

The Wrexham (Gas Fired Power Station) Order

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WREXHAM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WREXHAM ♦ REF. EN010055**

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23 August 2016

INTRODUCTION

1. This update has been prepared on behalf of Wrexham Power Limited (WPL or 'the Applicant') to explain the progress it has made on the agreement of Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) with Wrexham County Borough Council, Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales and Cadw / Welsh Government in respect of the Development Consent Order application for the Wrexham Energy Centre.
2. Completed SoCG were requested to be submitted to the Examining Authority by Deadline 1 of the DCO examination process, on 23 August 2016.

WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

3. The Applicant provided Wrexham County Borough Council with a draft SoCG for consideration on 10 May 2016. The Applicant has met and spoken with WCBC on a number of occasions. The Council advised on 23 August 2016 that a response would be provided imminently with a view to agreeing and submitting a SoCG by Examination Deadline 2 on 20 September 2016.

NATURAL RESOURCES WALES (NRW)

4. The current situation in respect of the SoCG between NRW and WPL is as follows.
 - i). WPL provided NRW with the first draft of a SoCG on 24 May 2016.
 - ii). NRW provided a first response to the Applicant on 19 August 2016.
 - iii). Points of outstanding clarification between the parties focus principally on two matters, namely the Level 2 Flood Consequence Assessment insofar as it relates to a small watercourse crossing the Power Station Complex Site, and the need for further Habitat Regulations Assessment under the Habitats Regulations arising from a possible impact pathway to European protected sites through aerial emissions.

- iv). In its Relevant Representation, NRW has also requested that it is identified explicitly as a consultee in Requirements in Schedule 2 of the draft Development Consent Order relevant to its statutory functions.
- v). **In principle and without prejudice**, it appears from the annotated draft SoCG provided by NRW on 19 August 2016 that the parties have substantial common ground on:
 - a) a description of the site and the proposed development;
 - b) the landscape and ecological mitigation master plan (Examination Library References APP-026 to APP-032);
 - c) the absence of harm to any forestry or wildlife habitats managed by NRW;
 - d) the air quality assessment methodology and description of baseline conditions in the Environmental Statement (ES) chapter 8 (Examination Library Reference APP-056);
 - e) the landscape and visual assessment methodology and description of baseline conditions in ES chapter 10 (Examination Library Reference APP-058), and the absence of significant harm to statutorily protected landscapes;
 - f) the ecological assessment in chapter 11 of the ES (Examination Library Reference APP-059), other than for the HRA matter highlighted above which the parties are working to resolve;
 - g) ES chapter 13 on Ground Conditions (Examination Library Reference APP-061);
 - h) ES chapter 16 on Waste (Examination Library Reference APP-063).

CADW / WELSH GOVERNMENT

- 5. A draft SoCG on historic environment considerations was sent to Cadw on 18 July 2016. Cadw advised on 28 July 2016 that the SoCG should be referred to the Welsh Government's Head of Energy Policy and Regulation. This was done and a first response is awaited.

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