

Dear

Thank you for your request which I received on 23 July 2025. You asked for the following:

A full list of all DNS Solar Farms in the Carmarthenshire area, broken down to:

- Planning denied
- Planning approved - not yet built
- Planning approved - being constructed
- Planning approved - operational

A full list of those that are close to residential houses

The cost for each farm from PEDW's aspect

What is the policy for DNS Mega solar farms with fields backing directly onto houses especially regarding the use of CCTV cameras when the residents all object to cameras being positioned and invading their privacy?

What is the policy for the siting of pylons and other associated equipment?

Our response

DNS solar farms in the Carmarthenshire planning area where the final decision has been issued:

Project Title	Developer	Case Reference	Decision issued	Ministerial decision
Llangennech Solar	Voltalia UK Ltd	3213164	23/07/2021	Planning permission granted
Tycroes Solar	Elgin Energy EsCo Ltd	3227364	12/08/2021	Planning permission granted
Brynryd Solar Farm	Brynryd Solar Farm Ltd	3260565	30/11/2022	Planning permission granted

The final decisions and supporting Inspector's Reports for the above projects are available via our planning casework portal: <https://planningcasework.service.gov.wales/> - search using the above Case Reference.

PEDW does not hold records of whether construction has started, or whether projects are operational. The Local Planning Authority (LPA) may hold this information.

PEDW does not hold records of the distance from the projects to residential houses. PEDW's standard retention period for case documents is one year from the date of the decision. The LPA's planning register is the formal record where plans and other documents from the application should be available.

The DNS system is operated on a total cost recovery basis. There is no cost to PEDW, as it is all recovered from the developer. There are fixed fees that the developer must pay at

certain points, but PEDW also invoices for Inspector time spent on an examination and any direct costs (such as Travel and Subsistence). Further information on fees is available in our published guidance: <https://www.gov.wales/developments-national-significance-dns-procedural-guidance-html#161598>

I am not aware of specific policies which meet the criteria you describe. There are national planning policies that relate to renewable energy developments. These include policies 17 and 18 of Future Wales: The National Plan 2040: <https://www.gov.wales/future-wales-national-plan-2040-0>

Section 5.9 of Planning Policy Wales (PPW) is also relevant:
<https://www.gov.wales/planning-policy-wales>

Carmarthenshire's Local Development Plan (LDP) may also have relevant policies, the LPA would be better placed to advise on the contents of its LDP:
<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/council-services/planning/planning-policy/local-development-plan-2006-2021/>

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Yours sincerely