



Meeting note

Project name	Wylfa Newydd Nuclear Power Station
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Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	1 February 2018
Meeting with	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Venue	Temple Quay House
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate Chris White – Infrastructure Planning Lead Kay Sully - Case Manager Hefin Jones – Case Manager Karl-Jonas Johansson – Case Officer Simone Wilding – Head of Major Casework Management Pauleen Lane – Group Manager National Infrastructure
	Isle of Anglesey County Council Kathrine Haddrell – Development Consent Order Officer Angharad Crump – Development Consent Order Officer Trefor Jones – Development Consent Order Manager Dylan Williams – Head of Regulation and Economic Development
Meeting objectives	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects on Anglesey
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Isle of Anglesey County Council's (The Council) staff and the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) team introduced themselves and their respective roles. The Inspectorate outlined its openness policy and ensured that those present understood that any issues discussed and advice given would be recorded and placed on the Inspectorate's website under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). Further to this, it was made clear that any advice given did not constitute legal advice upon which the Applicant (or others) can rely.

Examination updates

Scheduling

The Inspectorate confirmed that the two examinations would not be run in parallel as the two projects are likely to be submitted with a minimum of two months between them. The Inspectorate stated that it regarded a gap between the two examinations as important as it would allow Interested Parties (IP) to fully participate in the two examinations. The Inspectorate confirmed that it is looking at different examination scenarios to minimise resource intense clashes between the two projects for all participants in the process.

Venues and facilities

The use of the Anglesey Showground as a potential Preliminary Meeting venue was discussed. It was highlighted that access to the venue building may involve a walk from the public transport dropping off point. The Inspectorate would assess the appropriateness of all potential venues before any bookings are made.

The Council requested that some of the hearings were held in Northern Anglesey to ensure that the local communities could fully engage in the process. The Inspectorate stated that it would try to accommodate this request but highlighted that any venue chosen for the examination had to fulfil certain requirements such as disability access, and be of appropriate size, etc.

The use of schools as venues was discussed. The Inspectorate confirmed that schools could be considered as an option but if access before hearings is restricted it could prohibit them being used as venues.

Security

The Inspectorate informed the Council that the Applicant arranges security for the events during the examination. It was further clarified that the Applicant has an established relationship with the local Police Constabulary.

Translation

The Inspectorate confirmed that it had the necessary translation facilities in place for the material that the Inspectorate will be producing. The Council queried if the Inspectorate was using the same company as the Applicant and the Council. It was confirmed that the company used by the Inspectorate was a different one. The Inspectorate regarded the use of the same translation company as a low risk as the Applicant and the Council were unlikely to need the translation services at the same time as the Inspectorate.

Examination timetable

The Inspectorate explained that the timetable for the projects would be drafted once the Examining Authorities had been appointed. The Council was advised to start drafting elements, such as RR, WR and the LIR, it would be requested to submit during the examination as early as possible as once the applications had been published, if accepted, the relevant information would start to become available from that point.

The Council confirmed that it already had started drafting some documents and that delegated powers had been arranged.

It was agreed that extending the deadline for the Adequacy of Consultation (AoC) responses would not be possible if we work on the assumption that the Wylfa Newydd application is submitted on 29 March 2018. The Inspectorate confirmed that it would send out a 'warm-up' letter two weeks before the anticipated submission date which would set out what is expected of the Council during the examination and encouraged the Council to start drafting their AoC responses as early as possible.

Publicity

The Inspectorate informed the Council that it would not be involved in any promotional activities after the submission of the Wylfa Newydd application or hold any outreach events. The Council was advised to direct any queries regarding the process to the Inspectorate's website, especially the Advice Note 8 series. It was confirmed that all information regarding the process on the Inspectorate's website is available in Welsh with the exception of some video material on the process which is in the process of being uploaded.

Document Library

The Council informed the Inspectorate that it has set up a document library at its Business Centre in Llangefni for the two projects. The Inspectorate informed the Council that it encourages electronic working and does not send out hard copies of documents to deposit locations as a matter of course; the current practice is now to direct IPs to public libraries and other places which have agreed to act as electronic deposit locations. However, to assist with the preparation of the application, the Inspectorate agreed to send hard copies of the Advice Note 8 series along with a poster providing a snap shot of the process and opportunities for IPs to be involved. It was agreed that the Council would send the Inspectorate its list of public libraries and community centres.

Wylfa Newydd update

The Council confirmed it had received two Town and Country Planning Act (TCPA) applications relating to Horizon's application. It was confirmed that the matters covered in these two applications were also included in the draft Development Consent Order (DCO). The Council was advised to cover in its Statement of Common Ground how the TCPA application would interact with the DCO.

The Council raised concerns over the Applicant's document review timescales and stated that they were too short.

The Council informed the Inspectorate that Horizon had extended the agreement for the Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) beyond the submission date but that National Grid has not done this for the North Wales Connection Project.

North Wales Connection update

The Council informed the Inspectorate that National Grid have stated in recent meetings that the application is likely to be submitted in late June 2018. National Grid have begun sharing the draft ES which has been welcomed, although the documents are draft as of last October and will be updated further. The Council noted National Grid's stance that they are the "enabler" or "facilitator" for Horizon, rather than the main developer. The Council asked if there was any scheme which PINS considered to have dealt well with cumulative impacts. PINS advised the Council to look at Tilbury2.

Third Menai Crossing

The Council informed the Inspectorate that there is a Ministerial Statement stating that construction will begin in 2020. The Inspectorate stated that it was only aware of the same limited information relating to the crossing as is in the public domain but suggested the Council to review the approach to other applications where there were potential parallels between it and the crossing.

The Council asked if there were any good examples of Cumulative Assessments on recent cases, the Inspectorate advised that they were not in a position to refer to good ones as such but that there are parallel considerations currently on the Tilbury2 application so may want to monitor how this is dealt with at the examination.

Next Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting in mid-March, arrangements to be made.