



Meeting note

Project name	Wylfa Newydd Project update meeting
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Author	The Planning Inspectorate
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Meeting with	Horizon Nuclear Power
Venue	Temple Quay House, Bristol
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate Chris White – Infrastructure Planning Lead Kay Sully – Case Manger Helen Lancaster – Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor Hannah Pratt – Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor The Applicant Neil Burke (by telephone) – Horizon Nuclear Power David Palmer - Horizon Nuclear Power Matthew Bowell – Horizon Nuclear Power Sian John (by telephone) - Royal HaskoningDHV
Meeting objectives	Project update
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.

Project update

The Applicant confirmed that it intends to submit the Development Consent Order (DCO) application to the Planning Inspectorate in parallel with submission of the Marine Licence and Environmental Permit applications to Natural Resources Wales (NRW). It expects the application to be made within the next month.

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant that the fees were increased in April 2018.

Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)



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The Applicant considers it has taken a precautionary approach to screening and therefore several sites and impact pathways have been taken forward to Stage 2 of its shadow HRA. Where necessary the Applicant has developed mitigation measures and they have concluded that there would be no adverse effect on the integrity (AEOI) of all European sites within the zone of influence of the project.

The Applicant explained that NRW does not agree with the conclusion of no AEOI in relation to the following potential impacts:

- Drainage discharge from Mound E to Cemlyn Bay SAC;
- Overtopping/ wave effects to Cemlyn ridge (part of the Cemlyn Bay SAC) from changes to construction and operational wave dynamics; and
- Impacts to nesting terns from Anglesey Terns SPA.

The Applicant explained that it considered that the potential impacts relating to the drainage discharge from Mound E and the overtopping wave effects to Cemlyn Ridge should be readily resolvable by means of the documentation that will be submitted with the DCO application. The Inspectorate explained there is the potential for the Examining Authority to ask questions on areas of disagreement during the examination and advised the Applicant to carefully consider its approach going forward. The Applicant responded by advising that its current position is that the HRA process can end at Stage 2.

The Inspectorate highlighted the recent judgment European court ruling C-323/17 - People Over Wind, Peter Sweetman v Coillte Teoranta (2018) which held that it is impermissible to take account of measures intended to avoid or reduce the harmful effects of the plan or project on a European Site (i.e. mitigation measures) at the screening stage. The Applicant explained it had not had sufficient time to take the judgement into account in the HRA report prior to submission. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to acknowledge the judgement and explain how it intends to address the judgement in the application cover letter.