



## Wylfa Newydd Project

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# 1 Consultation Report Executive Summary

## 1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This document provides an Executive Summary to the Consultation Report, which is part of the Application for the Wylfa Newydd Development Consent Order (DCO).
- 1.1.2 The Planning Act 2008 sets out the statutory requirements for pre-application consultation for Development Consent Orders. The Consultation Report is submitted as part of the DCO application in accordance with section 37(3)(c) of the Act and Regulation 12 (2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the APFP Regulations).
- 1.1.3 Horizon has undertaken extensive Pre-Application Consultation and engagement with key stakeholders and the local community as part of the evolution of the Wylfa Newydd Project. The Consultation Report details the consultation activities that Horizon has undertaken, the feedback received from consultees and Horizon's response to that feedback.

## 1.2 The Wylfa Newydd Project

- 1.2.1 Horizon is proposing to construct and operate the Wylfa Newydd Project, which comprises the Wylfa Newydd DCO Project, the Licensable Marine Activities and the Enabling Works. Each of these elements is described further below. The Wylfa Newydd DCO Project will be consented under a DCO and the Licensable Marine Activities will be consented under a Marine Licence. There is some overlap between the two; the Marine Works (see below) will be consented under both the DCO and the Marine Licence.
- 1.2.2 The Wylfa Newydd DCO Project comprises those parts of the Wylfa Newydd Project which are to be consented by a DCO, namely:

### **The Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP)**

- Power Station: the proposed new nuclear power station at Wylfa, including two UK Advanced Boiling Water Reactors, the Cooling Water System, supporting facilities, buildings, plant and structures, radioactive waste and spent fuel storage buildings and the Grid Connection;
- other on-site development: including landscape works and planting, drainage, surface water management systems, public access works including temporary and permanent closures and diversions of public rights of way, new Power Station Access Road and internal site roads, car parking, construction works and activities including construction compounds and temporary parking areas, laydown areas, working areas and temporary works and structures, temporary construction viewing area, diversion of utilities, perimeter and construction fencing, and electricity connections;
- Marine Works comprising:

- Permanent Marine Works: the Cooling Water System, the Marine Off-loading Facility, breakwater structures, shore protection works, surface water drainage outfalls, waste water effluent outfall (and associated drainage of surface water and waste water effluent to the sea), fish recovery and return system, fish deterrent system, navigation aids and Dredging;
- Temporary Marine Works: temporary cofferdams, a temporary access ramp, temporary navigation aids, temporary outfalls and a temporary barge berth;
- Off-site Power Station Facilities: comprising the Alternative Emergency Control Centre (AECC), Environmental Survey Laboratory (ESL) and a Mobile Emergency Equipment Garage (MEEG);

#### **Associated Development**

- the Site Campus within the Wylfa Newydd Development Area;
- temporary Park and Ride facility at Dalar Hir for construction workers (Park and Ride);
- temporary Logistics Centre at Parc Cybi (Logistics Centre);
- the A5025 Off-line Highway Improvements;
- Wetland habitat creation and enhancement works as compensation for any potential impacts on the Tre'r Gof Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) at the following sites:
  - Tŷ Du;
  - Cors Gwawr;
  - Cae Canol-dydd

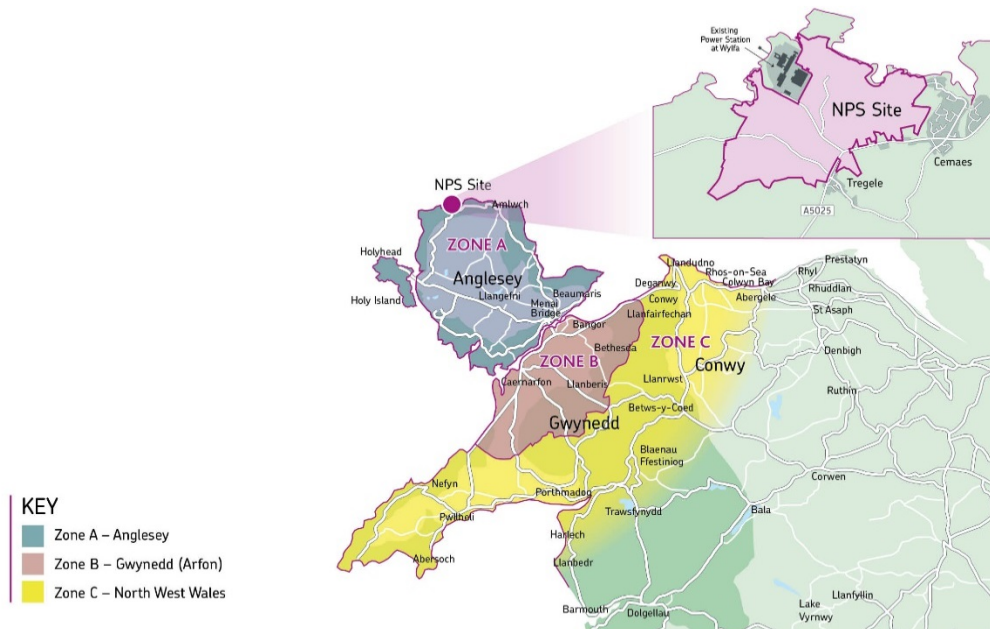
## **1.3 The consultation process**

### **Overview**

- 1.3.1 The Planning Act 2008 requires that the Applicant consults “*people living within the vicinity of the land*” about the proposed application (Section 47 (1)).
- 1.3.2 The consultation process has taken place across three geographic zones:
- **Zone A** – Isle of Anglesey, which is the area most likely to be directly affected by the Wylfa Newydd Project;
  - **Zone B** – Gwynedd (Arfon) area, which includes Bangor and Caernarfon; and
  - **Zone C** – North West Wales, as defined by the Welsh Government, including key centres of population and business, such as Llandudno and Porthmadog.

1.3.3 The Zones are illustrated in the map below. The nature and intensity of consultation activity in each zone was proportionate to the likely environmental effects and level of interest in each zone.

**Figure 1-1 Zones of consultation**



1.3.4 The Wylfa NPS Site in Figure 1-1 refers to the site that is identified in the National Policy Statement on Nuclear Energy (EN-6) as potentially suitable site for a new nuclear electricity generating station. This is the site where the Wylfa Newydd Power Station is proposed.

1.3.5 Horizon’s strategy for Pre-Application Consultation has been developed to comply with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008, which sets out the statutory consultation processes for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs).

1.3.6 Under the requirements of the Act, Horizon has a duty to consult the following people:

- prescribed consultees (section 42(1)(a));
- relevant local authorities (section 42(1)(b));
- those with an interest in the land (section 42(1)(d)); and
- the local community (section 47).

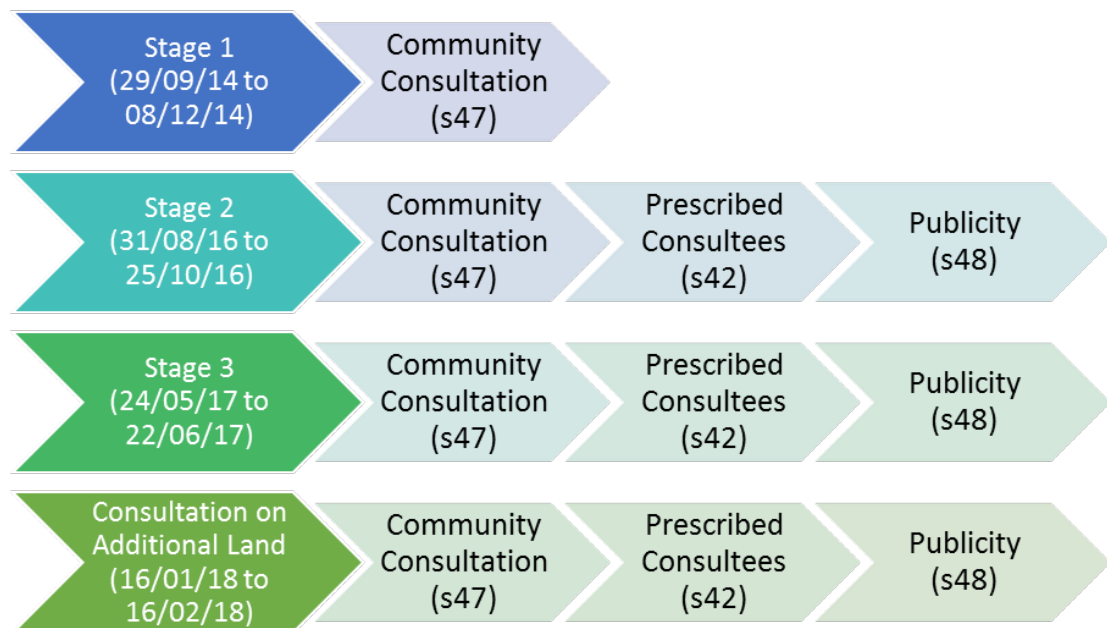
1.3.7 Horizon is required to demonstrate regard had to the feedback received during the consultation period, in accordance with section 49 of the Act. The Consultation Report demonstrates consideration by Horizon of the consultation feedback, aligned to the key topics raised. A further detailed account of the consultation feedback received and Horizon’s response to this

feedback is provided in the appendices to the Consultation Report (see Appendix A.8, B.10, C.10 and E.1).

