

Meeting Note

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Meeting with	Horizon Nuclear Power Ltd (Horizon)
Meeting date	16 March 2012
Attendees (IPC)	Sheila Twidle (EIA and Land Rights Manager) Laura Allan (EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Simone Wilding (Principle Case Manager) Eleri Davies (Case Manager) Oliver Blower (Case Officer)
Attendees (non IPC)	Kieran Somers (Horizon) Tim Proudler (Horizon) James Eaton (Horizon)
Location	IPC Offices, Temple Quay House

Meeting purpose	Project update
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Summary of key points discussed and advice given	<p>IPC openness policy: protocol for meeting notes and exchange of information</p> <p>IPC advised on its openness policy, that any advice given will be recorded and placed on the IPC's website under s.51 of the Planning Act 2008 and also to note that any advice given under s.51 does not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) can rely. IPC clarified that it can not discuss the merits of a case but can advise on procedural matters.</p> <p><u>Project and Programme Update</u></p> <p>Horizon confirmed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC) was published in December 2011 setting out two phases of formal consultation; • a vendor has not yet been selected; • the formal consultation and notification under sections 42, 46 and 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) will start approximately 6 to 8 weeks after vendor selection, though the full list of section 42 consultees would not be confirmed until the second stage of consultation; • survey work, negotiations with landowners and work on developments not part of the nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP) application are ongoing; and • it may submit applications under other consenting regimes prior to submitting the NSIP application.
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The **IPC** advised that outreach events would be organised and publicised once dates for formal consultation have been confirmed.

Horizon confirmed that the formal consultation under the PA 2008 will cover development forming part of the NSIP together with additional context and questions to cater for other developments which will be sought under other consenting regimes. **Horizon** stated that whilst the more technical documents will be in English only, the non-technical summary documents and the Welsh Language Impact Assessment will be available in Welsh and English.

The **IPC** confirmed that Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Guidance on pre-application consultation (September 2009) encourages applicants to make documents available in other languages including in Welsh for applications relating to Wales. The IPC made reference to the IPC Welsh Language Policy, and confirmed that it wouldn't be necessary for the more technical documents to be translated into Welsh.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI)

Horizon confirmed that:

- the EIA baseline studies ongoing;
- the cumulative impact assessment will be updated on a modular basis as the Environmental Statement (ES) for the NSIP and each separate element of development is finalised;
- the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) process will follow a similar modular approach to the ES and involve early communication with stakeholders;

The **IPC** advised the applicant to share information early with the statutory nature conservation bodies (SNCBs) and suggested that it may be useful to consider Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs). The **IPC** confirmed that it may comment on the draft HRA if time permits but would not comment on the draft ES.

Other Matters

The **IPC** provided a leaflet on the transition from the IPC to the National Infrastructure Directorate within the Planning Inspectorate.

The **IPC** advised the applicant to discuss other permits, consents and licences with the relevant consenting bodies and applications for these should be made as early as possible.

Transboundary Impacts

IPC referred the applicant to IPC Advice Note 12 which contains a screening matrix and contact details. The IPC advised that

	<p>Regulation 24 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 is a duty which continues throughout the application process.</p> <p><u>Components to be included within DCO Application</u></p> <p>Horizon explained that the cooling system and break-water would form part of the development consent order (DCO) application. Horizon asked whether the offshore elements of the proposed scheme were covered by the Planning Act 2008. Horizon also stated that a harbour empowerment order could be required for the marine off-loading facility.</p> <p>The IPC advised that it is for the applicant to set out what is integral to the NSIP application and to justify it in the explanatory memorandum. In light of the Localism Act 2011, DCLG guidance, including that on 'associated development', will be re-drafted in due course.</p> <p><u>EN010006 Oldbury update</u></p> <p>Horizon confirmed that they remain committed to developing a new nuclear power station at Oldbury. Horizon are engaged in surveys on site and continuing engagement with local authorities and the local community.</p>
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Specific decisions/ follow up required?	N/A
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