



Meeting note

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Meeting with	Horizon Nuclear Power regarding the Wylfa Newydd proposal
Venue	Room 3/03, Temple Quay House
Attendees	Andrew Mahon - Horizon Nuclear Power Kieran Somers - Horizon Nuclear Power Maia Gralewski - Horizon Nuclear Power Jon Cornelius - Horizon Nuclear Power Kathryn Dunne - The Planning Inspectorate Steffan Jones - The Planning Inspectorate Sheila Twidle - The Planning Inspectorate Laura Allen - The Planning Inspectorate Richard Kent - The Planning Inspectorate
Meeting objectives	To provide the Planning Inspectorate with a project update and to discuss some key issues relating to the consenting strategy and the DCO application
Circulation	All

The participants introduced themselves and their roles. Horizon Nuclear Power were made aware of the Planning Inspectorate's openness policy, that any advice given will be recorded and placed on the Planning Inspectorate's website under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008)(as amended). Any advice does not constitute legal advice on which the developer or others can rely.

Where this note refers to the developer, it means Horizon Nuclear Power.

Overview of the Project

The developer provided a Power Point presentation containing an overview of the project which can be accessed [here](#).

Programme Update

The developer's first round of consultation took place in December 2014; the consultation was a statutory consultation in accordance with s47 of the PA2008.

Following the completion of the s47 community consultation stage, the developer is creating an interim consultation report for publication in late summer 2015.

The second round of consultation is in accordance with s42 of the PA2008 scheduled to take place towards the end of 2015 over a 12 week period.

Advice Note 3 has recently been updated and the developer was advised to view this in order to assist in its decision making on who is identified and consulted under s42 of the PA2008.

The application for a development consent order will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in February 2017.

Other consents in the integrated schedule

The Environmental Permit applications are currently under preparation and pre-application discussions with NRW and the EA are well underway, with the intention that NRW could be in a position to submit draft permits during the DCO examination. The Planning Inspectorate advised the developer that it should provide as much information as early as possible in order to inform the examination.

The developer queried the timing of the nuclear site licence and the Planning Inspectorate confirmed that, in line with National Policy Statement for Nuclear Generation (EN-6), provided the Nuclear Regulators are consulted by the applicant at an early stage prior to submission, and the application takes account of the regulators' comments, a decision as to whether a development consent order will be granted is not likely to be delayed if the licencing or permitting process is not complete (post meeting note – see paragraphs 2.7.1 to 2.7.6 of EN6. In addition, public consultation on the licence should be avoided during the examination).

The developer intends to provide the Planning Inspectorate with a list of other consents required and will provide updates to it where necessary.

Presentation of information

The developer sought clarification from the Planning Inspectorate on how it should present its environmental information to the public, taking into consideration that the information the developer will be presenting is of a large volume and a technical nature. Consideration should be given to the level of detail different audiences may prefer, but that developers should not make general assumptions, therefore they are advised that if information is presented differently for certain consultees, all environmental information should still be available to all persons being consulted if they wish to access it.

Advice Note 7 of the Planning Inspectorate's suite of advice notes sets out expectations in relation to Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI); the developer was advised to give consideration to this advice note when preparing its PEI. The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)'s guidance on the pre-application process has recently been updated and includes reference to PEI.

EIA Scoping

The Planning Inspectorate noted that the developer was issued with a scoping opinion in 2010. Whilst the developer had previously informed the Planning Inspectorate that it was not intending to submit a new scoping request, the developer was now considering whether to request a new scoping opinion from the Planning Inspectorate. The developer stated a preference to produce a slimmed down version of its original scoping report with reference to the original where applicable. The Planning Inspectorate recommended that it will be essential for the scoping request to be clear, anyone reading the request should be able to understand clearly the form of the development which is being scoped. This was best provided in one document and there should be no need for the reader to refer to other documents for information.

As regards the timing of any scoping request, the Planning Inspectorate advised not to submit a new scoping request at the same time as the developer conducts its second round of statutory consultation. This could lead to confusion for consultees about the nature of the consultation and to whom the consultees should respond, and would be unlikely to provide the best information to inform the applicant's environmental impact assessment to support their draft DCO.

Review of advice on what constitutes 'integral' when considering elements of the Project

The developer informed the Planning Inspectorate it will be holding workshops with officers at Welsh Government, with the aim of discussing the overall Wylfa development and to come to a position on which elements of the development are considered to be integral to the DCO application. The Planning Inspectorate reminded the developer to provide evidence to support their decisions and that it may be useful to produce a Memorandum of Understanding with the Welsh Government for inclusion with the application for development consent.

The developer was advised to consider the Secretary of State's decision in relation to the Tidal Lagoon Swansea Bay project and the context provided in relation to the removal of certain aspects of the project from inclusion in the granted DCO.

The developer will send their proposal regarding integral development to the Planning Inspectorate for comment.

Arrangements for transboundary consultations and procedures

The developer noted that they had discussed their intended approach to consideration of transboundary effects and consultation with the Planning Inspectorate on 15 May 2015. A copy of that meeting note is available [here](#).

Use of existing Magnox site

The developer informed the Planning Inspectorate of a possible option to use an area of land on the existing Magnox site for its spent fuel store. As the parcel of land is already in use, it was not included within the nominated area identified in EN-6 and was not therefore subject to the Appraisal of Sustainability. There was a discussion regarding paragraphs 2.3.5 and 2.3.6 of EN-6 which state that an application should be treated as a 'non-listed site' if key operational elements of the power station fall

outside of the boundary identified in the NPS. The works proposed on this site are considered by the developer to be integral to the NSIP development and will therefore be included in the developer's second round of statutory consultation. The developer requested advice from the Planning Inspectorate as to what information an ExA would require for a non-listed area; the Planning Inspectorate advised it would consider this upon receipt of further information.

AOB

The developer and the Planning Inspectorate agreed to the production of a 'contact plan' in line with Planning Inspectorate's Pre-Application Prospectus for applicants; the prospectus can be found here:

http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/NSIP-prospectus_May2014.pdf

The Planning Inspectorate advised the developer that it can provide advice/comments on draft application documents including the draft DCO, the Consultation Report and the Habitats Regulation Assessment Report during the pre-application stage.