



Meeting note

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Meeting with	Horizon Nuclear Power regarding the Wylfa Newydd proposal	
Venue	Telecon	
Attendees	Andrew Mahon -	Horizon Nuclear Power
	Kieran Somers -	Horizon Nuclear Power
	Trystan Mabbitt -	Horizon Nuclear Power
	Andrew Prior -	Horizon Nuclear Power
	Kathryn Dunne -	The Planning Inspectorate
	Steffan Jones -	The Planning Inspectorate
	Sheila Twidle -	The Planning Inspectorate
	Laura Allen -	The Planning Inspectorate
Meeting objectives	To provide the Planning Inspectorate with a project update and to discuss some key issues relating to the consenting strategy and the DCO application	
Circulation	All	

The participants introduced themselves and their roles. Horizon Nuclear Power were made aware of the Planning Inspectorate's openness policy, that any advice given will be recorded and placed on the Planning Inspectorate's website under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008)(as amended). Any advice does not constitute legal advice on which the developer or others can rely.

Where this note refers to the developer, it means Horizon Nuclear Power.

Revised project timetabling

An application for a Development Consent Order is likely to be made to the Planning Inspectorate in February 2017.

Discussions between the developer and the Isle of Anglesey County Council (IACC) and the Welsh Government on what the developer considers 'integral development' within the application for development consent are taking place, together with a discussion on the developer's applications to the local authority under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (TCPA).

Consultation/PAC2 update and changes to Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

The developer intends to fund a community officer to liaise with hard to reach groups on the island; they are also in contact with Community Voice and Menter Môn.

The developer stated that engagement will be undertaken (non-statutory consultation) in January 2016.

The IACC will be provided with a final draft version of the developer's SoCC for comment in January 2016. The developer was reminded by the Planning Inspectorate that it is required to provide the local authority with no less than 28 days to provide comments on the draft SoCC.

PAC 2 statutory consultation and publicity under s42, s47 and 48 of the PA 2008 will take place later in 2016, this was originally scheduled to take place in January 2016 however the developer felt its Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) would not be at a sufficient stage for the consultation to go ahead. Therefore a stage of non-statutory consultation/engagement will take place in January 2016 instead, as explained above.

Update to revised Scoping Report schedule and contents

A GIS shapefile was requested from the developer 2 weeks in advance of the submission of its request for a Scoping Opinion from the Planning Inspectorate. The request is likely to be made by the developer to the Planning Inspectorate in mid-January 2016.

The developer informed the Planning Inspectorate that its revised Scoping Report addresses the new EU Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive which must be transposed into UK law by 16 May 2017.

Consenting strategy including other consents and draft Wales Bill

A meeting with the Planning Inspectorate in order to discuss the consenting strategy in January 2016 was requested by the developer, the Planning Inspectorate agreed to this request.

Transboundary consultation

The developer was informed that the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 12 on Transboundary Impacts has recently been updated (December 2015) to explain the procedure for transboundary notification and consultation under Regulation 24 of the EIA Regulations 2009 (as amended). The revised Advice Note 12 includes a new section explaining the special procedure for nuclear nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIPs), where all European Economic Area Member States as well as Switzerland and the Crown Dependencies, will be informed about the proposal when the Secretary of State screens a proposed nuclear NSIP for transboundary effects. If States are likely to have significant effects on their environment, they will be notified and consulted in the normal way.

Water Framework Directive

The Planning Inspectorate offered to review a draft of the developer's Water Framework Directive Assessment prior to the submission of this document with the DCO application; the developer confirmed that this would be included in its PEI.

Liaison/consultation with NRW – use of an evidence or programme plan – Planning Inspectorate's role

A document, in the spirit of an 'Evidence Plan' with a wider remit, is being produced by the developer in consultation with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to assist in the production of the developer's Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) Report to be submitted with the DCO application. The Planning Inspectorate requested confirmation of the contact details of those officers from NRW who are involved in the production of the HRA 'Evidence Plan'. The Planning Inspectorate also offered to sit in on any potential tripartite meetings between the developer and NRW.

A database has been produced by the developer with input from IACC, identifying the issues arising from the PAC 1 consultation stage. The developer noted that NRW has seen this database and is keen to use a similar tool in order to record any issues; the Planning Inspectorate requested to view this database and the developer will provide a copy.

AOB

The Planning Inspectorate requested an update from the developer regarding the potential use of the existing Magnox site (outside the National Policy Statement (NPS) boundary) for a spent fuel store, as discussed in the previous meeting of July 2015. The works proposed on this site are considered by the developer to be integral to the NSIP development. The developer explained that they are considering two locations for spent fuel, one within the site designated within the NPS and one outside. The Planning Inspectorate reminded the developer of paragraphs 2.3.5 and 2.3.6 in EN-6.

The Planning Inspectorate informed the developer of the National Trust's enthusiasm to engage with developers at the pre-application stage of projects.

Following the meeting, an updated version of the agreed Contact Plan, in line with the Planning Inspectorate's Pre-Application Prospectus for applicants, will be sent by the developer to the Planning Inspectorate.

Date of next meeting

To be confirmed.