



## Meeting note

<b>Project names</b>	Wylfa Newydd Nuclear Power Station and North Wales Connection
<b>File reference</b>	EN010007 & EN020015
<b>Status</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>Author</b>	The Planning Inspectorate
<b>Date</b>	19 March 2018
<b>Meeting with</b>	Isle of Anglesey County Council
<b>Venue</b>	Teleconference
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>The Planning Inspectorate</b> Chris White – Infrastructure Planning Lead Kay Sully - Case Manager Hefin Jones – Case Manager Karl-Jonas Johansson – Case Officer <b>Isle of Anglesey County Council</b> Kathrine Haddrell – Development Consent Order Officer Angharad Crump – Development Consent Order Officer Liz Davies - Energy Island Programme Delivery Manager Trefor Jones – Development Consent Order Manager
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects on Anglesey
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees

### Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Isle of Anglesey County Council's (The Council) staff and the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) team introduced themselves and their respective roles. The Inspectorate outlined its openness policy and ensured that those present understood that any issues discussed and advice given would be recorded and placed on the Inspectorate's website under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). Further to this, it was made clear that any advice given did not constitute legal advice upon which the Applicant (or others) can rely.

### Examination updates

The Council confirmed that it had received the Wylfa warm-up letter from the Inspectorate and that it has set up a dedicated mailbox for the projects.

The Council notes ongoing discussions regarding venues. As previously indicated, an early discussion is needed if the Council Chamber is to be used so that it can timetable on quieter dates when there are no formal local authority meetings as limited parking may be a little more available. Anglesey show ground is very accessible by public transport (although there may be a need for on-site shuttle-transport for people with mobility difficulties as the building is set back some way from the bus stop).

The potential number of attendees at the Preliminary Meeting (PM) and hearings was discussed. The Inspectorate stated that the PM and Open Floor Hearings (OFH) tend to attract the highest number of attendees. As the OFH can be held at various locations, the number of attendees is generally less than at the PM. The Inspectorate confirmed that it had identified some suitable venues for the two examinations. The Council was informed that although good Wi-Fi connection is strongly desirable it is not one of the essential requirements for a hearing venue. The Council reiterated the need for good Wi-Fi access for all parties needing to keep in touch and share documents with their offices / colleagues / translators etc. Mobile data connections across the island are very 'patchy' so the mobile phone network cannot be depended upon for this purpose.

The Police have raised concerns about potential traffic problems which could arise from the number of attendees it expects at the North Wales Connection (NWC) PM. A working group has been set up to manage the situation.

The Inspectorate informed the Council that the Applicant arranges security for the events during the examinations. It was further clarified that the Applicant has an established relationship with the local Police Constabulary.

### **Examination timetable**

The Council raised concerns over the potential clashes in hearing dates and submission deadlines it predicted could occur in November 2018 to January 2019. The Inspectorate advised the Council that it is working on producing two examination timetables with as few overlaps as possible to minimise the impact on all parties. The Wylfa timetable would be a key consideration when drafting the North Wales Connection timetable. The Inspectorate stated that it would try to avoid having any hearings in parallel for the two projects and would try to avoid scheduling events during key holiday periods if it is possible, although this is sometimes unavoidable.

### **Document Library**

It was confirmed that the Inspectorate had received the list of potential libraries that could be used as deposit locations. The Inspectorate iterated that it encourages electronic working and does not send out hard copies of documents to deposit locations as a matter of course; the current practice is now to direct IP's to public libraries and other places which have agreed to act as electronic deposit locations. However, the Council will have hard copies of documents for both Examinations available to view at the Business Centre in Llangefni.

### **Wylfa Newydd update**

The Council confirmed that the two Town and Country Planning Act (TCPA) applications Horizon had submitted for site clearance and highway improvement works remain undetermined. IACC has requested further information from Horizon in February 2018. Until this has been received, IACC cannot state when the two applications will be determined.

### **North Wales Connection update**

The Anticipated submission date was discussed. The Council indicated that the NWC application is likely to be submitted in July 2018. However, the Inspectorate clarified that it had recently been advised by the Applicant during a teleconference that the

anticipated submission date remains as the end of June 2018; that date is under review by the Applicant.

The Council raised concerns over the parts of the Environmental Statement National Grid (NG) had sent to the Council to review, which they had not previously seen, and clarified that NG's response to any queries raised by the Council was that the works will be completed at a later stage. The Inspectorate clarified it could not comment on any issues the Council had regarding the North Wales Connection consultation.

### **Next Meeting**

It was agreed to hold a meeting in May for the North Wales Connection project.

### **Specific decisions / follow up required?**

- The Council to send the Inspectorate the updated contact details and email address. Post meeting note – Information provided.