# Infrastructure Planning Commission

#### **Meeting Note**

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Meeting with	Horizon Nuclear Power (HNP)
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Attendees (IPC)	Ian Collinson and Kath Powell
Attendees (non IPC)	HNP: Alan Smith, Kieran Somers and Maia Gralewski
Location	IPC boardroom

Meeting purpose	To discuss the IPC outreach programme for the
	proposed nuclear power station at Wylfa.

#### Summary of outcomes

HNP informed the IPC that they have been working closely and over a long period of time with the local authority's (LAs), community groups and other stakeholders regarding this scheme. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was proposed at a HNP event on 05 February 2010. The framework for this is provided by the "Energy Island Initiative" which is supported by Isle of Anglesey CC. The three main aims of the MOU are as follows:

- 1) To enable an effective process for bringing forward applications within agreed timescales:
- 2) To maximise the socio-economic opportunities in North Wales of any future nuclear development and:
- 3) To set up a project management and communications strategy.

Stakeholders are working through the MOU and the LAs are supporting this by setting up a project team.

MoUs or alternatively Planning Performance Agreements (PPAs) can be useful tools when used in the correct circumstances; however it is for applicants and LAs to devise their own arrangements. The IPC would not be a signatory to a PPA/MoU. A PPA is informal and open, to enable LAs and applicants to work collaboratively to construct an effective and efficient process for dealing with complex applications and does not predetermine the outcome. Guidance on PPAs is available from the Advisory Team for Large Applications (ATLAS).

HNP are devising a master consents schedule for all consents required in connection with the NSIP. It was confirmed that the IPC does not give consent for associated development in Wales.

The IPC is about to publish an advice note which explains the approach to Outreach. In brief: there are four stages. Initially the IPC will meet with the relevant local authorities and HNP to discuss the process and determine roles and responsibilities (this may be an opportunity to discuss PPAs). This is termed the inception meeting. The IPC will then hold an outreach stakeholder session/workshop. The information campaign will follow this event. Finally action planning sessions can be used to firm up programmes and project management arrangements.

HNP will commence pre-application consultation at the beginning of 2011. This consultation will be undertaken in 2 stages, with the preliminary environmental information being used in the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage.

IPC intend to undertake an outreach event in the coming months. The timing needs to be discussed and agreed with LAs.

### Record of any advice given

Applicants may wish to consider development options as part of pre-application consultation. There is no model approach to providing preliminary environmental information as part of formal consultation process. Making available some environmental information to local communities during initial stages of consultation, may be of benefit in helping to show how options have been developed and considered by the applicant.

## Specific decisions/follow up required?

- IPC to confirm consultation bodies consulted during the Wylfa scoping exercise, including clarification on status of CADW and Isle of Man.
- HNP to email the IPC the work streams for the MOU.
- HNP to send the IPC the inputs into the recent workshop.
- IPC to send HNP final version of the outreach advice note.
- IPC/HNC to set up inception meeting with LAs

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