

Welsh Government to appeal high court decision to cut power at Baglan Energy Park

The Welsh Government has said that it is appealing the high court decision to switch off the electricity supply at Baglan energy plant power.

In a statement, the Government said that it had been granted permission by the high court judge to appeal the decision made last month which would see businesses at the park lose power.

The high court judge also ordered for power to remain on at Baglan Energy Park until the outcome of the appeal is determined.

The Welsh Government said it was now taking the necessary steps to file an appeal by Monday 4th April.

It added that it would continue to work with all relevant parties to secure a solution to the risks of public health and environmental harm, including increased flood risk (as well as the risks to the local economy), the termination of the private wire energy supply would create for businesses and citizens in Baglan, ahead of the new distribution network being in place.

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Last month, the [Welsh Government announced it had lost its high court bid to stop the Baglan energy plant power](#) supply from being switched off, following the collapse of the Baglan Operations power station last year.

It meant businesses at Baglan Energy Park face losing electricity after failed legal proceedings to prevent the private wire network from being discontinued until a longer-term solution could be implemented.

The judge dismissed the application by the Welsh Government, Dŵr Cymru, Neath Port Talbot Council, and the largest company on the Energy Park, Sofidel.

Baglan Operations collapsed in March last year following a period of financial distress and was responsible for the park's electricity generation plant and its sole electricity supplier via a private wire network.

The energy plant continued to supply power to firms on the industrial estate through connection to the National Grid, after it stopped generating power in 2020.

In September last year, the Welsh Government intervened at a cost of £3m to ensure a new electricity network and supply for businesses at the Baglan Energy Park after the collapse of the previous operator.

Electricity infrastructure business Western Power Distribution was also contracted by the Welsh Government to build a new electricity distribution network for the 180-acre park based in Port Talbot.

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