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Dear Ms Sully

**Application by Horizon Nuclear Power for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Wylfa Newydd Nuclear Power Station**

**Your ref: EN010007**

Further to your recent correspondence (letter of 25 September 2018 from Frances Fernandez) regarding the examination of the above application, I am writing on behalf of the National Trust, the North Wales Wildlife Trust and the RSPB to seek clarification regarding a matter of process, which may be appropriate for discussion at the Preliminary Meeting or may be more suitable for separate consideration.

Our organisations are currently in discussions with the Applicant concerning a number of environmental topics linked to the protection of statutory wildlife sites and other ecological interests, as part of the Statement of Common Ground process. We are grateful for this opportunity to try to resolve some of our shared concerns during the examination process. However, we are concerned that some important information is being shared with our organisations through these meetings that does not currently form part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application in front of the Examining Authority.

We would be grateful if the Planning Inspectorate could seek clarification from the Applicant as to how these parallel discussions will tie into the examination process. In particular, we would like to understand how and when details of possible European site compensatory measures being discussed with the three organisations will be shared with the Examining Authority, including the Applicant's "*without prejudice*" case regarding alternative solutions and imperative reasons of overriding public interest (in line with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017) should the Examining Authority be unable to reach a conclusion of "*no adverse effect on site integrity*" in respect of any of the European sites potentially affected by the DCO proposals.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



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On behalf of North Wales Wildlife Trust (ref 2001639), the National Trust (ref 20010995) and the RSPB (ref 20011586)