

Appendix 6.4

Final Statement of Community
Consultation (SoCC)



This Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) explains how you can comment on proposals for an application by Tidal Lagoon Swansea Bay plc (TLSB) to develop and operate a tidal energy lagoon (a generating station with a nominal capacity of about 240MW) in Swansea Bay (the Project). There will be one formal phase of consultation with one response period; the start and end dates of consultation, and details of where you can get further information, are summarised below. Your comments on the Project are important. They will be considered as the application is prepared, before its submission in late 2013.

Proposed development

TLSB proposes to build the Project on the seabed south of and connecting to Swansea Docks (between the dredged channels of the Rivers Tawe and Neath) and on other land nearby in the City and County of Swansea (CCS) and in Neath Port Talbot County Borough (NPTCB). The Project could provide up to 400GWh of reliable, low carbon electricity each year – enough for around 120,000 homes – making the Project a significant contributor to statutory, UK-wide, carbon reduction targets. As a multi-million pound investment, it will also create economic opportunities for local people and businesses during construction and operation. It would incorporate a new visitor attraction with educational/sporting facilities and free, public access around a new seawall. However, the lagoon may also affect people, communities and the environment through, for example: visual impact; restrictions to navigation in Swansea Bay; ecological, water quality, coastal processes and other environmental impacts; and increased traffic during construction and operation phases. Therefore, it is vital that local communities have opportunities to contribute to the planning process.

Offshore development includes:

Dredging works: around 11km of new seawall connecting to shore at two points on or close to Swansea Docks and incorporating visitor/sporting facilities. **Concrete housings:** containing around 16 electricity-generating turbines; electrical connections; and other necessary facilities.

Onshore development includes:

Construction works: site preparation and construction works including construction laydown areas and temporary facilities. **Connection works:** electricity transmission infrastructure to export the electricity generated to Baglan National Grid Substation via underground cables; road access from the A483 Fabian Way; road access from the A4217 to King's Road. **Shoreline works:** gated access to the seawall with visitor facilities; plus onshore operation, control and maintenance facilities. **Mitigation works:** works to ensure that the Project properly fits its environment.



Planning process

TLSB will apply to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change (SoS), via the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008, as the Project is classed as a nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP). TLSB will seek powers in the DCO to construct, operate and maintain the Project. PINS will make a recommendation to the SoS in accordance with national policy and taking account of the local impact of the proposals. The SoS will then determine the application. Further information on PINS and the planning process can be found here: infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/.

TLSB will also apply to Welsh Ministers, via Natural Resources Wales Marine Licensing Team (MLT), for a marine licence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. TLSB will seek powers to dredge within the footprint of the lagoon and to construct, operate and maintain the tidal powered generating station and supporting offshore facilities. This process will run broadly in parallel to the DCO application. Further information on MLT and the licensing process can be found here: naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/apply-buy-report/apply-buy-grid/marine-licensing/?lang=en

In Wales, a DCO may only grant development consent for an NSIP and not associated development. Therefore, separate applications may be made to CCS and/or NPTCB for elements of the proposal to which the Planning Act 2008 does not apply in Wales. Such applications would be made after the submission of the DCO application and will be determined by the respective planning authorities of CCS and NPTCB. The consultation undertaken as set out in this Statement will inform all such applications.

Environmental information

Because of its size and location, the Project falls within the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive, meaning that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) must be carried out.

When the EIA process is complete and TLSB submits its application for a DCO, an 'Environmental Statement' (ES) will be produced. The ES sets out an assessment of a project's likely significant environmental effects, along with any proposed mitigation.

As part of this consultation exercise, TLSB is publishing a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and Non-Technical Summary (NTS). This PEIR is available from 4 July 2013 and TLSB must consult on it before it can make its application for a DCO. TLSB will supply copies of the PEIR to legally defined consultees. A copy of the PEIR is also available to others for a charge. Otherwise you can review a copy freely at the venues listed below or on TLSB's website: www.tidallagoonswanseabay.com.

Consultation timetable, scope and responses

Responses to this consultation must be received by 5 August 2013.

The formal pre-application consultation and community engagement for the Project is taking place from 4 July to 5 August 2013. The formal consultation will deal with the onshore and offshore elements of the Project and all related impacts, as summarised above. The formal consultation will present a preferred option for the lagoon (derived from informal consultation undertaken to date and technical viability testing) and the PEIR and NTS. TLSB will consult using the methods below:

- **Project website** – documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Project are available at www.tidallagoonswanseabay.com, along with a full list of consultation events.
- **Questionnaire/comments form** – to be sent to businesses and residential properties most likely to be affected by the development, and available at all public exhibitions and on the Project website.
- **Newsletter** – to be sent to those most likely to be affected by the development, posted on the Project website, and made available to the wider

community at local libraries, council offices and tourist information centres.

- **Media** – press releases/advertisements will be issued during the pre-application process to include details of the consultation process and public exhibitions.
- **Public exhibitions** – will be held at the locations around Swansea Bay listed below and at **www.tidallagoonswanseabay.com/news-and-events.aspx**.
- **Political engagement / Town and Community Council briefings** – local politicians, councils and relevant community groups will be kept informed on all aspects of the Project.

Key documents will be translated into Welsh, and large print format documents will be made available on request. Where appropriate a charge may be made for copies of Project documents up to a maximum of £100 each for a printed hard copy of the PEIR and £15 each for a CD-Rom.

Responses MUST be submitted to TLSB by 5 August 2013 using the Contact Information overleaf.

TLSB will have regard to all relevant responses to consultation, and will demonstrate this in a publicly available Consultation Report to be submitted with the application for the Project.