1.3.8 Horizon has undertaken a multi-stage pre-application consultation process to ensure that consultees had the opportunity to provide feedback at appropriate points in the development of the proposals. The statutory stages of the Pre-Application Consultation process were:

- **Stage One Pre-Application Consultation: September – December 2014** - This stage of the consultation process was statutory for the purpose of local community consultation only, to satisfy section 47 of the Act.
- **Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation: August – October 2016** - This stage of the consultation was statutory for the purposes of consulting with prescribed consultees (section 42, section 43 and section 44 of the Act), the community (section 47) and publicity about the proposed development (section 48).
- **Stage Three Pre-Application Consultation: May – June 2017** - This stage of the consultation process statutorily satisfied the requirements for consulting with prescribed consultees (sections 42, 43 and 44), the community (section 47), and publicity about the proposed development (section 48).
- **Consultation on Additional Land: January – February 2018** – This was a focused statutory consultation that satisfied the requirements for consulting with prescribed consultees (sections 42, 43 and 44), the community (section 47), and publicity about the proposed development (section 48).

**Figure 1-2 Stages of statutory consultation**





- 1.3.9 All responses received during the Pre-Application Consultation stages listed above were reviewed as part of an iterative coding and analysis exercise in order to ascertain the nature of the comments, and to enable an effective consideration of all issues in relation to the proposals. Consultation feedback was then reviewed by technical teams relevant to each issue and topic. All consultation feedback was taken into account by Horizon, and in some instances, the feedback has influenced changes to the Project.

### ***Statement of Community Consultation***

- 1.3.10 Horizon prepared Statements of Community Consultation (SOCC), in consultation with the Isle of Anglesey County Council as required by Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. The SOCCs were published in advance of Stages One to Three Pre-Application Consultation periods. The SOCCs for Stages Two and Three were reviewed based on experience gained and feedback received at the preceding Stage. The Community Involvement Officers feedback was used to refine the SOCC at Stage Three. In each case the SOCCs described how Horizon proposed to consult the local community about the Project and were deposited in local libraries in the vicinity of the Project. A notice explaining how to access the SOCC was published in local newspapers. The SOCC notices for Stages One to Three are set out in appendices A.3, B.4 and C.4. The published SOCCs for Stages One to Three are in appendices A.4, B.5 and C.5.
- 1.3.11 The Stage Three SOCC was used as the basis for the Consultation on Additional Land in January 2018. IACC were consulted about this approach and the relevant correspondence is set out in appendix E.1.

### ***Stage One Pre-Application Consultation***

- 1.3.12 The Stage One Pre-Application Consultation on the Wylfa Newydd Project focussed on presenting the initial proposals for the Power Station Site, and associated development (associated development was not proposed to be in the DCO application at that time), including options for road improvements and a broad area of search for the location of Temporary Workers' Accommodation.
- 1.3.13 The Stage One Pre-Application Consultation was held over 10 weeks, between 29 September 2014 and 8 December 2014. Consultation documentation stated that the deadline for the submission of feedback was 8 December 2014.
- 1.3.14 The consultation was undertaken in accordance with section 47 of the Act. It followed the approach set out in the Statement of Community Consultation published in 2014.
- 1.3.15 This first stage of consultation did not include consultation in full accordance with section 42 or section 48 of the Planning Act 2008. This was because at this stage the list of prescribed consultees, notably persons within an interest in the land (section 44 of the Planning Act 2008) were being confirmed, yet it was considered important to consult early ahead of identifying all prescribed consultees. Consultation in accordance with section 42 and section 48 of the

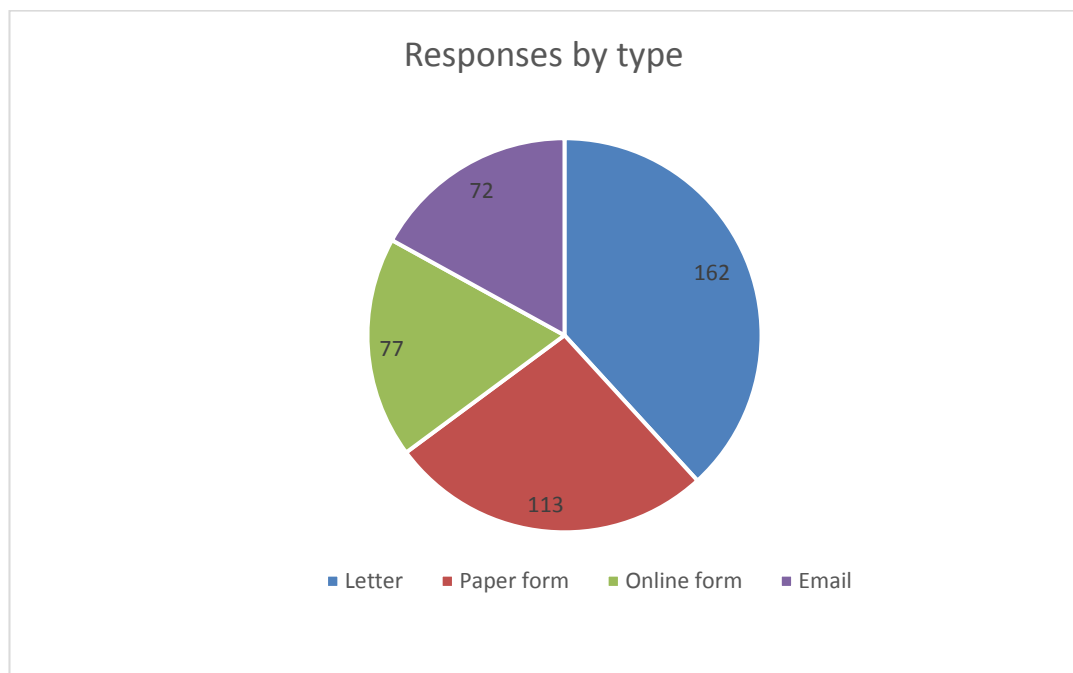
Planning Act 2008 was undertaken subsequently at Pre-Application Stages Two and Three.

1.3.16 The Stage One Pre-Application Consultation was publicised to local communities. A notice was posted to approximately 33,000 households on the Isle of Anglesey, covering the entirety of the island. In addition, a letter was sent to stakeholders.

### Overview of consultation feedback

1.3.17 A total of 424 responses were received to the Stage One Pre-Application Consultation. The following graph shows the breakdown of response types received during the consultation.

**Figure 1-3 Response types received during the Stage One Pre-Application Consultation**



1.3.18 Consultees provided comments in response to the 14 questions on the feedback form, whilst some provided standalone letters or emails. Table 1-1 shows the number of responses received for each of the questions. It should be noted that some respondents did not use the form in their responses, or left some questions from the form blank, the total number of respondents to each question does not equal the total number of responses to the consultation.

