

Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power

Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Report

Planning Inspectorate Reference: EN010166

Revision 1.0
January 2025

Prepared for:
Uniper UK Limited

Prepared by:
Copper Consultancy Limited

Table of Contents

1.	Introduction	3
1.1	Purpose of this document.....	3
2.	Proposed Development overview	5
2.1	The need for the Proposed Development.....	5
2.2	The Proposed Development.....	5
3.	Consultation and engagement overview	8
3.1	Consultation and engagement approach.....	8
3.2	Non-Statutory Consultation	11
3.3	Statutory Consultation	12
3.4	Compliance under Section 42 of the 2008 Act.....	17
3.5	Compliance under Section 48 of the 2008 Act.....	18
3.6	Landowner Engagement	19
4.	Statement of Community Consultation	21
4.1	Development of the SoCC.....	21
4.2	SoCC consultation.....	21
4.3	Publicity under Section 47 of the 2008 Act	23
4.4	Compliance with the SoCC.....	23
5.	Programme Document compliance.....	33
6.	Summary of pre-application consultation responses	38
7.	Next steps.....	41
7.1	Stakeholder engagement	41
7.2	Statutory consultation responses	41
7.3	The Application.....	41
8.	Appendices	43
8.1	Appendix A: Flintshire County Council response to the draft SoCC	43
8.2	Appendix B: Cheshire West and Chester Council response to the draft SoCC and the Applicant's response to feedback	44
8.3	Appendix C: Flintshire County Council AoCM response.....	45

Plates

Plate 1: The Primary Consultation Zone.....	13
---	----

Tables

Table 1: Stakeholder meetings	9
Table 2: Statutory Consultation documents	14
Table 3: Engagement methods.....	15
Table 4: Regard had to feedback received on the Draft SoCC from CWCC	22
Table 5: SoCC commitments and compliance	24
Table 6: Programme Document commitments and compliance	33
Table 7: Summary of pre-application consultation responses and how they are shaping the Application	38

1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Report (the 'Report') has been prepared on behalf of Uniper UK Limited (the 'Applicant') pursuant to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' (now Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government) Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects¹ guidance dated 30th April 2024 (the 'Guidance').
- 1.1.2 This Report relates to a proposed application (the 'Application') for a Development Consent Order (a 'DCO'), that is expected to be submitted to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the 'SoS'), under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008² ('the 2008 Act') in late Q1 2025.
- 1.1.3 The Applicant is seeking development consent for the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power project (referred to herein as 'CQLCP' or the 'Proposed Development') on land at, and in the vicinity of, the existing Connah's Quay Power Station, Kelsterton Road, Connah's Quay, within the administrative area of Flintshire County Council ('FCC'), North Wales. The existing power station is currently owned and operated by the Applicant.
- 1.1.4 In addition to the Guidance introduced in April 2024, the Planning Inspectorate issued the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectus³ ('the Prospectus') in May 2024. Both the Guidance and the Prospectus set out updated requirements for those wishing to apply for development consent via a DCO application.
- 1.1.5 The adequacy of consultation milestone ('AoCM') provides the Applicant with an opportunity to outline the stages of consultation that have taken place to date and demonstrate compliance with the Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC') and the Programme Document, as well as summarise the consultation responses and the way in which these responses are shaping the Application, to the Planning Inspectorate.
- 1.1.6 The Guidance describes the AoCM as "*a short statement of the elements of consultation which have been carried out compared with the components set out in the Programme Document and the SoCC*". Intended to be submitted no later than around three months before submission of the Application, the AoCM is also described within the Guidance as an "*informal but nonetheless important opportunity to check that the pre-application programme is on track, and if it is seriously adrift the Planning Inspectorate will advise the applicant about the steps necessary to enable the application to be submitted having fulfilled the statutory requirements*".
- 1.1.7 Under Section 55(4)(b) of the 2008 Act, at the acceptance stage, the Planning Inspectorate will seek the formal views from local authorities about the adequacy of consultation. The Guidance also states that the Report should

¹ Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects - GOV.UK

² Planning Act 2008

³ Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectus - GOV.UK

include the views and any relevant supporting material from local authorities if available.

