



— Project Boundary

Location

The proposed development would cover a total area of 21.5ha (53.13 acres) on a vacant plot within the Rassau Industrial Estate, on its eastern edge. There are built facilities of the industrial estate to the north, south and west, to the east is open grassland leading to Carno Reservoir.

The site is allocated within the Ebbw Vale Enterprise Zone and occupies a strategic location adjacent to the A465 Heads of the Valleys Road in the heart of the South Wales Valleys, approximately 700m to the north of Rassau village and 3km (1.9m) north of Ebbw Vale town centre.

The site itself was developed during the original works on the industrial estate, where an earthworks plateau was created with an access road for utilities entering the site. The area is overgrown and consists of grassland, scrub and some woodland.

The estate currently comprises of purpose-built light industrial / manufacturing units with ancillary office accommodation. There are existing tall structures next to the proposed site including two wind turbines, with permission granted for a third; existing electricity pylons and industrial units with associated tall chimney stacks.

The industrial estate is situated on the foot slopes of Mynydd Llangynidr, approximately 450m south of the Brecon Beacons National Park (BBNP) boundary.

The site is currently owned by Welsh Government and Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (BGCBC) and will be purchased by CiNER Glass subject to planning approval being granted.

Environmental Impact Assessment

The scheme has been deemed an EIA development and will be supported by an Environmental Statement (ES) which outlines the construction and operational impacts. The scope of the ES has been consulted and agreed upon by BGCBC.