**Table 1-1 Stage One Pre-Application Consultation - Number of responses received for each consultation question**

Question on feedback form	Number of responses received
Question 1: Do you have any general comments about the Project?	237
Question 2: Do you have any comments about the way in which the consultation is being carried out?	139
Question 3: Do you have any comments relating to the Preliminary Environmental Information Report presented by Horizon?	125
Question 4: Do you have any comments on Horizon's coastal development proposals at Porth-y-pistyll and Wylfa Head, relating to the cooling water system (including breakwaters) and Marine Off- Loading Facility?	121
Question 5: Do you have any comments on Horizon's indicative landscape proposal?	123
Question 6: Do you have any comments or preferences on whether the Power Station buildings should be designed to blend in or make a striking architectural feature in the landscape?	134
Question 7: Do you have any comments relating to skills and training and the promotion of local and regional employment?	132
Question 8: Do you have any comments relating to Horizon's engagement with the supply chain and proposals for buying from local and regional suppliers and businesses?	122
Question 9: Do you have any comments on Horizon's draft Integrated Traffic and Transport Strategy (ITTS) principles?	125
Question 10: Do you have any comments on Horizon's sea transport proposals?	112
Question 11: Do you have any comments on Horizon's road transport proposals?	116
Question 12: Do you have any comments on the broad area of search or suggestions for sites Horizon could develop for park and ride facilities, logistics centres, or temporary worker accommodation?	266
Question 13: Do you have any comments or suggestions for long-term or legacy benefits or community facilities?	167

Question on feedback form	Number of responses received
Question 14: Do you have any additional comments on Horizon's Project proposals?	118

### *Summary of key themes from Stage One consultation feedback*

- 1.3.19 Consultees asked for further information on the location, size and operational characteristics of associated development, including the Temporary Worker Accommodation and housing, logistics centres and park and ride options.
- 1.3.20 There was support for the proposed Marine Off-Loading Facility (MOLF) and comments on proposals for the breakwater.
- 1.3.21 The need for both short-term and lasting community benefits resulting from the Wylfa Newydd Project was evident throughout the consultation comments. However, the suggestions for community benefits were very wide-ranging, with little consensus around the type of community benefit that should be provided.
- 1.3.22 Comments on the consultation process included requests for further consultation and information. Some community consultees expressed concerns about the complexity of the consultation documents.
- 1.3.23 A number of comments were received in response to the PEIR. These mainly focused on the following key issues: information provided in the PEIR; scope of the EIA; noise, air and light pollution; and environmental mitigation suggestions.
- 1.3.24 General support for multi-modal transport and interest in the scope of the proposed Integrated Traffic and Transport Strategy (ITTS) was made by consultees.
- 1.3.25 Comments on landscaping necessary to address visual and noise effects on the area surrounding the Power Station Site were made, particularly the need to minimise visual intrusion; conservation of sea views and coastal path viewpoints; mounds; and need for further information on landscaping proposals.
- 1.3.26 Broad support was received for the need for road and highways improvements. However, concern was raised regarding existing road congestion and safety and further suggestions were made for road proposals.
- 1.3.27 A number of responses were made regarding the need for high-skilled and well-paid employment on Anglesey and an appreciation that the Wylfa Newydd Project can provide this opportunity. Responses suggested the need for investment by Horizon in training programmes to ensure that the existing workforce is available to meet the demands of the Project programme.
- 1.3.28 Responses were consistent in the need to use local suppliers and local service-oriented businesses and concern was widely expressed regarding the potential for displacement in the local labour market.

- 1.3.29 Consultation feedback expressed general concerns regarding adverse impacts on tourism due to perceptions of Anglesey and the change in landscape.
- 1.3.30 The need to support and protect the Welsh language and culture was raised throughout the consultation responses at Stage One. A number of consultees raised concerns regarding the in-migration of the construction workforce and the effects on Welsh language.

### Changes to The Wylfa Newydd Project following the Pre-Application Stage One Consultation

- 1.3.31 Several changes were made to the Project following Horizon’s consideration of feedback to the Stage One Pre-Application Consultation. These changes link to a range of drivers including: consultation feedback, Generic Design Assessment, the environmental impact assessment process and technical stakeholder engagement and specialist advice. These changes include changes to the design of the development, project mitigation and to the approach to consultation and engagement materials. These changes are summarised in the table below<sup>1</sup>.
- 1.3.32 The changes described formed part of the Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation. Appendix A.8 of the Consultation Report sets out the issues and comments that were raised by the Consultees to the Stage One Pre-Application Consultation and Horizon’s responses to them.

**Table 1-2 Changes made to the Project following Stage One Pre-Application Consultation**

Project component	Change to Project
Power Station	Alterations to the ground level for Units 1 and 2 and the introduction of terracing for the ground levels across the Power Station Site.
	Development of proposals for an integrated waste strategy, for both radioactive and conventional waste, including clarity on the facilities required within the Power Station.
	Emergency preparedness arrangements and identification of preferred locations for specific off-site power station facilities.
Site Preparation and Clearance scope	Alterations and some reductions to the intensity and geographical extent of construction activities at the early stages of the programme, through the introduction of a two phased approach – part prior to DCO grant and part after.
Construction programme and	Further definition of the construction programme and construction worker numbers. This resulted in changes to the

<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that these changes are between the Stage One and Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation and this does not always reflect the Project as proposed by the DCO application.

Project component	Change to Project
worker numbers	numbers stated at the Stage One Pre-Application Consultation.
Landscape and Environmental Management Plan	Iterative development of the Landscape and Environmental Management Plan including further detail on the construction schedule and approach. This included information about earth mounds for noise and visual screening and planting for landscape and visual enhancement.
Wylfa Newydd Development Area	Definition of the boundary of the Wylfa Newydd Development Area refined to reflect the development of the Landscape and Environmental Management Plan, proposed construction methodologies, the Marine Off-loading Facility layout and the Power Station Site plan. The main alterations were to incorporate the expected Marine Off-loading Facility construction activities and refine the alignment around proposed works relating to the cooling water outfall and in the vicinity of Cestyll Garden.
Wales Coast Path and Copper Trail	Introduction of an option that could revise temporary and permanent alignments to bring users closer to the coast. Further more detailed consideration of the Copper Trail realignment necessitated by the closure of Cemlyn Road. Identification of options using the A5025, internal network of routes within the Wylfa Newydd Development Area that could be created as part of the Landscape and Environmental Management Plan and inclusion of cycling provision within the design of Nanner Road improvements.
Jobs and Skills Strategy	Clarity on the measures proposed for investment in education, training and skills development, focusing on existing regional training providers and new provision linked to Coleg Menai as a complement to Horizon's bespoke training programmes.
	Development of Horizon aspirations and expectations in respect of investment in training and skills development to be delivered through Menter Newydd and the supply chain.
Construction worker accommodation strategy	<p>Identification of a shortlist of preferred and alternative sites for Temporary Workers' Accommodation.</p> <p>The proposal for a Construction Worker Accommodation Management Portal (now referred to as the Workforce Management Strategy (Application Document Reference: 8.5)), including mechanisms to assist in the monitoring and subsequent control of the supply from each sector and potential impacts arising from construction worker accommodation.</p> <p>Engagement with officers at the Isle of Anglesey County Council and other stakeholders to identify additional opportunities for different types of new stock.</p>

Project component	Change to Project
Integrated Traffic and Transport Strategy (ITTS)	Review of the ITTS principles and redrafting of its objectives.
Community benefits strategy	<p>Understanding that further clarity was required on community benefits and this was addressed within the consultation materials.</p> <p>Agreement on a common approach and understanding between Horizon and officers at the Isle of Anglesey County Council regarding the appropriate definition of community benefits. Improved clarity regarding the categorisation of different types of benefits and specific examples proposed as part of the Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation.</p>

