

REFERENCE: P/23/218/FUL

APPLICANT: Marubeni Europower 95 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7AB

LOCATION: Land at Brynmenyn and Bryncethin, Bridgend

PROPOSAL: Development of a green hydrogen production facility with electrolysers, hydrogen storage, hydrogen refuelling station, admin building, substation, back-up generator and hydrogen pipeline 'off-take'; with access, circulation, parking, lighting, security fencing, hard and soft landscaping and drainage infrastructure (land at Brynmenyn), installation of a solar photovoltaic electricity generating station (solar farm), comprising ground-mounted solar panels, inverters, transformer units, control and storage building, switch gear and a substation; with access, circulation, parking, lighting, security fencing, hard and soft landscaping, drainage infrastructure and temporary construction compound (land at Bryncethin). Sites to be connected via an underground electrical wire.

REPORT

The Local Planning Authority are currently processing the above application and although, at this stage, there is no set date for when the application will be presented to the Development Control Committee, the scale of the development and the level of public objection would justify Members considering the proposal at a Special Meeting of the Development Control Committee in line with the adopted Code of Practice. As such Members must agree to the Special Meeting in advance.

The draft format for the day of the Special Committee has been discussed with the Chair and is proposed as follows:

Times	Actions
09:15am	Mandatory briefing for all DCC members in the Council Chamber
10:00am	Depart Civic Offices in transport (to be arranged)
10:30am	Site visit at Bryncethin (Hydrogen Plant Site)
11:30am	Site visit at Brynmenyn (Solar Farm Site)
12:30pm	Return to Civic Offices
14:00pm	Meeting of Special Development Control Committee in the Council Chamber

All timings are approximate at this stage and may be subject to change depending on site conditions and transport arrangements etc.

The Chair of the Development Control Committee has recommended that all DCC members attend the briefing in person and do not travel to the site independently.

It is also appropriate when considering major application or proposals where there is more than normal public interest to extend the time for public speakers to address the Committee. This in order to allow adequate time to cover more complex matters. In this case a time of 10 minutes is proposed. This could comprise of a single or a number of different speakers. Correspondingly, the applicant or agent will also be allowed 10 minutes to respond.

Members of the committee will be given advanced notice of the date of the Special Meeting of the Development Control Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: Committee is recommended to agree the following:-

- (1) That a Special Meeting of the Development Control Committee should be held to

consider Application P/23/218/FUL.

- (2) That the format for the day of the Special Committee should be as generally described in the report but subject to any changes which the Chair agrees with the Director of Communities.
- (3) That speaking rights for Objectors be extended to 10 minutes which may be shared by more than 1 objector and that the time for the Applicant to respond shall also be extended to 10 minutes.
- (4) That the Chair shall notify committee of the date for the Special Meeting once a suitable date has been identified.

**JANINE NIGHTINGALE
CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES**

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None