- 1.1.8 The Applicant is committed to carrying out meaningful, statutory pre-application consultation and engagement with the local community in the vicinity of the Proposed Development, as well as landowners, businesses, parish councils, elected representatives, and other stakeholders such as hard to reach groups and community organisations, where appropriate. In order to ensure all potential impacts have been considered, the Applicant has gone beyond the minimum requirements set out in the 2008 Act to ensure the views of communities and wider stakeholders are recognised and help shape proposals ahead of submission.
- 1.1.9 This Report provides an overview of the engagement and consultation activity to date and how this complies with the requirements of the 2008 Act.

2. Proposed Development overview

2.1 The need for the Proposed Development

- 2.1.1 The Applicant is proposing to develop a new Combined Cycle Gas Turbine ('CCGT') power station with carbon capture technology, known as the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power project.
- 2.1.2 To achieve the UK's ambition of Net Zero by 2050, and as we become more reliant on electricity, with the electrification of sectors such as transport, heating and industry, more generation capacity will be needed. According to the UK's independent advisor on climate change, the Climate Change Committee ('CCC'), demand for electricity is forecast to increase by 50% by 2035.⁴ To meet this increasing demand and achieve the UK's decarbonisation goals, the CCC has also advised that a range of different technologies with both renewables and decarbonised generation, such as gas with carbon capture and storage ('CCS'), will be needed to maintain a secure and stable supply of electricity.⁵
- 2.1.3 The proposed new CCGT power station with CCP at Connah's Quay would be able to flexibly and reliably generate low carbon power to meet the growing need for electricity, whenever it is required. Power stations such as this will play a crucial role in the future energy system, as they can help ensure that energy is available at times when it is needed most, and when power from renewable sources cannot meet demand.
- 2.1.4 The Connah's Quay Power Station site (the 'Main Site') is an ideal location for the Proposed Development, due to its proximity to suitable CO2 transport and storage infrastructure (the HyNet industrial cluster), while it also offers benefits of the re-use of existing infrastructure connections, including water, natural gas and electricity.

2.2 The Proposed Development

- 2.2.1 The Proposed Development comprises the demolition of an existing gas treatment plant ('GTP') and above-ground installation ('AGI'), store buildings, and contractors' facilities on site and the construction, operation and maintenance of a Combined Cycle Gas Turbine ('CCGT') generating plant with Carbon Capture Plant ('CCP') including the Proposed Carbon Dioxide (CO2) AGI.
- 2.2.2 The Proposed Development is comprised of up to two 'Trains', with a combined net electrical output capacity of up to 1,380 MWe to be located at the existing Connah's Quay Power Station site, Flintshire, North Wales.
- 2.2.3 The Proposed Development would be fuelled by natural gas and would require electricity, cooling water, mains water, data/telecommunications, and CO2 transport and storage ('T&S') connections. It will be designed to operate with a post-combustion CCP installed and will generally be operated as a dispatchable low carbon generating station.

⁴ In its Balanced Pathway for the Sixth Carbon Budget (Dec 2020), the UK's Climate Change Committee (CCC) forecast a 50% increase in electricity demand by 2035 and a doubling in electricity demand by 2050 (Sixth Carbon Budget - Climate Change Committee (theccc.org.uk)).

