



Ministry of Defence

National Infrastructure Planning
The Planning Inspectorate
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Your Reference: EN010007
Our reference: 10035584

Dear Sir/Madam,

Wylfa Newydd Nuclear Power Station

Application by Horizon Nuclear Power for the Wylfa Newydd Nuclear Power Station Project – The Examining Authority’s written questions and requests for information (ExQ1)

Isle of Anglesey County Council (IACC) has made RAF Valley aware that within The Examining Authority’s written questions of the above application is a question directed jointly to IACC and the Royal Air Force (RAF). The examiner has asked for a response to the following question...

Q11.0.1 - *Civil and military aviation and defence interests were scoped out of the Environmental Impact Assessment. However, there is both a civil airport (Anglesey Airport/Valley Airfield/Rhosneigr) and an RAF base (Heneglwys/Mona Airfield) on the island. Can the IACC and the RAF confirm that they agree that there would be no likely significant effects on civil and military aviation and defence interests as a result of the Application?*

The MOD has previously commented on a Scoping consultation for this project and raised no safeguarding concerns; military aviation has therefore been scoped out.

The airspace above and around the existing power station at Wylfa is classed as a restricted area within the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) published by National Air Traffic Services (NATS). The current restriction reads...

EG R322 WYLFA A circle, 2 nm radius centred at 532458N 0042852W. Upper limit: 2100 ft ALT. Lower limit: SFC.

Flight permitted at a height of not less than 2000 ft above ground level whilst operating under and in accordance with a clearance from the air traffic control unit at RAF Valley. Flight permitted for the purpose of landing at or taking off from the helicopter landing area

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at Wylfa, with the permission of the person in charge of the installation and in accordance with any conditions to which that permission is subject. SI 1003/2016.

This enables air traffic controlled by RAF Valley to pass through the restricted zone covering the power station at Wylfa at 2000ft. We are not aware of any changes or additions to this designation as a result of this proposed development. Any changes to the dispensation included in this restriction could impact upon operations out of RAF Valley.

Subject to any new or additional restricted areas, centred within the application site, containing the same provisions as within EG R322 allowing air traffic controlled by RAF Valley to pass through the restricted area at 2000ft QFE¹, I can confirm there will be no adverse impact to aviation operations and defence interests as a result of the Wylfa Newydd Power Station going ahead

I trust this clarifies our position on this application. Should you have any questions or require clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Laura Nokes
Senior Safeguarding Officer

1. Valley QFE is the field elevation at RAF Valley from which the height of air traffic managed by the air traffic control unit at RAF Valley is gauged. This is therefore a more appropriate reference point for the application of the 2000ft vertical separation required above the nuclear power station site.