Deposit locations

The SoCC, the PEIR and the NTS are available to view (free of charge) at TLSB, Suite 6, J-Shed, King's Road, Swansea SA1 8PL, Monday-Friday, between the hours 1030 to 1700 Monday to Friday, and at the following locations and times between 4 July and 5 August 2013:

City & County of Swansea Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road, Swansea SA1 3SN. *Opening hours: Mon-Fri 0830-1730 (1700 on Fridays); Saturday 1000-1500.*

Neath One Stop Shop, Civic Centre, Neath SA11 3QZ. *Opening hours: Mon-Fri 0830-1700 (1630 on Fridays).*

Port Talbot Civic Centre, Port Talbot SA13 1PJ. *Opening hours: Mon-Fri 0830-1700 (1630 on Fridays).*

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, The Quays, Brunel Way, Baglan Energy Park, Neath SA11 2GG. *Opening hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1700.*

Swansea Central Library, Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road, Swansea SA1 3SN. *Opening hours: Tue-Fri 0830-2000; Sat & Sun 1000-1600.*

Oystermouth Library, Dunns Lane, Mumbles, Swansea SA3 4AA. *Opening hours: Mon-Thu 0900-1800; Fri 0900-1900; Sat: 0900-1700; Sun 1200-1600.*

St Thomas Library, Grenfell Park Road, St Thomas, Swansea SA1 8EZ. *Opening hours: Mon & Thu 0900-1730; Tue & Fri 0900-1300; Sat 1000-1300.*

Neath Library, Victoria Gardens, Neath SA11 3BA. *Opening hours: Mon-Wed 0900-1800; Thu 0900-1700; Fri 0900-1900; Sat 0930-1300.*

Port Talbot Library, 1st Floor, Aberafan Shopping Centre, Port Talbot SA13 1PB. *Opening hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1730; Sat 0930-1700.*

Public exhibitions

Events will be held at the locations and times shown below. The SoCC, the PEIR and the NTS will be available to view (free of charge), as well as other materials, and with TLSB staff available to answer questions.

MAJOR PUBLIC EVENTS

Fri 5 (1000 to 2000hrs) and Sat 6 July (1000 to 1700hrs): Swansea Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road, Swansea SA1 3SN

Fri 19 (1000 to 2000hrs) and Sat 20 July (1000 to 1700hrs): Princess Royal Theatre, The Civic Centre, Port Talbot SA13 1PJ

Fri 26 July (1000 to 2000hrs): Ostreme Centre, Newton Road, Mumbles, Swansea SA3 4BA



LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

(between the hours 1500 to 2000):

Swansea

Thu 4 July: The Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea SA1 1RY

Wed 10 July: St Thomas Community School (Community Room 3), 80 Grenfell Park Road, St Thomas, Swansea SA1 8EZ. *NB: this event is open to parents and children of the School from 1500 to 1600 and to the public from 1600 to 2000.*

Fri 12 July: Sketty Park Community Centre, Heather Crescent, Sketty, Swansea SA2 8HE

Tue 16 July: Vivian Hall, Mumbles Road, Blackpill, Swansea SA3 5AS

Tue 23 July: Brynmill Community Centre, St Albans Road, Brynmill, Swansea SA2 0BP

Wed 24 July: Holy Cross Church Hall, Llwynderw Church Hall, Fairwood Road, West Cross, Swansea SA3 5JP

Neath Port Talbot

Mon 8 July: St Theodore Parish Hall, Tai-bach, Port Talbot SA13 1LB

Thu 11 July: NSA (New Sandfields Aberavon) AFAN, Ty Arian, Silver Avenue, Sandfields, Port Talbot SA12 7RX

Mon 15 July: Gwyn Hall (studio), Orchard Street, Neath SA11 1DU

Wed 17 July: Baglan Community Centre, Hawthorne Avenue, Baglan, Port Talbot SA12 8PG

Mon 29 July: NSA (New Sandfields Aberavon) Development Centre, Bevin Avenue, Sandfields, Port Talbot SA12 6JW

Tue 30 July: Briton Ferry Community Centre, Shelone Road, Briton Ferry, Neath SA11 2PW

Wed 31 July: Carnegie Hall (left-hand hall), Evelyn Road, Skewen, Neath SA10 6LH

In addition, un-manned display exhibitions will be provided as follows:

Port Talbot Civic Centre, Port Talbot SA13 1PJ. *Opening hours: Mon-Fri 0830-1700 (1630 on Fridays). From Thu 4 to Wed 31 July*

Neath One Stop Shop, Civic Centre, Neath SA11 3QZ. *Opening hours: Mon-Fri 0830-1700 (1630 on Fridays). From Thu 4 to Wed 31 July*

Swansea Waterfront Museum, Oystermouth Road, Maritime Quarter, Swansea SA1 3RD. *Opening hours: 1000 to 1700 daily. From Thu 4 to Wed 17 July*

Contact information

For further information, please contact TLSB in one of the following ways. When responding, please state who you are, or on whose behalf you are making the response; the grounds of your response; and an address where correspondence relating to the Project can be sent:

- Visit the TLSB office at **Suite 6, J-Shed, King's Road, Swansea SA1 8PL**
Monday-Friday, 1030 to 1700
- Call: **Freephone 0800 0803055**
- Website: **www.tidallagoonswanseabay.com**
- Email: **info@tidalagoonpower.com**
- Write to: **FREEPOST RTEH-JKBH-RTKL, Tidal Lagoon (Swansea Bay) plc, Swansea SA1 8PL**

TLSB's registered office is at
The Lypiatts, 15 Lansdown Road,
Cheltenham, Glos GL50 2JA.