coch and Clatter.

We will be holding a targeted consultation on this specific section so that the community can have its say before the statutory consultation on the whole route later in 2026.

Why the change?

The collector substation near Cefn Coch is part of the Vyrnwy Frankton project. Following statutory consultation, further engineering assessments, and analysis of cumulative effects on the area, a new location for the collector substation has been proposed. It has been repositioned to the northwest to reduce the overall amount of infrastructure.

The collector substation remains within the Cefn Coch area, however, the route for the wood poles leading to it has changed. Further details about the Vyrnwy Frankton project are available at www.greenenvyrnwyfrankton.com

Other considerations have also been given to potential planning applications in the region so a new route in this section has been proposed to take all these into account.

Revised route

The revised route goes east from Clatter, crossing the A470, River Carno, and railway, then northeast past Bwlch y Garreg, Llyn y Tarw, and Bryn y Fawngog. It loops around Llyn y Tarw, follows the valley near Nant y Llyn Mawr, and passes close to Mynydd Colgau Wind Farm.

It crosses the River Rhiw, heads north past Tan-y-Foel quarry, and continues to Brynlugan. After crossing the River Rhiw again, it ends at the Cors y Garreg Collector Substation.

The proposed location for the collector substation has been moved from Grug y Mynydd to a new site north west at Cors y Garreg. The collector substation is now renamed the Cors y Garreg Collector Substation.

The overhead lines for the Rhiwlas GEN project will be supported on wood H poles. The poles are typically 10-14 metres tall. The average distance between the wood poles, or 'span length' is approximately 106 metres.



Our public consultation

Our targeted consultation on Section 1 of the Rhiwlas GEN project between Clatter and Cefn Coch is open from **Wednesday 11 February 2026 to Wednesday 11 March 2026**. It focuses on the updated route and proposed wood pole locations. **Feedback is only being sought for this section.**

A final consultation with full plans for the whole route is expected later in **2026** where there will be opportunity to give feedback on the entire proposal.

How to give your feedback

You can find more information about Rhiwlas GEN and this consultation on our website www.rhiwlasGEN.wales where there is a feedback form for you to complete.

You can also send feedback in the following ways:

- 📧 info@rhiwlasGEN.wales
- ✉️ FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION (no further address or stamp required)
- 🗣️ Any questions, contact the project team on **0800 699 0081** – please leave a message and someone will call you back.

Public Drop-In Event

Wednesday 25 February 2026
4pm – 7pm
The Elephant & Castle Hotel
Broad Street
Newtown
SY16 2BQ

Frequently Asked Questions

What infrastructure are we proposing?

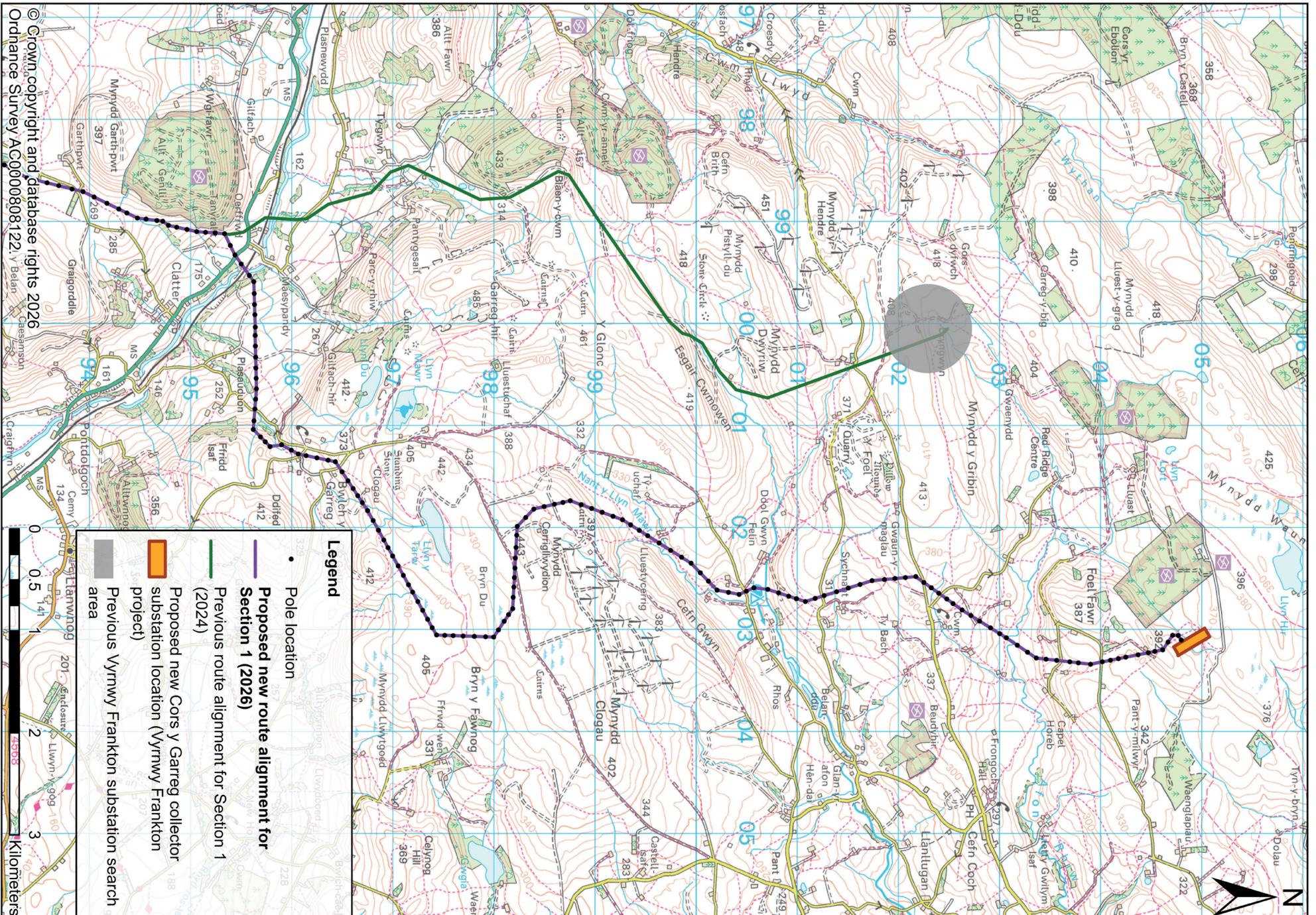
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Can I comment on other sections of route?

This is a targeted consultation focussed on one section as it is a change outside the previous consultation corridor. We are unable to take feedback on other parts of the route currently. We are grateful for all the feedback we have received so far and an updated Rhiwlas route will be open to consultation later in the year. This will be the statutory consultation, and comments will be encouraged on all areas of the project.

Does feedback make a difference?

Yes. Since our first consultation in winter 2024 we have adapted the route thanks directly to feedback and further environmental studies. Examples include changes to limit the effect on local businesses and agricultural activity and moving the route eastward away from the village of Trefeglwys.



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