### ***Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation***

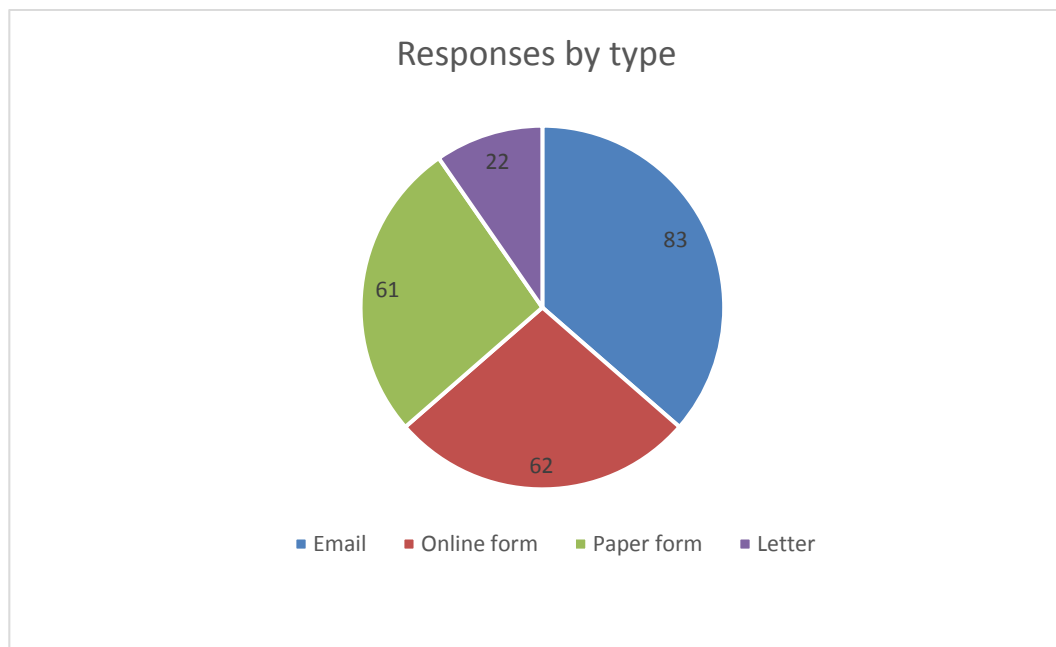
- 1.3.33 The Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation focussed on further developments since the Stage One Pre-Application Consultation regarding both the Power Station Site and Associated Development such as potential sites for temporary workers' accommodation, a park and ride facility and a logistics centre.
- 1.3.34 As part of the Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation, Horizon also consulted on each of the components of the Project that required planning permission under the Town and Country Planning Act (TCPA) (1990). At the time of the consultation, Horizon were required to submit several TCPA applications to the Isle of Anglesey County Council (IACC) for associated development as this was not included within the scope of the DCO application. The associated development included Temporary Worker Accommodation, park and ride facilities and a logistics centre.
- 1.3.35 Following the Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation and the change in law under the Wales Act 2017, it was decided that most of these elements of the associated development would be included in the application for a DCO.
- 1.3.36 A letter was sent to PINS on 31 August 2016 to notify the Secretary of State under section 46 of the Act about the project to coincide with the start of the Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation.
- 1.3.37 The Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation was compliant with sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Act. A letter was sent to prescribed consultees, the relevant local authority and those identified with an interest in the land.
- 1.3.38 The consultation was advertised to meet the requirements of section 47 of the Act and carried out in accordance with the revised Statement of Community Consultation. As with the Stage One Pre-Application Consultation, a newsletter was also posted to approximately 33,000 households on the Isle of Anglesey providing details about the consultation events and opportunities for the community to participate.

- 1.3.39 The section 48 publicity notice was formally issued as part of the Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation. A more detailed account of the consultation process in regard to the statutory requirements is set out in Chapter 3 of the Consultation Report.
- 1.3.40 The Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation took place over 8 weeks between 31 August and 25 October 2016. Consultation responses were accepted until 16 November 2016.

### Overview of consultation feedback

- 1.3.41 A total of 228 responses were received to the Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation. The following graph shows the breakdown of responses by how they were submitted during the consultation.

**Figure 1-4 Response types received during the Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation**



- 1.3.42 Table 1-3 shows the number of comments received from the 228 respondents to each of the questions.

**Table 1-3 Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation - Number of responses received for each consultation question**

Question on feedback form	Number of responses received
Q1. Do you have any general comments about the Wylfa Newydd Project?	207
Q2. Do you have any comments on the PEI Report?	47



Question on feedback form	Number of responses received
<p>Q3. Given the information provided on our Associated Development, Off-Site Power Station Facilities and TWA, do you have any views on:</p> <p>How we can improve the preferred plans, including such issues as the layout of buildings and parking areas?</p> <p>How we can improve the external appearance of the buildings, landscaping and boundary treatment?</p> <p>Our proposed legacy for each site?</p> <p>Q3a. Kingsland/Cae Glas</p>	33
Q3b. Rhosgoch	62
Q3c. Amlwch, adjacent to Madyn Farm east and west of the B5111	55
Q3d. Madyn Farm (permanent homes)	51
Q3e. Dalar Hir	25
Q3f. Parc Cybi	22
Q3g. On-site TWA	28
Q3h. Mobile Emergency Equipment Garage (MEEG)	20
Q3i. AECC/ESL	26
<p>Q4. Now that we have developed more detailed proposals for both Rhosgoch and Amlwch (adjacent to Madyn Farm, east and west of the B5111) we welcome your views on the choice of sites, and the reasons for your preferences/</p>	60
<p>Q5. Do you have any views on the bus routes and bus stops that we have identified?</p>	40
<p>Q6. Do you have any specific suggestions that we can consider to maximise uptake of these jobs and skills opportunities for local people?</p>	58
<p>Q7. Do you have any specific suggestions on the measures that we have identified to enhance benefits and reduce negative effects to Welsh-speaking communities, or the Welsh language and culture?</p>	55
<p>Q8. Please can you provide thoughts on the positive benefits and potential risks to your well-being that you might expect from the Project? If</p>	74

Question on feedback form	Number of responses received
so, please tell us how these might affect your overall views about the Project.	
Q9. Do you have any information on equality issues on Anglesey, or suggestions for measures to help reduce effects, that may help us in further work on the EqIA?	28
Q10. Do you have comments on our proposals for enhancing benefits or reducing any negative effects of the Project, or suggestions that we should consider to develop our proposals further?	62
Q11. Do you have any comments on the refinements that we have made to the LEMP, or these proposals in general?	30

### ***Summary of key themes from Stage Two consultation feedback***

- 1.3.43 Some consultees stated their support for the Wylfa Newydd Project, while others often expressed their support with caveats, for example specifying issues that could require mitigation. Some stakeholders gave reasons for their support such as the economic benefits for Anglesey and North Wales as a result of the employment that will be created.
- 1.3.44 Opposition to the Project focused on local impacts such as the impacts on the local road network during construction and the location of the proposed park and ride site. There was also concern about how radioactive waste would be stored and the length of time that the waste would need to remain on the site.
- 1.3.45 Some consultees considered that more detail about the proposals was needed at Stage Two, while others commented that there was too much technical information in terms of detail and volume presented during the consultation. Technical consultees were critical that more evidence was needed to support the claims and assumptions being made by Horizon.
- 1.3.46 A major area of interest was the proposed sites for the Temporary Workers Accommodation. Support and opposition for the sites was evenly balanced. Some consultees considered that workers should be concentrated in one location near the Power station, while others were keen for a more dispersed strategy which could offer a greater housing/economic legacy for communities.
- 1.3.47 The need to protect the Welsh language and culture was a common issue. Many comments related to the impact on Welsh language in primary and secondary schools from an influx of temporary workers and their families during the construction phase. Other consultees considered that the project would have a positive effect on the Welsh language and culture as a result of more young people being able to stay in the area to take up the employment opportunities; also, the prospect of attracting Welsh speakers back to the area.

- 1.3.48 There was some comments about the complexity of the various consenting regimes and how they interacted with one another.
- 1.3.49 Some consultees were opposed to nuclear power in principle and considered that renewable energy should be promoted instead because it was asserted to be cleaner, cheaper and more flexible than nuclear power.
- 1.3.50 The consultation process was criticised by some and in particular they thought the timescale to respond to the volume of information was too short. Some community based consultees were sceptical that their views would be taken into account when the decision was made. Others consultees were positive about the consultation process and their ability to find out about the Project and engage in the process.

### Changes to The Wylfa Newydd Project following the Pre-Application Stage Two Consultation

- 1.3.51 Changes were made to the Project following Horizon’s consideration of feedback to the Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation and further technical assessments that were used to narrow down the options, particularly in respect of the Off-site facilities and Associated Development and the further development of mitigation proposals. Further technical design changes were also made in response to the Generic Design Assessment process. These changes are summarised in the table below<sup>2</sup>. These changes were presented as part of the Stage Three Pre-Application Consultation.

**Table 1-4 Changes made to the Project following Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation**

Project component	Change to Project
Marine (including the Marine Off-loading Facility) and biodiversity	<p>Change in the design of the Marine Off-loading Facility to reduce the amount of seabed that is required to be excavated.</p> <p>Horizon proposed a semi-dry approach to dredging in front of Porth-y-pistyll. This approach reduced the volume of material that needed to be excavated underwater, avoided the need for underwater blasting and improved the safety and control of construction activities.</p> <p>Horizon no longer proposed long term dewatering of basements and therefore the impact on the Tre'r Gof Site of Special Scientific Interest during construction of the Marine Works was considered to be negligible.</p> <p>Continued engagement occurred with Natural Resource Wales, Isle of Anglesey County Council and the National</p>

<sup>2</sup> It should be noted that these changes are between the Stage One and Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation and this does not always reflect the Project as now proposed by the DCO application.

