

# **Wylfa Newydd Project**

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Dear Ms Sully,

**Horizon Nuclear Power Wylfa Limited – Wylfa Newydd New Nuclear Power Station - EN010007**

I write on behalf of Horizon Nuclear Power Wylfa Limited (“Horizon”), enclosing an application to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for the proposed Wylfa Newydd Nuclear Power Station.

**Introduction to the Wylfa Newydd Development Consent Order Project**

The application is for the construction, operation and maintenance of an onshore generating station with a nominal generating capacity of 3.1GWe (3,100MWe) and other Associated Development, at Wylfa, Anglesey, Wales (“Wylfa Newydd DCO Project”).

The Wylfa Newydd DCO Project comprises the following principal elements:

- Power Station: the proposed new nuclear power station at Wylfa, including two UK Advanced Boiling Water Reactors, the Cooling Water System, supporting facilities, buildings, plant and structures, radioactive waste and spent fuel storage buildings and the Grid Connection;
- other on-site developments: including landscape works and planting, drainage, surface water management systems, new Power Station Access Road and internal site roads, and other works detailed in the Application.
- Marine Works comprising:
  - Permanent Marine Works including the Cooling Water System, the Marine Off-loading Facility and Dredging, and other works detailed in the Application; and

- Temporary Marine Works including temporary cofferdams, an access ramp, navigation aids, outfalls and a barge berth;
- Off-site Power Station Facilities: comprising the Alternative Emergency Control Centre (AECC), Environmental Survey Laboratory (ESL) and a Mobile Emergency Equipment Garage (MEEG); and
- Associated Development comprising:
  - the Site Campus within the Wylfa Newydd Development Area;
  - temporary Park and Ride facility at Dalar Hir for construction workers;
  - temporary Logistics Centre at Parc Cybi;
  - the A5025 Off-line Highway Improvements; and
  - Wetland habitat creation and enhancement works as compensation for any potential impacts on the Tre'r Gof Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) at the following sites:
    - Tŷ Du;
    - Cors Gwawr; and
    - Cae Canol-dydd

Section 31 of the Planning Act 2008 ("2008 Act") provides that a DCO is required to the extent that a development is, or forms part of, a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ("NSIP").

The Wylfa Newydd DCO Project is a NSIP under sections 14 and 15(3A) of the 2008 Act because it relates to an onshore generating station with a capacity of more than 350 megawatts.

### **Background to the Application**

An introductory meeting with the former Infrastructure Planning Commission was held on 3 February 2010. In response to Horizon's Scoping Report submitted in November 2009, Infrastructure Planning Commission issued the Scoping Opinion in April 2010.

On 29 September 2014 Horizon undertook the first of four stages of statutory consultation. Stage One Pre-Application Consultation was held for 10 weeks.

In March 2016 Horizon submitted a second Scoping Report to Planning Inspectorate. A Scoping Opinion was issued by Planning Inspectorate in April 2016. Horizon consulted on the evolving design during Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation, which took place over eight weeks between 31 August 2016 and 25 October 2016.

At Stage Two Pre-Application Consultation, Horizon consulted on Associated Development, comprising the Park and Ride facility, Logistics Centre and A5025 Off-line Highways Improvements, permission for which would be sought by separate planning permissions under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Following the enactment of the Wales Act 2017 on 31 January 2017, the Wylfa Newydd DCO Project was revised to include Associated Development listed above. Horizon consulted on the revised Wylfa Newydd DCO Project at Stage Three Pre-Application Consultation, which ran for 30 days between 24 May and 22 June 2017.

Horizon also undertook a Pre-Application Consultation on additional land requirements which ran between 16 January and 16 February 2018.

In undertaking consultation, Horizon has had careful regards to the Pre-Application Consultation requirements under the Act, guidance published by Department for Communities and Local Government and advice provided by the Planning Inspectorate and Local Authorities.

### **Application Formalities**

The Application is made in the form required by section 37(3)(b) of the Act (as amended). The Application Documents comply with the overall requirements of section 37 and the requirements set out in:

- the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended);
- the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009; and
- published Communities and Local Guidance and the Planning Inspectorates' Advice Note Six: '*Preparation and submission of application documents*' (February, 2016).

A shapefile of the Order Limits is also provided along with an electronic application index. A section 55 checklist is provided to signpost the documents necessary for acceptance (Application Reference Number: 1.5).

The Guide to the Application (Application Reference Number: 1.6) also details the structure of the Application, approach Horizon has taken to the translation of Application Documents in Welsh, and the document referencing system that has been used.

### **Consent flexibility**

The Wylfa Newydd DCO Project is based on a 'parameters approach' which identifies defined envelopes for the construction of the Wylfa Newydd DCO Project within which future development will be undertaken. This allows for sufficient flexibility to accommodate any design changes post- DCO grant. The parameters are presented in Schedule 3 (Requirements) of the draft Order (Application Reference Number 3.1) and in each of the site-specific drawings packages in Volume 2 Plans, Sections and Drawings.

In adopting a parameters approach, we have carefully considered the guidance in the National Policy Statement (EN1) and within the Planning Inspectorate Advice Note Nine: *Using the 'Rochdale envelope'*.

## **Data Protection**

In compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and the forthcoming EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 the Application includes the following:

- submission of a full redacted Consultation Report in both hard and electronic form with all personal data removed and therefore suitable for publication upon submission;
- submission of a full and complete Book of Reference in both hard and electronic form which is unredacted, and therefore contains personal data. On this basis the Book of Reference is not suitable for publication upon submission. Publication of the document should strictly only be made upon formal acceptance of the Application.

## **Documentation enclosed and Application Fee**

As agreed with the Planning Inspectorate, we have enclosed two hard copies and eight electronic copies of:

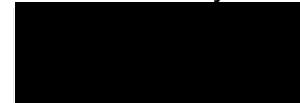
- The completed and signed Application form;
- The Environmental Statement; and
- All other Application Documents listed in the electronic application index (in Volume 1), including the draft Order, Explanatory Memorandum, and Plans, Sections and Drawings (two hard copies at scale and two hard copies printed in A3, as agreed)

Please note that the Development Consent Order Application and specifically the shadow HRA has not been reviewed following the legal ruling received on the 12 April 2018 relating to Case C-323/17 'People Over Wind v Coillte Teoranta'. This is due to the Application having already been substantially completed and undergoing final printing at the point at which the ruling was delivered. The Application will be subsequently reviewed and if required Horizon will make appropriate representations post-acceptance.

A BACS payment for the amount of £6,939 has been arranged and sent to the Planning Inspectorate to determine whether to accept the application.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this application and payment, and look forward to hearing from you in relation to the formal acceptance of the Application. If we can be of any assistance in that regard, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0800 954 9516.

Yours sincerely



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