IPC Infrastructure Planning Commission

Meeting Note

Project	**Brig Y Cwm Generating Station**
Reference	EN010004

Status	**FINAL**
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Meetings with	**Members of the Public and others**
Attendees (IPC)	Both Events **Mark Wilson** (Case Leader) **Owain George** (Case Officer) **Robert Ranger** (Case Officer) **Philip Ayres** (Assistant Case Officer) **Catherine Vergo** (Assistant Case Officer) **Nikita Perepelov** (Assistant Case Officer) **Jeffrey Penfold** (Assistant Case Officer) !5 March 2011 Only **Michael Baker** (Assistant Case Officer) **Patrycja Pikniczka** (Assistant Case Officer) **Robert Upton** (Pre-Application Commissioner)
Attendees (non IPC)	**As set out in *Schedule 1***

Meeting date	**15 March 2011**
Location	Merthyr Tydfil Rugby Club, Merthyr Tydfil

Meeting date	**16 March 2011**
Location	Panallta House, Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach

Meeting purpose	As part of the IPC's Outreach programme, a series of drop in events were held to discuss the process by which the application at Brig Y Cwm will be determined, and to explain how to make a Relevant Representation and thus register as an Interested Party.

Summary of outcomes	Advice was given as set out in our published Advice Note 8, which is in 5 parts and can be found here: • Advice note 8.1: How the process works – opportunities to be involved http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Advice-note-8.1-web.pdf

	• Advice note 8.2: How to have your say on a major infrastructure proposal – the developer's consultation http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Advice-note-8.2-web.pdf • Advice note 8.3: Putting your case to the IPC – how to register and make a relevant representation http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Advice-note-8.3-web.pdf • Advice note 8.4: How an application will be examined by the IPC – The Preliminary Meeting http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Advice-note-8.4-web.pdf • Advice note 8.5: Putting your case to the IPC – The Examination Process http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Advice-note-8.5-web.pdf Additional advice was given as below: • The Inquisitorial nature of examinations was explained. This means that the Examining Authority is able to seek out evidence and investigate points of significance, and that an issue which is raised in a single representation could be examined in greater detail if the Examining Authority considers it to be of significance. • The power of local authorities to produce a Local Impact Report was explained. A Local Impact Report is a submission that the Examining Authority is required to have regard to, explaining (in the view of the local authority) the impacts of the proposed development locally. Local authorities are not required to produce a Local Impact Report, but they are strongly encouraged to do so. • The relationship between National Policy Statements and other policy documents was explained. National Policy Statements are statements of the Governments policy on Nationally Significant Infrastructure, against which applications will be determined. However, the Examining Authority can take into account other policy and guidance, and some draft National Policy Statements directly require the Examining Authority to have regard to local policies and targets, such as waste policies. • The definition of NSIP projects was explained, including the various types and thresholds of development that

	require Development Consent[1] via the IPC process. • The IPC's commitment to the equal treatment of the Welsh Language in Wales was explained. Representations can be made in Welsh, and the full registration form is available in Welsh, both electronically and in hard copy. Apologies were extended for the fact that some features of the IPC website, such as the web-form for registration, are not currently available in Welsh.

Specific decisions/follow up required?	**IPC** to take forward feedback received from attendees on the accessibility of features on the IPC website in Welsh, and the best way to advertise similar events in future.

Schedule 1	
Attendees	**<u>Merthyr Tydfil</u>** **Yvonne Wood** (Park Taf Bargoed OAP day centre) **M Joims** (Park Taf Bargoed OAP day centre) **Dr Lida Evans** (Local Redident) **Gareth Evans** **Ian Pritchard** **Richard Peter Thomas** **Lynda Walker** **Jason Hodges** **Gerald Hodges** **Neil Jones** (Community Group Fochriw) **Michelle Power** **Jason Power** **Phil Duggan** (Fochriw) **Terry Evans** (MT) **Gewyn Rees** (MT) **Bob Griffin** (MTCBC) **M John** (Deri) **J M Morgan** **K Thomas** (MT) **J Halloway** (MT) **Anna Watson** (Friends of the Earth) **Mike Birkin** (Friends of the Earth) **I J Buckthought** (Friends of the Earth Merthyr) **M Donovan** (Merthyr Tydfil) **Annie Evans** (Merthyr Tydfil) **Sian Harris** (Merthyr Tydfil) **Andrea McNamara** (Merthyr Tydfil) **Margaret Harris** (Merthyr Tydfil) **J Harris** (Merthyr Tydfil) **J Morgs** (Quakers Yard)

[1] Contrary to information given at the event, Article 3 of The Planning Act 2008 (Commencement No.4 and Saving) Order 2010 brought section 14(i) of the 2008 Act which relates to airports into force on 1 March 2010. The IPC has not been advised of any forthcoming projects relating to airports.

	N Butler **Margaret Hyde** **Alyson Austin** **Colin James** **Bert Cumpstone** (Fochriw Community Group) **Bill Lucas** **G Raynes** **Mrs M Edwards** **Leah Sanyas** (Merthyr Tydfil College) **S Conway** **Rob Thomson** **Kira Lucas** **Lee Roberts** **Fran Davies** **Glaune Davies** **J Summers** **Alan Summers** **Debra James** **Beth James** **Allan Johnson** **Joanne Hope** **Mike Jenkins** **Victora Bodger** **P T Hennessy** **Others** where no name was given or the name given was illegible. **<u>Ystrad Mynach</u>** **Mrs Helena Mobley** **J M Mobley** **Jan Jones** **Anne Blackman** **ES Manns** **Jay Emma Lewis** **Mrs R Matthews** **Mr Roberts** **Mrs Roberts** **Mr Button** **Mrs Button** **Mrs Mallis Jows** **Sian Harris** **Jett Bevan** **Beth Settlers** **M James** (County Councillor) **Alyson James** **A N Other** **Mr Dennis Block** **Mair Hammond** (Deri Action Group) **Justine Hammond** **Ann Williams** **Alan Williams** **Mair Rich**

	Brian Rich **Gerald Mahoney** **Loraine Brannon** **Liz Barrett** **A Hellyer** **Chris Jones** **Meriel Cole** **Allan Jones** **Julia Jones** **Jean Richards** **L A Jones** **J Prichard** (CCBC) **Michelle Challenger** **P Cross** **D Cross** **Jonathan Wilson** (CCBC) **Others** where no name was given or the name given was illegible.

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