Project component	Change to Project
	Trust to seek to understand concerns and address them in detailed design proposals.
Landscape Environmental Management Plan (now incorporated in the Landscape and Habitats Management Plan)	Horizon revised the design of the Landscape Environmental Management Plan (which is now largely incorporated in the Landscape and Habitat Management Plan, Application Document Reference: 8.16) to provide net biodiversity enhancements and provided enhanced early mitigation to local communities through mounding and landscaping.
Wylfa Newydd Development Area	The revised Project proposals were anticipated to result in an overall reduction in vehicle traffic movements across Anglesey, compared to the Stage One proposals. This reduction was due in part to a reduction in peak worker numbers and increased car share ratios. The scheme was also anticipated to put less pressure on the Britannia and Menai bridges.
Wales Coast Path and Copper Trail	While feedback expressed a preference for increased coastal alignment of the Wales Coast Path (of the two options put forward at the Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation), Horizon undertook further analysis of this and determined that it would need to provide a realigned Wales Coast Path route inland of the existing and proposed Power Stations. This is mainly due to cost efficiency, technical, safety and security considerations.
Jobs and Skills Strategy	<p>The Supply Chain Strategy was further developed to include the identification of supply chain opportunities that could be targeted towards local firms.</p> <p>Horizon committed to supporting an Employment and Skills Service initiated by NWEAB which would act as a brokerage for jobs available at Wylfa Newydd and signpost people from across the region to suitable training and support for the jobs on offer.</p>

Project component	Change to Project
	<p>Horizon made a commitment to advertise all jobs locally.</p> <p>Horizon revised its estimates for the percentage of local people filling operational jobs upward from 45% to 85%.</p>
<p>Skills, education and training</p>	<p>Following the consultation, Horizon worked with the Isle of Anglesey County Council and Welsh Government, through a series of focus groups, to further develop an education and skills strategy. This included identifying a breakdown of skills required across the Project and when they are required, to assist in developing training strategies.</p> <p>Horizon also continued to work closely with local schools, including through the apprenticeships scheme, to maximise the ability of local children to access future opportunities created by the Project.</p> <p>Horizon also committed to supporting a capital investment programme for the secondary schools on Anglesey to improve the science and technology facilities to help improve the take up of STEM subjects.</p>
<p>Off-Site Power Station Facilities</p>	<p>The Project was further developed to consolidate the Mobile Emergency Equipment Garage, Alternative Emergency Control Centre, and Environmental Survey Laboratory on the Llanfaethlu site, which was achieved through ongoing design work, and making better use of the available land. Previously, the Llanfaethlu site was discounted as being a possible alternative site for the Alternative Emergency Control Centre and Environmental Survey Laboratory as it did not fall within a specified 1.5km to 5km distance from the Power Station Site. However, Horizon was able to satisfy itself that the Llanfaethlu site would meet relevant requirements. As such, the development at Cefn Coch and Llanrhuddlad was no longer proposed.</p>
<p>Construction Worker Accommodation Strategy</p>	<p>A Workers Accommodation Management Strategy was developed by Horizon.</p> <p>Horizon listened to the differing views expressed about whether it was better to disperse workers across the Island or locate them in a single location. Horizon's view is that on balance, the environmental and social effects of the construction workforce on the existing community is best managed through locating them in a single, temporary Site Campus as close as possible to the Power Station Site. This has the benefit of being able to provide a single, managed site which is able to have all facilities required by workers, including leisure and healthcare, in one place.</p> <p>Horizon propose the establishment of a Housing Fund which could be used, amongst other things, to deliver</p>

Project component	Change to Project
	permanent, affordable housing for local people, in collaboration with registered social landlords. It is proposed that this will be secured by a Section 106 Agreement, and it is listed in the Mitigation Route Map submitted with the DCO application.
Transportation related to construction	<p>The provision of worker accommodation as close as possible to the Power Station Site reduces the number of daily vehicle trips on the road network, as workers would travel to the Site Campus and then generally remain there for the duration of their 11 day working week, although car trips on the A5025 between Valley and Wylfa and between Amlwch and Wylfa would increase slightly as a result of the changes due to the increase in parking on-site.</p> <p>Horizon would promote a bus based strategy and other green travel measures for construction workers.</p>

### ***Stage Three Pre-Application Consultation***

- 1.3.52 The Stage Three Pre-Application Consultation focused on the key changes to the Project since the Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation.
- 1.3.53 In the six months between the end of the Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation and the commencement of the Stage Three Pre-Application Consultation Horizon continued to develop the Wylfa Newydd Project. This iterative design process was influenced by a range of factors including consultation feedback, information emerging from environmental assessment process, new legislation (Wales Act 2017) and commercial decisions.
- 1.3.54 The areas consulted on included changes to:
- The Workforce Accommodation Strategy including the proposed Site Campus within the Wylfa Newydd Development Area;
  - Changes to the design and operation at the proposed Park and Ride at Dalar Hir and Logistics Centre at Parc Cybi;
  - Co-location of the Off-Site Power Station Facilities, including the Mobile Emergency Equipment Garage, Alternative Energy Control Centre and Environmental Survey Laboratory; and
  - The main Power Station Site, including proposals to move the reactors closer together and reduce the footprint of the Power Station.
- 1.3.55 The Stage Three Pre-Application Consultation was compliant with sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008. A letter was sent to prescribed consultees, the relevant local authority and those identified with an interest in the land.
- 1.3.56 The consultation was advertised to meet the requirements of section 47 of the Act and carried out in accordance with the revised Statement of Community

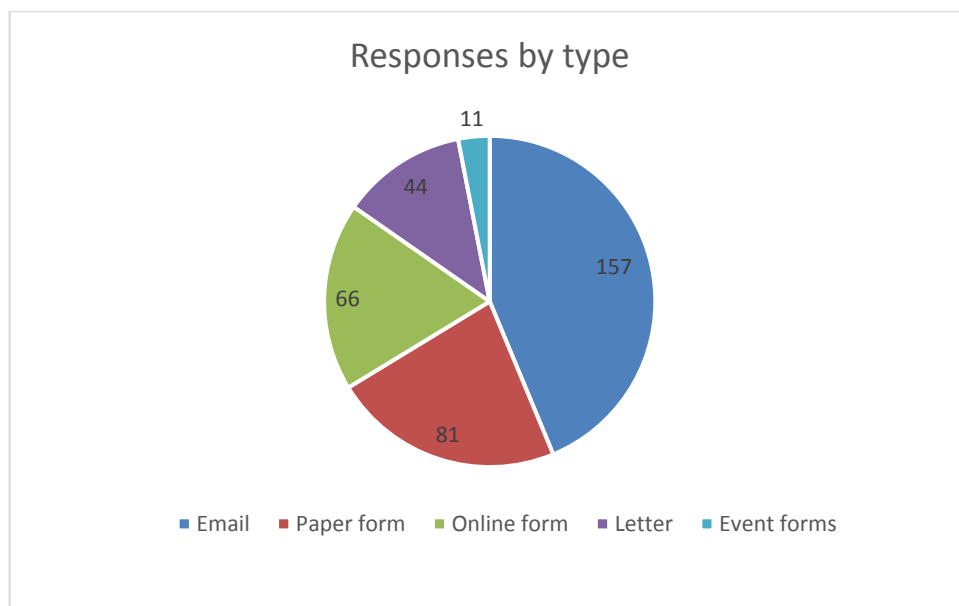
Consultation (SOCC). The section 47 notice was published in local newspapers prior to the start of the formal consultation period.

- 1.3.57 The section 48 publicity notice was formally issued as part of the Stage Three Pre-Application Consultation. The section 48 notice was also sent to the EIA Consultation Bodies as required by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009, Regulation 11. A more detailed account of the consultation process in regard to the statutory requirements is set out in the Consultation Report.
- 1.3.58 The Stage Three Pre-Application Consultation took place over 4 weeks between 24 May and 22 June 2017. Consultation responses were considered until 22 June 2017.

### Overview of consultation feedback

- 1.3.59 A total of 359 responses were received to the Stage Three Pre-Application Consultation. The following graph shows the breakdown of response types received during the consultation.

**Figure 1-5 Response types received during the Stage Three Pre-Application Consultation**



- 1.3.60 Table 1-5 shows the number of responses received for each consultation question.
- 1.3.61 Responses that did not address the consultation questions directly (for example emails or letters that did not follow the structure of the response form), are also included in the table as 'non-fitting responses'.

