

Meeting note

Project name	Wylfa Newydd Power Station
File reference	EN010007
Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	8 February 2018
Meeting with	Horizon Nuclear Power
Venue	Teleconference
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate Chris White – Infrastructure Planning Lead Hefin Jones – Case Manager Karl-Jonas Johansson – Case Officer Hannah Pratt – Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor Helen Lancaster – Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor The Applicant David Palmer – Horizon Nuclear Power Alex Herbert – Horizon Nuclear Power Kieran Somers – Horizon Nuclear Power Pippa Waterman – Horizon Nuclear Power
Meeting objectives	Project update meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

Anticipated submission date

The Applicant clarified that it intends to submit the application on or before 9am on Thursday 29 March 2018.

Project update

Compensatory land

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) compensatory land would be included as associated development in the draft Development Consent Order (DCO). The Applicant confirmed that there would be three compensation sites and that they have been agreed with Natural Resources Wales (NRW). The Applicant was advised to consider within the Habitats

Regulation Assessment report the potential impacts on European sites from the creation of the compensation sites.

Water Framework Directive

The Applicant confirmed it had completed its Water Framework Directive assessment which concludes that the Proposed Development would have an adverse effect on water bodies within a river basin management plan. The Applicant confirmed it was discussing information to support the Article 4.7 derogation with NRW and that it intends to submit this information post-submission. The Inspectorate re-iterated its previous advice that this information should preferably be submitted with the application, and if not, should be submitted as soon as possible.

Town and Country Planning Act (TCPA) applications

The Applicant confirmed that it is expecting the site preparation and clearance works TCPA application to be determined by the Isle of Anglesey County Council (IACC) in May 2018. It explained that the DCO would be drafted in such a manner that any such consent granted under TCPA would be superseded by the DCO. It was agreed that the Applicant would send across the relevant working to the Inspectorate. *[Post-meeting note – Wording sent to the Inspectorate]*

The Applicant explained that it is expecting the online highways improvement works to be determined by IACC in March 2018.

Increasing the output in the DCO

The Applicant stated that it intends to increase the maximum output of the project in the application from 2700MW to 3000MW. The Applicant stated that this increase arises from potential technological advances and efficiencies that can be achieved within the parameters and constraints that have been assessed. However, it confirmed that this increase had not been consulted on. The Inspectorate stressed that this change needed to be robustly justified in the application.

Statutory consultation

The Applicant confirmed that the current round of statutory consultation is due to finish 16 February 2018. It informed the Inspectorate that none of the responses received to date had yet highlighted anything that could be regarded as a risk to the current consultation programme. The Inspectorate advised to evidence the impact the consultation has had on the project.

Submission of the application

It was confirmed that the Applicant would submit two hard copies of the application and eight electronic copies of the application. It was agreed that the Applicant would inform the Inspectorate of the physical size of the application at a later date.

The Inspectorate highlighted that further copies or parts of the application might be requested by the Examining Authority (ExA) post-acceptance.

The Inspectorate requested that the electronic version of the application contained 'unlocked' PDFs.

The Inspectorate informed the Applicant that it would receive a so called 'warm-up' letter which sets out the tasks the Applicant needs to complete before submitting the application. In addition to those tasks the Inspectorate requested that the Applicant submit to the Inspectorate its s42(1) consultee list in an Excel spreadsheet.

The Applicant stated its intention to submit a shapefile of the Proposed Development in the second week of March 2018. The Inspectorate confirmed that this should be submitted at least 10 working days before submission. Advice on the format of the shapefile is contained within [Advice note seven: EIA: Process, Preliminary Environmental Information](#).

The Applicant was advised to check that the application complied with the new General Data Protection Regulations which come into force on 25 May 2018.

Publication of Application documents

The Applicant stated a preference for publishing the application documents at acceptance rather than at submission. The Inspectorate strongly advised the Applicant to allow publication of documents at submission stage in order to give all Interested Parties (IP) as much time as possible to familiarise themselves with the application and give them the opportunity to produce more informed relevant representations. The Inspectorate further advised strongly against the applicant only providing key stakeholders with copies of the application as this would not give all IPs the same amount of time to digest the application. It was agreed that the Inspectorate would send the Applicant a list of recent applications that had been published at submission [*Post-meeting note – List send*]

Relevant representations period

The Applicant stated that the relevant representations period would run for 30 days.

Section 56 consultee list

The Inspectorate informed the Applicant that if the application is accepted for examination, it will request the Applicant's section 56 consultee list . It was agreed that the Applicant would liaise with Karl-Jonas Johansson regarding the format and timing of this request.

Examination timescales

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that it would prefer a short pre-examination period but was aware of that this might not be possible for various reasons. The Inspectorate advised that the pre-examination period is governed by the issues identified during the acceptance stage and that that best practice was to resolve as many of them as possible during the pre-examination period. It was further highlighted that the availability of suitable Preliminary Meeting (PM) venues could impact on the examination start date.

Examination Logistics

The Applicant was advised to approach Isle of Anglesey County Council to discuss the possibility of using Local Authority venues. The Applicant advised that its preferred venue is the Trearddur Bay Hotel and it meets the necessary requirements. The Applicant explained that most suitable venues have weekly events that impact on their availability.

It was confirmed that all communications sent out by the Applicant would be bilingual.

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that it intended to produce a non-technical guide to the application and that it would be bilingual.

Next meeting

It was agreed that the Applicant would contact Kay Sully to arrange the next meeting.

AOB

The Applicant advised that titles of documents on the PINS index would be in English only. Translated documents on the index would be marked as Welsh Translation in brackets after the English title. The Inspectorate stated that it needed to review this information before issuing any advice on it.

Specific decisions/ follow-up required?

The following actions were agreed:

- Applicant to send across the wording used in the DCO to supersede and consent under the TCPA.
- Applicant to send its draft electronic index to the Inspectorate at the same time as the GIS file.
- The Inspectorate to send its templates for section 42(1)(a) and section 56 consultees.
- Applicant to send across list of dates where there are venues available to book
- Inspectorate to send the Applicant its Press Officer's contact details.
- The Inspectorate to review if there have been any further comments submitted regarding transboundary impacts

