



Meeting note

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Meeting with	Horizon Nuclear Power
Venue	Wallace Room, Temple Quay House.
Attendees	Kathryn Dunne The Planning Inspectorate Steffan Jones The Planning Inspectorate Hannah Pratt The Planning Inspectorate Richard Kent The Planning Inspectorate Andrew Prior Horizon Nuclear Power Maia Gralewski Horizon Nuclear Power Trystan Mabbitt Horizon Nuclear Power Kieran Somers Horizon Nuclear Power
Meeting objectives	To discuss latest project progress and key milestones in relation to the proposed Wylfa Newydd Nuclear Power Station
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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.

Review of Actions

The Secretary of State's Scoping Opinion was published on 28 April 2016; the developer is currently reviewing this document.

The developer has informed and shared details with the Planning Inspectorate of those officers within Natural Resources Wales (NRW) that it has established contact with.

The Planning Inspectorate informed the developer that it is discussing holding an outreach session with officers from the Isle of Anglesey County Council (IACC); it was suggested that any outreach session does not conflict with the developer's consultation stage.

Following the previous meeting, the developer has been in contact with the National Trust who attended a consultation event in January 2016. Workshops, which representatives from the National Trust have been invited to, will be taking place in summer 2016 to discuss any identified issues.

The developer is in on-going discussions with National Grid regarding the approach to the assessment of cumulative impacts between the proposed development and the North Wales Connection project.

Project Update

The developer has recently appointed a new CEO and therefore created a new project programme, the developer will send this programme to the Planning Inspectorate in due course and will confirm the anticipated date for the submission of the application for development consent.

A suite of technical documents including environmental information was sent to IACC, NRW, the National Trust and the North Wales Wildlife Trust in January 2016 by the developer for comments.

During the Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) 2 stage, which is taking place in September 2016, the developer will be consulting with the Design Commission for Wales who intend on providing comments on the developer's landscaping plans.

The developer informed the Planning Inspectorate that an application for planning permission (under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (TCPA)) has been approved by IACC for a holiday resort situated on the site which is currently identified as the site for Anglesey Aluminium. The project is known as the Land and Lakes development. A condition within the planning permission states that part of the site has to be used as workers accommodation for the proposed Wylfa Newydd project for a period of 18 months before it can begin operating as a holiday resort. The developer informed the Planning Inspectorate of its intention to use the site as workers accommodation as specified by this condition of planning permission.

The developer has been in discussions with the IACC and Welsh Government to discuss the integral elements of the NSIP that are required as part of the nuclear site license and which relate to the Off-site Power Station Facilities which include the Mobile Emergency Equipment Garage (MEEG), Alternative Emergency Control Centre (AECC) and Environmental Survey Laboratory (ESL). A further meeting is currently being arranged in order to progress a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on these aspects.

A Community Involvement Officer in IACC has been funded by the developer through the 'Community Voice' scheme in order to liaise with hard to reach groups and other various stakeholders on behalf of the developer.

The developer will be undertaking additional modelling in order to establish the impacts of a park and ride scheme on the mainland on traffic flows on the Britannia Bridge; a park and ride scheme on the mainland is an initiative strongly supported by Gwynedd County Council and the Welsh Government. Park and Ride facilities are

proposed by the developer for the transfer of construction workers from private vehicles and to reduce traffic on local roads.

The Planning Inspectorate informed the developer that it did not consult with Gwynedd County Council during the scoping consultation stage as they were not identified as a neighbouring authority under the legislation; however the Planning Inspectorate advises the developer to consult and engage with Gwynedd and Conwy County Councils going forward.

Consultation/PAC 2 update

The developer's PAC 2 will be a statutory consultation stage under s42 and s47 of PA 2008.

The developer confirmed that a draft Development Consent Order (DCO) will not form part of the suite of consultation documents for PAC 2. A draft Environmental Statement will also not be issued with the consultation documents, however the developer will consult on potential mitigation measures and the preliminary environmental information. It's likely the developer will hold an informal stage of consultation on the draft DCO after PAC2, which may include the draft Requirements. The Planning Inspectorate advised the developer to consult on the draft DCO Requirements, these are key elements of the draft DCO and it will assist the examination if all relevant parties have reviewed and contributed to these before submission of the application.

