



# The Planning Inspectorate Yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio

**Application by Tata Steel UK Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Internal Power Generation Enhancement for Port Talbot Steelworks, Planning Act 2008 (as amended)**

**Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

**ExA's Note of Accompanied Site Visit**

**Tata Steel Visitor Centre, Port Talbot Steelworks, Port Talbot, SA13 2N, on Tuesday 24 February 2015**

## **Background**

The Examining Authority undertook an Accompanied Site Visit (ASV) to support the examination of an application for Development Consent for the Internal Power Generation Enhancement for Port Talbot Steelworks on 24 February 2015.

The ASV was undertaken to view the proposed development site, water abstraction points at Port Talbot Harbour and various viewpoints in the area. (Please refer to the ASV itinerary in Annex A for more detail)

## **Particulars of the ASV**

The ASV was undertaken by the ExA Mr Roger Eyre, who was supported by Tracey Williams (Case Manager) and Steve Parker (Assistant Case Officer) of the Planning Inspectorate. The site visit was hosted and attended by staff representing Tata Steel UK Limited and representatives from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, Natural Resources Wales and Associated British Ports.

The ASV was undertaken by mini bus and foot. Weather conditions were sunny, windy and dry and were adequate to visit and appreciate all necessary elements of the application site and surrounding areas.

The ASV visited all points on the itinerary, a copy of which can be found in Annex A below.

## Internal Power Generation Enhancement for Port Talbot Steelworks

### Accompanied Site Visit Itinerary

**Tuesday 24 February 2015 at Port Talbot Steelworks, Neath Port Talbot SA13 2NG**

1	Arrival at Tata Steel Visitor Centre (TSVC) - (Parking is available here)	8.30
2	Arrival at the Abbey General Offices (AGO)	8:45
3	Health and Safety induction, ASV briefing and issue of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)	8:45-9:00
4	Tour of the proposed cable route	9:00-9:45
5	Visit to the proposed development site	9:45-10:15
6	Visit to the existing power plant	10:15-10:30
7	Visit Associated British Ports water abstraction points – Port Talbot Harbour	10:30-11:00
8	<p>Visit the viewpoints in the vicinity of Harbour Way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Viewpoint 2</b> – view from Cyclepath, near Newbridge Road, Overbridge</li> <li>• <b>Viewpoint 3</b> – view from Aberavon Sands, Port Talbot</li> <li>• <b>Viewpoint 13</b> – view from Harbour Way on the roundabout to north of the development</li> <li>• <b>Viewpoint 14</b> – view form Harbour way on the roundabout to south east of the development</li> </ul>	11:00-12:30

9	Lunch for all attendees in the Training Academy by the Visitor Centre	12:30-13:15
10	<p>Visit the remaining viewpoints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Viewpoint 1</b> –view from Talbot Road and Central Road Junction</li> <li>• <b>Viewpoint 15</b> – view from Dyffryn Road, Port Talbot</li> <li>• <b>Viewpoint 12</b> – view from Broomhill at Pen-y-cae (mini bus should have sufficient room to drop/pick-up from the T-junction section of Broomhill, else drop/pick-up from Gwar-Y-Caeau)</li> <li>• <b>Viewpoint 4</b> – view from footpath near Margam, Mynydd Brombil (this view requires negotiating stiles and a trek up a steep foot path. It will be considered as optional. Poor weather conditions could also render this unsuitable)</li> <li>• <b>Viewpoint 8</b> – view from Kenfig National Nature Reserve, Visitor Centre and Car Park</li> </ul>	13:15-16:00
11	Return to Training Academy and return PPE	16:00-16:30