**Table 1-5 Stage Three Pre-Application Consultation - Number of responses received for each consultation question**

Question on feedback form	Number of responses received
Q1. Do you agree with our plans to provide campus style temporary worker accommodation on site in the Site Campus?	149
Q2. If the Site Campus is developed for construction workers, what do you think should be our priorities for reducing any potential effects on local communities?	124
Q3. Do you prefer the new proposals to put all of the Off-Site Power Station Facilities at Llanfaethlu?	133
Q4. If the site at Llanfaethlu is developed for Off-Site Power Station Facilities, what do you think should be our priorities for reducing any potential effects on local residents?	104
Q5. Do you prefer these proposals to reduce the number of car parking spaces at the park and ride facility by replacing them with additional parking spaces on the Wylfa Newydd Site?	129
Q6. What do you think should be our priorities for reducing potential effects at the Parc Cybi site?	93
Q7a. Do you prefer the new design and layout of the updated proposals for A5025 – Valley junction?	134
Q7b. Do you prefer the new design and layout of the updated proposals for A5025 – Llanfachraeth?	134
Q7c. Do you prefer the new design and layout of the updated proposals for A5025 – Llanfaethlu?	128
Q7d. Do you prefer the new design and layout of the updated proposals for A5025 – Cefn Coch?	126



Question on feedback form	Number of responses received
Q7e. Do you prefer the new design and layout of the updated proposals for A5025 – Power Station access road?	123
Q8. What do you think the priorities for our Welsh Language and Culture Co-ordinator should be?	103
Q9. Please identify which types of project are of most importance to you.	118
Q10. Do you have any other general comments on the Wylfa Newydd Project?	117
Non- fitting responses	205

### ***Summary of key themes from Stage Three consultation feedback***

- 1.3.62 The more focused nature of the consultation at Stage Three, which was based on the changes made to the Project after Stage Two, inevitably meant that most comments related to the Temporary Workers Accommodation (TWA). The decision not to proceed with the off-site workers accommodation was criticised by some consultees concerned about the loss of the legacy impact on the communities affected. Other consultees were supportive of concentrating the temporary workers close to the Power Station due to the potential benefits to traffic levels on the A5025.
- 1.3.63 There was continued concern about the impact of the influx of workers on local services, particularly health care and schools, particularly from consultees from Tregele and Cemaes, the closest communities to the TWA. However, other consultees supported the on-site provision at the Accommodation Campus and there was interest in whether this could supplement local provision.
- 1.3.64 Technical consultees continued to be critical of the level of detail in the Consultation Documents that was being used to support the assumptions and mitigation proposed. In particular, the impact of the project on the Tre'r Gof SSSI.
- 1.3.65 Consultees were generally supportive of the reduction in the footprint of the Power Station and the design changes.
- 1.3.66 The reduction in the projected number of workers at peak construction was a concern for consultees who questioned whether this would reduce the economic impact of the project. However, there was support expressed for the increase in the projected proportion of local people who would be employed at the Power Station during its operational phase, from 45% to 85%.

1.3.67 Concerns about the impact on the Welsh language and culture persisted amongst some consultees, while others considered that the more concentrated workforce accommodation strategy would have less of an impact on the Welsh language community.

### Changes to The Wylfa Newydd Project following the Pre-Application Stage Three Consultation

1.3.68 Several changes were made to the Project following Horizon's consideration of feedback to the Stage Three Pre-Application Consultation.

**Table 1-6 Changes made to the Project following Stage Three Pre-Application Consultation**

Project component	Change to Project
Power Station Site	<p>As a result of further project optimisation changes to the site layout of the Power Station including, building spacing and building form. For example, new transformers and changes to the turbine building, a slight change to the location of the Emergency Diesel Generator Stack and an increase in the size of the Auxiliary Boiler Building.</p> <p>Additional buildings on the Power Station Site including, a fuelling station, two new switchgear buildings, a plant logistics warehouse and new parking areas.</p>
Inclusion of the SSSI Compensation Sites within the DCO application	<p>The construction works proposed at the Wylfa Newydd Development Area have the potential to have a significant impact upon Tre'r Gof Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) which is located within the Wylfa Newydd Development Area. Although Horizon will employ all reasonable measures to avoid and reduce negative effects on the SSSI, Horizon are proposing to undertake off-site habitat creation and enhancement works at three sites, to provide suitable compensation as part of the DCO application should such significant impacts arise. In the event that the effects of the works are not as significant as predicted, the compensation works would represent a significant benefit to Anglesey's network of fenland sites. Details of this change were presented at the Consultation on Additional Land during January and February 2018, as detailed in the following section of this Executive Summary.</p>

Project component	Change to Project
Changes to the Order Limits in respect of: the Wylfa Newydd Development Area	<p>The responses received as a result of the Stage Three Pre-Application Consultation included comments on the need to establish ecological mitigation and connection to the national grid. The Order Limits changes associated with the WNDA, in regard to ecological mitigation, relate to two areas of land required to mitigate the potential effects of the proposed SPC Works on notable species and reptiles. These areas are referred to as the Notable Wildlife Enhancement Site and the Reptile Receptor Site respective and collectively as the Ecological Mitigation Areas. The works within the ecological enhancement areas have already been undertaken in advance of implementation of the site preparation and clearance works (SPC works). The other minor changes to the Order Limits are associated with the existing National Grid sub-station immediately to the south-east of the Existing Power Station. These amendments are required to implement necessary connection works.</p>
Changes to the Order Limits: Off-Site Power Station Facilities and Logistics Centre	<p>The required facilities have not changed since the Stage Three Pre-Application Consultation, however following detailed design considerations minor changes were made to the Order Limits for the Off-Site Power Station Facilities. This involves the addition of a small area on the northern edge of the site to accommodate the storage of refuse containers in a secure compound that can be accessed from the lay-by adjacent to the A5025 without the need to enter the Off-Site Power Station Facilities.</p> <p>Similarly, for the Logistics Centre, following detailed design consideration the addition of an area of some 0.12 hectares on the north western corner of the site to accommodate the provision of surface water drainage to the existing attenuation pond, which is located between the Logistics Centre site and the Welsh Water Treatment Facility.</p>
Off-Site Power Station Facilities	Updated design to include connection of foul water to the mains sewer.

Project component	Change to Project
Associated Development	<p>Site Campus - realignment of the site fence to remove 90-degree (right-angled) fences with 45-degree 'chamfers' (symmetrical, softer angle fences).</p> <p>Logistics Centre - Change to surface and foul water drainage details to connect the surface drain to the existing pond on the north west of the site and the foul water drainage to the sewage treatment plant on the north west of the site.</p> <p>Park and Ride - Change to exit at east of site to align with design for a "no left turn exit"; the provision of a secondary access to car parks 2 and 4.</p>
Transportation related to construction	<p>Harbour movements - Change to 8 movements (4 inward and 4 outward) per 12 hour shift. Two twelve hour shifts, total of 16 movements per day. All movements assumed to be supported by tugs.</p>

### ***Consultation on Additional Land***

- 1.3.69 Following the Stage Three Pre-Application Consultation, work progressed on the preparation of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application. As part of that exercise it was decided that the extent of the area within which the development authorised by the DCO may be constructed, operated and maintained (referred to as the Order Limits) needed to be amended to reflect additional land required for the Wylfa Newydd Project.
- 1.3.70 An additional consultation exercise was undertaken to enable Horizon to communicate the final extent of the land required in order to implement the Project.
- 1.3.71 The proposed additional land consultation was focused on geographical locations in respect of the following changes to the Wylfa Newydd Project:
- inclusion of the SSSI Compensation Sites within the DCO application;
  - confirmation of the Order Limits in respect of the A5025 Off-line Highway Improvements; and
  - changes to the Order Limits in respect of:
    - the Wylfa Newydd Development Area;
    - the Off-Site Power Station Facilities; and
    - the Logistics Centre.

