



Meeting note

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Meeting with	Horizon Nuclear Power
Venue	CR4, Rivergate, Bristol
Attendees	Kathryn Dunne The Planning Inspectorate Mark Wilson The Planning Inspectorate Hannah Pratt The Planning Inspectorate Richard Kent The Planning Inspectorate Andrew Mahon Horizon Nuclear Power Andrew Murdoch Horizon Nuclear Power
Meeting objectives	To discuss latest project progress and key milestones in relation to the proposed Wylfa Newydd Nuclear Power Station
Circulation	All

The participants introduced themselves and their roles. Andrew Mahon confirmed he would be the first point of contact at Horizon, but we should continue to engage with other members of the team when he is not in the office.

Horizon Nuclear Power ('Horizon') 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.

Review of Actions

The developer confirmed their intention to continue dialogue with PINS on a regular basis in order to seek advice, share experience and update PINS as necessary.

The developer will reenergise engagement with NRW, particularly in relation to the Marine Licence(s) and feedback to PINS as necessary.

Project Update

The developer's PAC 2 will be a statutory consultation stage under s42 and s47 of PA 2008. It is programmed to commence on 31st August 2016, for 8 weeks. This has been communicated to the relevant Councils.

The developer commented that the delay to the start of the PAC2 has allowed them to better align their proposals with the associated TCPA applications and other consents. The delay has required Horizon to reconsider the timing of other elements of the wider programme to minimise the disruption to the submission date.

Consultation/PAC 2 update

Horizon held an update consultation in January 2016 (when the PAC2 consultation was originally planned to take place). This allowed them to gather more views and information in order to refine their proposals further, ahead of the formal PAC2 stage in August.

Horizon commented that they have consulted with Isle of Anglesey County Council (IACC) officers and National Grid to try to coordinate timescales where possible and mitigate any knock-on effects of the delay. Much of the information that will be presented to the Councils and others in the PAC2 material will be familiar to them as it represents an evolution of existing information.

Horizon sought to provide consultation material that is informative and accessible. For example, they intend to provide Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) in an accessible format which will focus on effects and mitigation. Horizon intends to engage in parallel with statutory consultees about the technical documents related to the preparation of the ES.

PINS highlighted that the Councils had resourcing concerns about a clash between the end of the PAC2 consultation and the start of the National Grid s42 consultation (for the North Wales Connection project) at the start of October 2016. Horizon stated they were aware but commented that if National Grid delayed their s42 consultation this would lead to other pinch-points for the Councils related to the timing of the TCPA pre app consultation under s61z.

PINS enquired whether it was possible to combine the s61z consultations (under the Town and Country Planning Act (TCPA)) with the PAC2 consultation. Horizon advised that consultation under s61z required detailed documents which would not be available for PAC2. They also stated the Welsh Government could have concerns with that approach and would prefer to keep the TCPA applications separate.

Horizon confirmed their intention to share their developing draft DCO documents with the Councils from August onwards. PINS confirmed a willingness to see the documents and review them if that would be useful. In general PINS ask to see draft documents at least 3 months in advance of submission and there is usually a 5/6 week turnaround for comments.

PINS asked about progress on HRA reporting. Horizon stated they were supplementing their HRA team to drive forward this area of work.

TCPA and Other Consents

The associated TCPA applications are being brought forward in 2 tranches to help smooth the workload for the Councils. The programme is designed so that the highways and site preparation TCPA applications don't clash with PAC2 consultation. The consultation for the second tranche of applications is incorporated into PAC2, so the timing will be dependent on collating and considering relevant responses.

The visitor centre TCPA application submission has been pushed back so that it will be submitted in parallel with the DCO application; the reason being that it is not critical to the determination of the DCO.

Horizon explained that they intend to submit Environmental Permit applications in advance of the DCO application so that National Resources Wales (NRW) can be at a 'minded to' stage prior to the end of examination.

Horizon commented that they may bring forward 2 Marine Licences. This depends on whether all the excavated rock from the main site can be used within the Project or elsewhere, such as a new breakwater. If not, it will be necessary to seek a second Marine Licence for the disposal of any excess rock.

Horizon sought clarification from PINS about NRW's approach to the timing of Marine Licences in relation to DCO timescales. They were aware that NRW seemed to be moving towards uncoupling the DCO and Marine Licence timescales on another NSIP project and commented that this could present problems for the examining authority. PINS advised that they had a meeting scheduled with NRW in August and would seek clarification from NRW on this point.

Horizon stated that they will analyse all the consultation feedback from PAC2 and the TCPA s61z consultations starting in November 2016. They intend to submit the DCO application to PINS in May 2017.

PINS Outreach

PINS will work with IACC and GC to hold a public outreach event in early September. Unfortunately this clashes with the start of the PAC2 consultation but due to school holidays and staff availability this was unavoidable.

PINS advised Horizon to continue with any planned PAC2 consultation events.

Implications of the EU Referendum

Horizon explained that in their Scoping Report, they had committed to complying with the recently revised EIA Directive (2014) which is due to be transposed into UK law by May 2017 and queried whether 'Brexit' would have any implications on EIA Regulations. PINS explained that until the UK officially 'leaves' the EU, it is still governed by EU laws and therefore PINS expects that the EIA Regulations will still be revised by May 2017. Horizon confirmed that their intention would be to continue to prepare their application in accordance with the revised EIA Directive.

Transboundary effects

Horizon explained that at this stage, they are unable to discount potential transboundary effects for Ireland (harbour porpoise) and France (seabirds); however, they noted that these effects may be discounted upon further assessment. PINS

advised Horizon to consult with France and Ireland as part of PAC2 and to document any responses in their consultation report.

Specific decisions / follow up required?

- PINS to seek clarification from NRW about its approach to Marine Licensing and DCO's and feedback. Horizon will also discuss this with NRW.
- Horizon to keep PINS updated if there are any changes to the timetable.