The Planning Inspectorate advised the developer that it could view certain draft consultation documents for PAC2 if this is programmed in advance, should the developer wish to receive comments. The Planning Inspectorate and Horizon would need to agree in advance which documents would be reviewed.

The Planning Inspectorate advised the developer to consult on the DCO application and other associated development projects within one consultation round, but to explain the different consenting processes. This approach should help avoid confusion about the scale of the proposal as a whole, and should help in reducing consultation fatigue.

Consenting strategy and interaction of marine consents with the DCO

The developer is reviewing the practicalities of its approach to environmental permitting and is discussing this with NRW in order to better understand the sequences and key milestones which are in place for the process. The Planning Inspectorate advised that it may be possible to be involved and chair a tripartite meeting between the developer and NRW should this be requested.

The Planning Inspectorate was also informed by the developer that NRW have stated a preference for receiving applications for marine licences following the granting of a DCO.

The developer intends to submit a joint ES for both the DCO application and the marine licence application. The Planning Inspectorate questioned how the developer would provide an Examining Authority with the comfort that a marine licence is

forthcoming when providing the relevant Secretary of State with a recommendation on whether to grant development consent or not. The developer acknowledged this as one of their own concerns with this approach (in the absence of a formal mechanism for 'minded to consent' letters (or similar) from NRW as the determining body for the marine license). The Planning Inspectorate has regular meetings with NRW and will discuss this at future meetings.

Further to a previous meeting where the developer stated it may make an application to the Secretary of State to amend s14(3) of PA 2008, the developer confirmed this option is no longer being pursued. The developer considers the cooling water intake structures and the outfall are integral elements of the NSIP and that the marine off-loading facility is embedded mitigation to reduce road traffic and transport and is therefore also an integral part of the scheme.

A Memorandum of Understanding in order for the developer to detail and clarify what it considers to be integral development, and therefore to be applied for in the application for development consent under PA 2008, and what is not considered to be integral development, is being created between the developer, the Welsh Government, IACC and NRW. The Planning Inspectorate requested this was shared with them when finalised.

The developer confirmed that 500m of 400kV underground cable is required to connect the power station to the National Grid's existing substation. The entire length of cable is within the National Policy Statement (NPS) boundary and therefore the developer proposes to include this in the application for development consent as they consider it integral development. The developer was reminded to consider the Secretary of State's decision in relation to the Hirwaun Power Station project and Tidal Lagoon Swansea Bay

Scoping Report

The developer questioned whether it would need to re-scope its proposals should the Wales Bill be enacted and allow associated development to be included in a DCO in Wales; it believes it would not need to as each element has been scoped separately under the TCPA Regulations and as a cumulative assessment incorporating these elements will be undertaken anyway. The Planning Inspectorate noted that scoping is not mandatory and agreed that the developers approach sounded reasonable on the basis that the assessment incorporates all elements as part of the proposed development rather than cumulatively.

Specific decisions / follow up required?

The developer will set up a meeting with NRW and the Planning Inspectorate in respect of the marine components/consents.

Following the meeting, the Contact Plan will be updated by the developer.

The developer will provide the Planning Inspectorate with a hard copy and link to the January 2016 Project Update

The developer will provide the Planning Inspectorate with copies of the siting strategy papers.

The developer will hold a monthly teleconference with the Planning Inspectorate (when necessary).

The developer will provide the Planning Inspectorate with a link to information regarding the Land and Lakes development.

The developer will share its PAC 2 strategy with the Planning Inspectorate for comment, prior to the commencement of the consultation stage.

The Planning Inspectorate will provide a copy to the developer of the scoping opinion letter sent to Public Health Wales.

The developer will confirm its programme from now until submission of the application and share it with the Planning Inspectorate.

The developer will provide details of a memorandum of understanding with WG/NRW/IACC in respect of the various integral elements of the scheme once finalised.