⁵ CCC Sixth Carbon Budget electricity generation sector summary Sector-summary-Electricity-generation.pdf (theccc.org.uk)

2.2.4 The location of the Proposed Development makes use of the existing available infrastructure links including electrical grid and gas (specifically the National Grid Electricity Transmission ('NGET') and National Gas Transmission ('NGT') networks) and has been sited to facilitate its connection to the emerging proposals for the HyNet CO₂ Pipeline Project, which was granted development consent in March 2024. This is being developed to connect carbon capture plants in the region via an onshore CO₂ T&S network to enable transportation via offshore pipelines for storage in existing depleted oil and gas fields in Liverpool Bay. The HyNet CO₂ Pipeline Project is being developed by Liverpool Bay CCS Ltd.

2.2.5 Key components of the Proposed Development include:

- Demolition works at the existing Connahs Quay Power Station Site, including demolition of the existing GTP, AGI, store buildings and contractors' facilities.
- A CCGT electricity generating station of no less than 350 MW net electrical output with CCP and ancillary buildings and structures within the Main Site. The CCGT with CCP plant would comprise up to two new 'Trains' (each Train comprising one CCGT and one CCP).
- Associated Development, including:
 - proposed carbon dioxide ('CO₂') AGI – which would be located within the Main Site.
 - repurposed CO₂ Connection Corridor – the plans for the Proposed Development are to utilise approximately 3 km of an existing natural gas pipeline for the export of CO₂. It includes a buffer zone of up to 24.4 m width.
 - proposed CO₂ Connection Corridor – captured CO₂ emissions from the Proposed Development would be discharged from the Repurposed CO₂ Connection Corridor, via a new proposed CO₂ pipeline that is around 350 metres in length (the Proposed CO₂ Connection) into Liverpool Bay CCS Ltd's Flint AGI (which is part of the proposed HyNet CO₂ Pipeline Project) and then into the HyNet CO₂ Pipeline.
 - Water Connection Corridor – cooling water for the Proposed Development would be abstracted from and discharged to the River Dee, in-line with the current process for the existing Connahs Quay Power Station. This will require the refurbishment of the existing cooling water abstraction and discharge infrastructure.
 - Electrical Connection Corridor – a new connection will be required from the CCGT plant to the Applicant's existing 400 kilovolt (kV) banking compound. The existing electrical connection from the Applicant's banking compound is expected to be used to connect the Proposed Development to the existing Connah's Quay Substation located south-east of the Main Site.
 - a Construction Laydown and Indicative Enhancement Area.
 - accesses and access works.
 - AIL Routes – routes required to facilitate the transport of Abnormal Indivisible Loads ('AIL') to the Main Site, including the local highway

network between the Port of Mostyn and the Main Site, as well as works at the Connah's Quay North Jetty and local highway network between the Jetty and the Main Site.

- Further associated development comprising such other works or operations as may be necessary or expedient.

2.2.6 The Applicant is seeking development consent for the demolition of the GTP, AGI, store buildings, and contractors' facilities at the existing Connah's Quay power station site and the construction, operation and maintenance of the Proposed Development including associated and ancillary development on land at the Main Site and within its vicinity in the administrative area of FCC.

2.2.7 The Proposed Development is located on land at, and in the vicinity of, the existing Connahs Quay power station (Kelsterton Road, Connah's Quay, Flintshire CH6 5SJ), North Wales.

2.2.8 The Site comprises a number of areas, including the Main Site, encompassing the existing Connah's Quay power station which would be the location for the new CCGT power station with CCP, and a number of corridors of land for electrical grid connection, CO2 and water connections, and other areas of land for construction laydown, biodiversity enhancement area and access works. The Main Site is approximately 56.5 hectares ('ha'), with the entire Site extending to approximately 186 ha.

2.2.9 At the point of Statutory Consultation, the Indicative Site Boundary also included land within the administrative area of Cheshire West and Chester Council ('CWCC') in England. This land was potentially required to facilitate works to Ellesmere Port for the delivery of AILs to the Port. However, ongoing design work and engagement with the Port following Statutory Consultation has determined that works will not be required to Ellesmere Port to facilitate the scale of AILs required for the Proposed Development. Therefore, the Applicant has been able to remove Ellesmere Port from the Order limits and, consequently, there are no elements of the Proposed Development which sit within CWCC's authority area. This means that, whilst CWCC was a host authority for the purposes of Statutory Consultation, it is not a host authority for the purposes of the Application. Due to the amendments to the Order limits following Statutory Consultation, there is no longer any part of the Order limits located within England.

