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Dear Madam

Response to Deadline 6

Please find enclosed the submission for Deadline 6 on behalf of North Wales Fire and Rescue Service (NWFRS) which comprises comments on responses to the Examining Authority's Further Written Questions.

In addition to the submission, we set out below an update in regards to the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) and our Mitigation Business Case.

Statement of Common Ground between NWFRS and HNP

Following a meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019, a track changed version of the SoCG was issued to NWFRS by HNP on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 with a request for comments by NWFRS. NWFRS responded to HNP on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 identifying areas it believed could not be agreed subject to reviewing documents to be submitted at Deadline 5 upon which the SoCG was predicated. HNP returned the documents on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 requesting sign off in order that they could be submitted at Deadline 6. NWFRS informed HNP on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 that it was not in a position to sign off the SoCG.

NWFRS hope that further discussions will allow for further areas of agreement to be defined and would prefer to maintain the SoCG as a work in progress.

Yours Sincerely

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## **Comments on Responses to**

### **Examining Authority's**

### **Further Written Questions**

Wylfa Newydd Nuclear Power Station Project

PINs Reference: EN010007

NWFRS Examination Reference: 20011615

| ExQ2            | Question  | Responder & Response – NWFRS Comments  |
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| <b>Q2.10.27</b> | Can you indicate what specialist support you would provide for organisations to back fill positions in key worker roles such as health and social care, language specialists or the emergency services that could be created by the displacement of staff to work on the project? | <p><b>Applicant</b></p> <p>Horizon recognises the risks and particular challenges faced by the health and social care sectors. Horizon has committed therefore to work with workforce planning in these sectors to improve resilience to potential labour market churn. Horizon’s commitments are secured via the draft DCO s.106 agreement.</p> <p>The draft DCO s.106 agreement secures the Jobs and Skills Contribution which includes providing funds to IACC for onward payment to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (£50,000) and Public Health Wales (£50,000) for staffing and workforce planning to minimise the impacts of labour churn on staff.</p> <p>Further funding is secured in the draft DCO s.106 agreement (in total £10 million) which can be allocated on a flexible basis to address any specific support required, and deliver appropriate measures both to expand the workforce and provide occupation specific training as required.</p> <p>Schedule 9 of the draft DCO s.106 agreement sets out funds that will be made available to the Emergency Services, this includes funding which has a workforce planning component.</p> <p>Schedule 1 (and 15) sets out the funds available to support Welsh Language immersion teaching, as well as other key measures to support Welsh language and culture as it relates to the Project.</p> <p><b>NWFRS Comments</b></p> <p>NWFRS note the Applicants comments in regards to the funds to be made available to the Emergency Services under Schedule 9 of the draft DCO s.106 agreement with particular emphasis on workforce planning. It should be noted that NWFRS Control Room Availability Team undertake daily workforce planning to ensure that the service maintains availability in line with the service’s policy on strategic appliance disposition and that this is undertaken within the constraints of the availability of personnel, the on-going challenges regarding recruitment and retention. Use is made of available wholetime staff over and above optimum crewing, RDS personnel who are available to provide cover at locations other than their base station, off-duty staff who make</p> |

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|                 |  | <p>themselves available for additional hours together with a cohort of staff who are employed as peripatetic cover at stations as appropriate.</p> <p>Loss of NWFRS staff to the Wylfa Newydd project, with the possibility for personnel from a number of stations gaining employment, would add to the existing issues regarding availability. The number of personnel available to assist in providing operational fire cover, as identified by the Availability Team, is finite and by utilising this resource has a direct financial impact on the service. The suggested provision for workforce planning would not enhance the work currently undertaken by NWFRS on a daily basis which is consistently dynamic and can be subject to short notice change.</p>  |
| <b>Q2.10.28</b> | <p>Can you outline how you would work with/support NWFR to ensure that the fire service provision for Ynys Môn currently delivered through the retained fire crews could be maintained throughout the construction and operational phases of the scheme.</p> | <p><b>Applicant</b></p> <p>Horizon is in discussion with North Wales Fire and Rescue Service (NWFRS) on a proposal for Horizon to deliver onsite fire services from implementation until the end of the construction period. The draft specification for those onsite fire services is proposed to be appended to by Horizon is secured in the draft DCO s106 agreement. The draft DCO s106 agreement also provides for an Emergency Service (Fire) Contribution.</p> <p>The proposed contribution to NWFRS includes a component to manage workforce planning as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing the existing North Wales Fire and Rescue Service presence at Holyhead Port to a 24 hours presence during the peak construction years.</li> <li>• Additional training and heavy lifting equipment for deployment at road traffic accidents.</li> <li>• Workforce planning.</li> <li>• Staffing time and costs required to physically review the Site and liaise with the Developer in respect of the with the construction build for the duration of the Construction Period.</li> </ul> <p>Further, an Emergency Services Engagement Group will be constituted under the DOC s.106 agreement, to which NWFRS will be an invited representative. This group will ensure that there is ongoing discussion and collaboration between the developer and NWFRS in terms of managing workforce planning as well as all other matters relating to monitoring and implementation of the obligations relevant to this schedule of the agreement.</p> |

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|                 |   | <p><b>NWFRS Comment</b></p> <p>NWFRS note the comments submitted by the Applicant and have provided some feedback especially regarding the Applicants suggestion that a s.106 contribution would be used to increase the existing provision at Holyhead to a 24 hours presence. Determining the most appropriate disposition of its resources is a matter for NWFRS as it would be accountable should this ever be questioned or challenged. Further it is noted that the proposed funding would be insufficient to achieve what is being proposed by the applicant without having a direct financial impact on NWFRS. NWFRS Mitigation Business Case is to be presented to the Applicant and will be submitted into the Examination.</p> |
| <b>Q2.10.34</b> | <p>An on-site paramedic, ambulance and firefighting team are proposed at WNDA. Who would be responsible for responding to incidents off site (e.g. at the Park and Ride or the logistics centre)?</p> | <p><b>Applicant</b></p> <p>WAST and NWFRS will be responsible for attending to incidents off the WNDA requiring such resources . The P&amp;R and the Logistics Centre will have first aid <i>etc.</i> in line with Health and Safety regulations.</p> <p><b>NWFRS Comment</b></p> <p>NWFRS note the comments of the applicant regarding it attending incidents at the Park &amp; Ride and the Logistics Centre and do not have any further comment.</p>   |