- 1.3.72 Given that new areas of land were now included within the Order Limits, Horizon undertook a statutory consultation to ensure all relevant parties had the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. The consultation was carried out in accordance with the Stage Three Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC).
- 1.3.73 The Consultation on Additional Land took place between 16 January and 16 February 2018 (32 calendar days).
- 1.3.74 A bilingual Consultation Overview Document (see Appendix E.6 to the main Consultation Report) and a Main Consultation Document were used to inform consultees about the proposed additional land.
- 1.3.75 A feedback form was provided in Welsh and English (see Appendix E.8 of the main Consultation Report) online and in hard copies at the exhibition events. The feedback forms assisted the consultees to comment on the different elements of the additional land consultation; however, consultees were not obliged to fill in the forms and were welcome to provide their written feedback in alternative formats. The feedback form contained the following questions:
1. We are proposing to create or enhance new wetland sites on Anglesey to compensate for any potential impact we may have on the Tre'r Gof Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). *Do you have any comments on the proposed sites or the suggested works at Tŷ Du, Cors Gwawr and Cae Canol-dydd? Please specify which location you are referring to.*
  2. We have extended the Order Limits (the boundaries for all the land we'll need) on the western side of our Wylfa Newydd site boundary to accommodate the two new ecological enhancement areas we have created at Mynydd-lthel and Pen Carreg. We also need to make minor changes to our connection to the National Grid substation inside the Wylfa Newydd Development Area. *Do you have any comments on these proposals?*
  3. We have now confirmed the Order Limits (the boundaries for all the land we'll need) for the new sections of A5025 between Valley and the Wylfa Newydd site. *Do you have any comments on this proposal? Please specify which location you are referring to.*
  4. We need to make minor refinements to the boundaries of our proposed Off-Site Power Station Facilities at Llanfaethlu, and Logistics Centre at Parc Cybi. *Do you have any comments on these? Please specify which location you are referring to.*
  5. *Do you have any other comments relating to our proposals for the land we'll need to build and operate Wylfa Newydd?*
- 1.3.76 Letters and a USB containing the consultation documents were sent to prescribed consultees under s42(1)(a) of the Act and other key stakeholders. A letter and USB was sent to IACC under s42(1)(b) as the relevant local authority. Letters and a USB were also sent to people with an interest in land under s42(1)(d) of the Act. A letter and USB was also sent to the Planning Inspectorate on a discretionary basis. Sample letters are set out in Appendix E.2.

1.3.77 Statutory notices under s48 of the Act about the proposed application, including the additional land, were published in local and national newspapers (see Appendix E.4). The s48 notice was also sent to the EIA consultation bodies with a cover letter in order to comply with the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009, Regulation 11 (see Appendix E.4).

### Outcomes to the Additional Land consultation

1.3.78 The comments received were analysed and collated before being distributed to the relevant technical specialists in Horizon to take into account. A total of 54 responses were received by the consultation deadline. The themes that emerged were as follows:

- Consultation Process;
- Ecology;
- Environment;
- Health, Safety and Wellbeing;
- Landscape;
- No Comment;
- Nuclear Waste;
- Other;
- Statutory Undertakers Infrastructure;
- Support and Opposition; and
- Transport.

1.3.79 The following table provides a summary of the responses received under each of the thematic headings identified above.

**Table 1-7 Summary of comments made to the Consultation on Additional Land**

Theme	Summary of comments made
Consultation Process	The majority of comments from community consultees were positive about the information provided at the consultation events and their interactions with Horizon staff. One consultee was sceptical that their views, and the views of the communities affected, would be taken into account. RSPB requested to be kept informed about any future consultations. IACC commented that Horizon's response to the consultee comments about CoAL would be scrutinised by the Council as part of its statutory role in providing an adequacy of consultation representation at the acceptance stage. NWWT were critical that not

Theme	Summary of comments made
	<p>enough time had been provided for them to respond to the information about the SSSI compensation land and influence the proposals.</p>
Ecology	<p>Community consultees were supportive, however, some expressed concern that the new habitat would not be able to establish itself in time, and some species may leave and not return. In particular, NWWT asserted that a Fen Habitat could not be recreated on the timescale proposed. One consultee was concerned about adders moving closer to their land and the resulting threat to livestock and family members.</p> <p>IACC requested more information about how species would be translocated and when.</p> <p>NWWT commented that they welcomed the creation of the ecological enhancement sites but more could have been achieved in terms of biodiversity. NWWT and IACC commented that more information about the ongoing management of the mitigation sites was needed. IACC commented that the key issue was whether the ecological enhancement sites were big enough to compensate for the ecological effects in the WNDAs.</p>
Environment	<p>The threat of coastal flooding because of climate change was raised by consultees. The impact on Cestyll Gardens as an historic site was also raised by a number of consultees. There was broad support for the SSSI compensation sites, however, there was concern that intensive farming around the compensation sites could affect them. One consultee did not think further wetland sites were needed on Anglesey and that the proposals would involve the loss of good farmland.</p> <p>Noise and light pollution concerns resulting from the new sections of the A5025 were raised by two consultees.</p> <p>The re-routing of the Wales Coast Path was a concern expressed by three consultees.</p> <p>NWWT did not consider the Site Campus could be justified in terms of its impacts on the SSSI site and the amount of compensation land fell short of compensating</p>

Theme	Summary of comments made
	<p>for SSSI land that would be lost, according to providing other forms of compensatory habitat. NWWT also considered that more information was needed about a range of matters including drainage, hydrological buffer zones and peat restoration.</p> <p>IACC acknowledged the ecological enhancement work that had occurred to date and stated that the ESs in support of the DCO application and SP&amp;C planning application should be consistent in how the ecological sites are assessed, and how they will be maintained and managed.</p>
Health, Safety and Wellbeing	Public Health England stated that they were satisfied that any public health risks arising from the additional land would be negligible and / or could be adequately managed.
Landscape	A community consultee requested more information about landscaping proposals to mitigate the visual impact of the new road bridge proposed at Llanfachraeth.
Nuclear waste	Community consultees commented about the disposal of spent nuclear fuel. They were critical of the length of time the waste would be stored, the impact on future generations and the costs associated with storing the waste.
Other	<p>These comments concerned novel matters that did not fall under the other themes. One consultee was critical that more effort was put into assessing the impacts on wildlife than assessing the impacts on people living close to the new sections of the A5025. Another consultee was concerned that the new road alignment in Llanfachraeth would detrimentally affect the value of their property. A local business raised concerns that the proposals for the A5025 at Valley would encroach on their property and affect their operations. HM Coastguard was concerned that access to the coastline should be maintained for 4x4 vehicles.</p>



Theme	Summary of comments made
Statutory Undertakers Infrastructure	Three consultees responded, two confirmed that they had no apparatus or infrastructure on the additional land. National Grid/Cadent Gas plc noted the existence of some apparatus in the vicinity of the additional land and referred the matter to their asset protection team.
Support and Opposition	The majority of comments received made in-principle objections to the use of nuclear power due to cost and safety concerns in relation to public health and the environment. One consultee objected to the “loss” of Tre’r Gof SSSI and did not support the creation of the compensation sites. Another consultee was positive about the ecological enhancement sites and their accessibility from the coastal path. Eight comments were supportive of the proposals or took a neutral stance. One consultee supported the A5025 proposals and considered they would ease traffic flows at Valley and Llanfachraeth. Another consultee supported the proposals at Parc Cybi but identified that the Trefignath Burial Chamber was in close proximity. IACC expressed support in principle for the ecological enhancement sites and confirmed they had been in discussions about their creation in advance of the consultation.
Transport	<p>Three landowners affected by the A5025 provided comments and raised concerns about the impact on their properties and / or sought more information about matters specific to their land. Community consultees were broadly supportive; however, some were concerned about road speeds and the safety of junctions on the new sections of road. There was concern about the HGV trips associated with relocating topsoil from the SSSI compensation sites. Some residents of villages affected by the new sections of road were critical of the impact of noise and air pollution on nearby residential properties.</p> <p>NWWT commented that the access arrangements to Wylfa Newydd Power Station were not illustrated in the consultation material.</p>

1.3.80 The detailed comments and Horizon’s responses to them are set out in summary tables in the Consultation Report in Appendix E.9.

***Other informal consultation***

- 1.3.81 In addition to the formal consultation stages, other periods of informal (non-statutory) consultation were also undertaken. This informal consultation included working groups, community liaison groups and update events.

### *Project Liaison Group*

- 1.3.82 The Wylfa Newydd Project Liaison Group (PLG) was established in 2010. Its role is to facilitate communication between Horizon and the community. The membership of the PLG typically includes organisations such as Community Councils, voluntary groups and community service providers. The scope of the PLG is flexible and it is acknowledged that it will evolve as the project progresses. Topics discussed during PLG meetings have included employment; supply chain; skills; infrastructure; transport; community benefits; health and safety; environment; emergency services; and legacy.