2.2.10 Further information about the Site will be provided in the Consultation Report and the Environmental Statement as part of the Application.

3. Consultation and engagement overview

3.1 Consultation and engagement approach

- 3.1.1 The Applicant has developed its consultation and engagement approach in line with the requirements set out in the 2008 Act, along with recommendations made in the Guidance and in the Planning Inspectorate's advice for applicants.⁶
- 3.1.2 In order to maximise the opportunity for a wide range of stakeholders to participate in the programme of consultation and engagement, and to increase the range of local views able to influence proposals, the Applicant committed to undertake a multi-phase programme.
- 3.1.3 In February 2024, the Applicant officially publicly launched the Proposed Development and announced plans for an initial Non-Statutory Consultation to provide members of the local community and stakeholders an opportunity to learn more about the proposals and give their initial feedback at a formative stage.
- 3.1.4 During this stage of engagement, an informal 'Approach to Consultation' document was provided to officers at FCC prior to Non-Statutory Consultation. This document provided a brief description of the objectives of the overall consultation programme and the phases of activity, along with more detailed information about the initial non-statutory phase of consultation. Feedback received from the local authority informed the approach taken to early engagement and was used to aid in the preparation of the SoCC to ensure consistency of approach.
- 3.1.5 The Non-Statutory Consultation took place from Monday 26 February 2024 to Monday 25 March 2024. During this consultation period, the Applicant received a total of 54 responses from various stakeholders, including community members, local authorities and environmental organisations. Please refer to Section 3.2 for further information on the Non-Statutory Consultation.
- 3.1.6 Prior to commencement of Statutory Consultation, the SoCC was prepared, which detailed how the Applicant planned to consult with the local community on its proposals in accordance with the 2008 Act. Feedback from this Statutory Consultation will inform the final proposals which form the DCO submission.
- 3.1.7 At the point of Statutory Consultation, the Indicative Site Boundary also included land within the administrative area of CWCC in England as the Applicant explored options for delivery of AILs to the Site. As a result of this, both FCC and CWCC were treated as host Section 43 local planning authorities prior to and throughout Statutory Consultation.⁷
- 3.1.8 The following neighbouring local planning authorities also received the SoCC for their reference:

⁶ Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice pages – GOV.UK

⁷ Since the close of the Statutory Consultation, the proposed Indicative Site Boundary has been updated to remove Ellesmere Port. As a result of this change, CWCC will not be considered a host authority for the purposes of the Application.

- Denbighshire County Council
- Wrexham County Borough Council
- Wirral Council
- Liverpool City Council
- Halton Borough Council
- Warrington Borough Council
- Shropshire Council
- Cheshire East Council.

3.1.9 Statutory Consultation took place from Tuesday 8 October 2024 to Tuesday 19 November 2024. A total of 132 responses were received during this round of engagement. The consultation set out the refined proposals inclusive of environmental assessments and technical detail contained within the Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR'). The Applicant welcomed feedback on all aspects of the Proposed Development including, but not limited to:

- the location of the Proposed Development;
- the changes to the Order Limits following the publication of the Scoping Report;
- the potential mitigation measures for any identified environmental effects of the Proposed Development at this preliminary stage, set out in the PEIR;
- other plans, maps, and documents to accompany the PEIR;
- the proposals for construction, operation, and decommissioning of the Main Site set out in the PEIR, including options, where these are presented; and
- any local issues or sensitivities that the Applicant should be aware of.

3.1.10 Table 1 below details the briefings that were undertaken with key local stakeholders and representatives as part of the Non-Statutory and Statutory consultation phases.

