

Further to the request for representations in respect of the proposed power station I would like to make the following points/ask the following questions:

Site selection

The applicant's original submission was in respect of a 1200Mw station and following the replacement of this with the 299Mw station was there any process of site reselection so as to ensure that the applicant would meet the required site assessment criteria?

Appropriateness of site location

There is an abundance of power stations in the North West/North Wales. The EA is asked to note that Deeside and Connah's Quay power stations are circa 22 miles away. Given that this region is self-sufficient in power it cannot be efficient (or indeed equitable) to transmit power to other locations across the country where it will eventually be used.

In addition, the siting of the power station on the edge of the industrial estate means that the visual and noise impact is maximised to residential properties. If location either internal to the estate or other industrial location, then this would not be the case. I find it hard to believe, given the topography of the area, that landscaping would have a material impact on the visual impact of the station. Nonetheless if the EA deems the site is appropriate I ask that serious consideration is given to quality and size of the landscaping features. I was particularly bemused that in the meeting of 19 July when discussing the DCO R2(2) Table 2 that the measurements of height are being made from the upper end of the height of the whole site area. Surely every effort should be being made to reduce the height of the majority of the structures.

Notwithstanding the point above on a more appropriate site being internal to the estate I believe that the mix of business on the estate is of a "light" industrial nature and that a power station would be more appropriately located with other "heavy" industry for instance areas such as Stanlow and Ince.

Impact on the local environment

My O Level Environmental Studies taught me that lichen is an effective Bio Indicator. I moved from Rossett to a new build property in Llysoed in 2011. Since that time I have been surprised about the amount of lichen that has developed and I note that there are, in my opinion, greater amounts around my property now than in Rossett. My conclusion is that the air quality in Llysoed is good. Will the construction and operation of a power station have a material impact on this and other surrounding areas such as Midland Meres and Mosses and the River Dee?

I have recently become aware of the importance of Bickerton Hill, a National Trust property 12 miles from the industrial estate, as a Lowland Heath which the Trust state is one of the most important in the North of the country. What will be the impact on this from the emissions and discharges of a power plant? Have the National Trust been made aware of this development and have they been asked to contribute? I suspect that this may not have been the case especially as Bickerton is just over the border in England.

In addition, what will be the impact on local wildlife especially endangered species such as the Great Crested Newt? Having been involved in the construction of a new property in the area I am only too aware of the extensive measures required to protect the newts.

I would be happy for the EA to view the site from my property to see the impact that it will have visually. I also suggest that the EA views the site from Bickerton Hill as this shows the industrial estate and the surrounding area. I believe that this will show the site to be inappropriate in respect of the surrounding environment.