### *Community Involvement Officers*

- 1.3.83 A Community Involvement Officers Report was produced in April 2017 based on the work of the three Community Involvement Officers (CIO) under the joint project initiative between Medrwn Môn, IACC and Horizon.
- 1.3.84 The scope of the initiative was intended to increase the participation of Anglesey residents by using more varied methods of engagement. The report includes a series of general observations with regard to the consultation and engagement events run by Horizon for Wylfa Newydd. The Community Involvement Officers Report is included at Appendix D.5 to the Main Consultation Report.

### *January 2016 Update*

- 1.3.85 The Project Update in January 2016 presented an opportunity for residents and organisations to view the latest plans and proposals and to provide feedback, particularly in relation to potential sites for associated development and Temporary Workers' Accommodation. The feedback received informed the further development of the Project in preparation for the Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation, which took place later in 2016.
- 1.3.86 The consultation was held from January to March 2016 and a total of 11 public exhibition events were hosted across Anglesey, Gwynedd and in Conwy.
- 1.3.87 The feedback from the January 2016 Update consultation was collated, analysed and reported back in the Consultation Summary Report, which formed part of the Stage Two Consultation Documents. The feedback informed the development of the Project proposals presented at Stage Two.

### *Neighbourhood Support Scheme*

- 1.3.88 The Neighbourhood Support Scheme (NSS) is a voluntary initiative, intended to provide support over and above any statutory mitigation measures and controls identified for the Wylfa Newydd Project. It comprises two distinct measures:

- **Property Price Support (PPS)** – This includes support for residents living nearest to the Wylfa Newydd Development Area whose property values are impacted by the development.
- **Local Noise Mitigation Strategy** – This includes extra measures to reduce noise at affected properties. It was initially referred to as Disturbance Mitigation.

1.3.89 Horizon first consulted upon its proposals for the NSS in parallel to the Stage One Pre-Application Consultation, from 29 September to 8 December 2014.

1.3.90 A further consultation on the Local Noise Mitigation Strategy took place between 31 August and 25 October 2016, in parallel with the Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation.

### ***Community Benefits***

1.3.91 Alongside Horizon's January 2016 Project Update, a fact sheet was made available containing information about Horizon's community benefit aims, and about work that had been undertaken with the IACC towards reaching a common understanding on community benefits.

1.3.92 Horizon then consulted upon key principles of a voluntary community benefits scheme between 31 August and 25 October 2016, in parallel with the Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation.

### ***Overarching engagement framework with IACC, Welsh Government and NRW***

1.3.93 Early in the Pre-Application Consultation process, an overarching engagement framework was agreed between Horizon and IACC, Welsh Government and NRW to discuss and debate matters relevant to the strategies and detailed approach to assessment of the Wylfa Newydd Project. Later in the process, the framework was then used to discuss technical matters that could form the basis of topic-based Statements of Common Ground (SOCGs), as illustrated in Figure 1-6.

**Figure 1-6 Response types received during the Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation**



1.3.94 Horizon has used this framework to engage with key stakeholders on a regular basis since the inception of the Wylfa Newydd Project. This has taken the following forms:

- **Statutory Working Group (SWoG)** meetings were held on a quarterly basis, with attendance from the following organisations: IACC; NRW; Welsh Government; Gwynedd Council (Joint Planning & Policy Unit); Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR); Marine Management Organisation; Gwynedd Archaeological Planning Services (GAPS); Welsh Government Marine Consents Unit; and Welsh Government – Cadw.
- **Topic based focus groups** (Level 3 of the engagement framework) to develop and agree on the evidence base, methodology and understanding of principal impacts and mitigation strategies for a number of key issues associated with the Wylfa Newydd Project. The focus groups topics and attendees were:
  - **Welsh language and culture** – IACC, Welsh Government, Welsh Language Impact Assessment Steering Group Chair.
  - **Economic development and supply chain; education, skills and labour, and housing/accommodation strategy** – IACC and Welsh Government.
  - **Tourism; Transport** – IACC, Welsh Government and Gwynedd County Council.

- **Health and wellbeing** – IACC, Welsh Government, NRW, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB), Public Health Wales (PHW), Welsh Ambulance Service, North Wales Fire and Rescue, North Wales Police.
- **Environment** – IACC, Welsh Government and NRW.
- **Topic based working groups** (Level 4 of the engagement framework) held on a thematic basis to inform discussions at the focus groups and resolve technical and specific issues in relation to the Project. Meetings were held generally on a monthly or quarterly basis on the following topics:
  - **Welsh Language Impact Assessment** - Horizon, IACC, Welsh Government, Gwynedd Council, Welsh Language Commissioner, the Wylfa Newydd Project Liaison Group and Menter Môn .
  - **Waste and minerals; Water Framework Directive** - Horizon, IACC and NRW.
  - **Habitats Regulations** - Horizon, IACC, NRW and Planning Inspectorate.
  - **Environment and cultural heritage** - Horizon, IACC, NRW, NWWT, National Trust, RSPB, Gwynedd Archaeology Planning Service and Cadw.
  - **Health Impact Assessment** - Horizon, IACC, BCUHB, Public Health Wales (PHW), Public Health England (PHE), the Wylfa Newydd Project Liaison Group (PLG), the Welsh Government, the Wales Health Impact Support Unit (WHIASU).

1.3.95 Following Focus Group meetings in May 2017, it was agreed with IACC, Welsh Government and NRW that engagement up to the submission of the DCO application, and beyond, would be carried out on an “issues based” approach. The Working Groups would also continue to meet as required.

### **Landowners**

1.3.96 Horizon has an in-house property team that manage the owned and leased property used by the business, including agricultural, residential and commercial tenancies. They also manage survey access and the negotiations with landowners on a commercial basis to secure the necessary rights over land to allow for the construction and operation of the Project.

1.3.97 Horizon has employed an external firm of Chartered Surveyors, Fisher German, who report directly to Horizon’s head of Property or Estate Manager. On behalf of Horizon, Fisher German undertake day-to-day engagement with the agricultural and residential landowners and tenants, including the arrangement of survey access. This is a historic relationship that has been fostered since 2011.

1.3.98 Where acquisition of additional land is required, engagement has been categorised into different areas and negotiations generally undertaken by

external firms. All of these property functions have been undertaken with direct reporting into the property and project teams within Horizon, who are professionally qualified and experienced in such matters.

### ***Statements of Common Ground***

- 1.3.99 In order to enable the Examining Authority to examine the DCO within the prescribed six month period, Horizon and various interested parties will be asked to enter into Statements of Common Ground (SOCGs) which set out those matters which are both agreed and not agreed between parties, as well as those matters where there are ongoing discussions. This is in order to narrow down the number of issues which the examination needs to focus on, leading to a more efficient use of time.
- 1.3.100 SOCGs are prepared on a voluntary basis between Horizon and various parties e.g. IACC, Welsh Government and Public Health Wales.
- 1.3.101 Horizon wrote to each party that it anticipated the Examining Authority was likely to request SOCGs from the week commencing 19 June 2017, confirming how Horizon intended to engage with them.

### ***Engagement on the draft DCO application documents***

- 1.3.102 In line with the Planning Inspectorate's pre-application service guidance on NSIPs<sup>3</sup>, Horizon shared certain draft application documents with some key stakeholders in advance of the submission of the application. The parties Horizon deemed appropriate to share the draft application documents with are those that it expects the Examining Authority will request to prepare SOCGs with.
- 1.3.103 Meetings were held between Horizon and some stakeholders to discuss findings and key comments on the draft documents. Other comments were received in writing and through telephone calls. This enabled Horizon to work through any issues on the draft application documents in advance of the submission of the DCO application.

## **1.4 What happens next**

### ***Ongoing engagement***

- 1.4.1 Horizon is committed to continued engagement with the local community and key stakeholders on the Wylfa Newydd Project. Following submission of the DCO application, Horizon intends to continue to develop Statements of Common Ground with key stakeholders to assist the Examining Authority in their examination of the application.
- 1.4.2 As part of Horizon's ongoing community based activities, newsletters will continue to update communities about the progress of the application at regular intervals before and after the examination. The helpline and project

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<sup>3</sup>[https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/NSIP-prospectus\\_May2014.pdf](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/NSIP-prospectus_May2014.pdf)

email address will also remain in operation for those seeking information about the project.

- 1.4.3 After the application is submitted and accepted for examination by the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate will administer the process of examining the application and notifying interested parties of their opportunities to participate.

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