Table 1: Stakeholder meetings

Stakeholder	Date
Natural Resources Wales	19 December 2023
North Wales Mersey Dee Business Council	20 December 2023
Welsh Government	21 December 2023
Net Zero North West	8 January 2024
Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre	9 January 2024
Wales & West Utilities and SP Energy Networks	15 January 2024
Flintshire County Council	22 January 2024
Connah's Quay Town Council	7 February 2024

Stakeholder	Date
Flint Town Council	12 February 2024
University of Sheffield	21 February 2024
Transport for Wales	21 February 2024
Health and Safety Executive	21 February 2024
Environment Agency	21 February 2024
Flintshire County Council	21 February 2024
Connah's Quay Town Council	21 February 2024
Cheshire West and Chester Council	21 February 2024
North Wales Mersey Dee Business Council	7 March 2024
Mark Tami MP	8 March 2024
Bangor University	14 March 2024
Mark Isherwood MS	15 March 2024
Deeside Decarbonisation Forum	19 March 2024
Deeside Naturalists Society	29 May 2024
Sam Rowlands MS	7 June 2024
Flint Town Council	11 June 2024
DECG	26 June 2024
RSPB	24 July 2024
Flintshire County Council	10 October 2024
Environment Agency	10 October 2024
Highways Agency	10 October 2024
Ambition North Wales	10 October 2024
Flint Town Council	10 October 2024
Dee Conservancy Harbour Master	16 October 2024
Welsh Government	16 October 2024
Flintshire County Council	17 October 2024
Flint Town Council	21 October 2024
Connah's Quay Town Council	6 November 2024

3.1.11 Throughout the DCO pre-application phase of engagement, the Applicant has engaged with a number of statutory consultees including, but not limited to:

- Natural Resources Wales
- Cadw
- National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
- Natural England
- Environment Agency.

- 3.1.12 This ongoing engagement informed the technical design and environmental assessment work being carried out, helping to shape the PEIR and informing the Environmental Statement. A summary of engagement undertaken with relevant statutory consultees will be included in the Environmental Statement and Consultation Report.
- 3.1.13 Following close of Statutory Consultation on Tuesday 19 November 2024, the Applicant has been analysing all responses received. A summary of the feedback received will be contained within the Consultation Report as part of the Application. The Consultation Report will be produced in accordance with Section 37(3)(c)⁸ of the 2008 Act and will set out how the feedback from the consultation has shaped and influenced the final proposals.
- 3.1.14 The Applicant will continue to engage with statutory consultees on any outstanding issues in the months leading up to submission of the Application, which is currently anticipated for the end of Q1 2025.

3.2 Non-Statutory Consultation

- 3.2.1 A four-week Non-Statutory Consultation took place from Monday 26 February 2024 to Monday 25 March 2024. This phase of engagement on the Proposed Development included the following activities:
 - **Launch of a consultation website** – including messaging and information about the Proposed Development and upcoming engagement activities. The website also included contact details for people to get in touch with the Community Relations Team.
 - **A consultation newsletter** – delivered to 20,821 addresses in the Primary Consultation Zone ('PCZ') informing local residents of the Proposed Development and how they could get involved in the upcoming consultation.
 - **Public engagement** – three in-person public consultation events, four online webinars (two public and two invite-only), two drop-in sessions at the existing power station site and distribution of key materials to two information points located in Flint and Connah's Quay. In total, there were 81 attendees at the in-person and virtual events.
 - **Press release** – shared with regional and trade publications to disseminate information about the Proposed Development among a wider audience beyond the PCZ. The press release included information about the Proposed Development, next steps for engagement, and contact information for people to get in touch (also hosted on the consultation website).
 - **Digital advert** – adverts with information regarding the consultation and with links to the consultation website were published through the North Wales Chronicle as well as Deeside.com. These adverts were published a week before the launch of Non-Statutory Consultation and ran for the duration of the consultation.
 - **Print advertising** – adverts with information regarding the consultation were also published in local print media publications The Leader and the Wirral Globe. These ran for one week prior to start of consultation.

⁸ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/29/section/37>

- **Consultation posters** - Posters were printed and distributed throughout the local area in high footfall locations. The posters were similar in format to the adverts and communicated what the consultation was about, when it was running and how to take part. The Applicant also provided local town and community councils with copies of the poster to display on local notice boards.
- **Briefings with key stakeholders** – notably the constituency MP, local Members of the Welsh Senedd, officers at FCC, host town councils, Natural Resources Wales and the Deeside Naturalists' Society. These briefings provided background information on the Proposed Development and the consultation approach ahead of consultation launch.

3.2.2 Alongside the consultation newsletter, the Applicant produced a consultation brochure, feedback form, webinar presentation and consultation banners to provide information on the Proposed Development in a non-technical, easy to understand format. With the exception of the webinar presentation, all materials were available to view on the consultation website, with the brochure, feedback form and newsletter available in hard copy at information points. Welsh language versions of the consultation brochure, feedback form, consultation newsletter and Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR were also made available.

3.2.3 The Applicant received 54 responses to the Non-Statutory Consultation. This feedback enabled the Applicant to prepare a progressed concept design for the Proposed Development, including the proposed maximum dimensions (height, width and length) of key buildings and items of plant and the amount of land that may be required for laydown and construction activities, with greater detail on potential impacts and how any adverse effects could potentially be mitigated.

3.2.4 Feedback received during the Non-Statutory Consultation informed the Applicant's proposals and the approach to Statutory Consultation. See Table 7 for more information on how pre-application consultation feedback is shaping the Application to the Planning Inspectorate.

3.3 Statutory Consultation

3.3.1 In accordance with the 2008 Act, the six-week Statutory Consultation was held from Tuesday 8 October 2024 to Tuesday 19 November 2024 and provided an opportunity for the Applicant to present the updated proposals for the Proposed Development to enable consultees to formally provide their feedback.

3.3.2 The primary aim of this Statutory Consultation was to ensure that the community, landowners, stakeholders, and technical consultees had a formal opportunity to understand, comment on and influence aspects of the proposals before submission of the Application. A total of 132 responses were received during this round of engagement. The Applicant is considering these consultation responses as it shapes the Application to be submitted.

3.3.3 Under Section 47 of the 2008 Act, the Applicant has a duty to consult people living in the vicinity of the proposals. The Applicant is committed to going above and beyond the requirements of the 2008 Act, and to help facilitate and guide the engagement with the local community, the PCZ was updated following Non-Statutory Consultation.

3.3.4 The PCZ was developed to be proportionate to the size and potential impact of the Proposed Development and was based on the assessment of the Indicative Site Boundary and local authority boundaries.

3.3.5 The PCZ was extended at Statutory Consultation to incorporate the updated Indicative Site Boundary. As a result, the new PCZ comprised 25,401 addresses and covered approximately a 5km radius from the Site, reflecting the potential impacts of abnormal load transport to the Main Site during the construction phase.

3.3.6 The PCZ incorporated both the core settlements of Flint and Connah's Quay, homes and businesses along the A548 to the Port of Mostyn who may be impacted by transportation of AILs during construction and those in the immediate vicinity of Ellesmere Port who may also have been impacted by works required for the transportation of AILs during construction.

3.3.7 All homes and businesses within the PCZ directly received a newsletter in the post at the start of the Statutory Consultation period. Plate 1 below shows the PCZ for the Statutory Consultation.

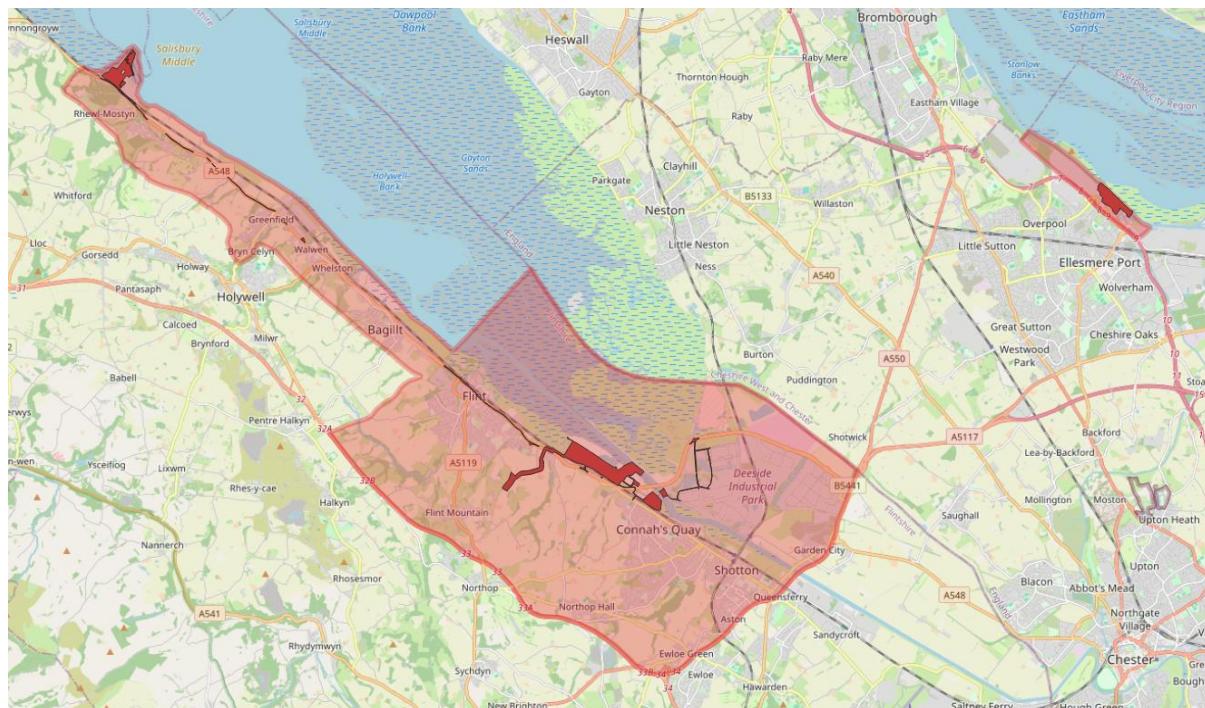


Plate 1: The Primary Consultation Zone

3.3.8 The Applicant also recognised that people who live and work beyond the PCZ may have an interest in the Proposed Development and may wish to participate in the Statutory Consultation. As a result, a Secondary Consultation Zone (SCZ) was developed to ensure all individuals, communities, and organisations in the wider north west region were able to participate in the consultation. This zone was originally designed to incorporate the area of potential visual impact that was identified as part of assessments for the PEIR. More details of this can be found in Chapter 15 of the PEIR. Within the SCZ, which covered approximately a 15km radius from the Site, the Applicant raised awareness of the Statutory Consultation using a number of methods, such as advertising and a press release sent out to the local media, as well as engagement with parish and town councils. See Table 3 for further details.

3.3.9 In addition to the PCZ, the Applicant consulted the following groups:

- local authorities falling within Section 43 of the 2008 Act
- landowners with interest in the Proposed Development (those falling within Section 44 of the 2008 Act)
- town councils
- community groups
- environmental groups in the vicinity of the Proposed Development
- schools and colleges within the vicinity of the Proposed Development
- seldom-heard or hard-to-reach groups
- other statutory consultees (as required by Section 42(1)(a) of the 2008 Act and set out in Schedule 1 to the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009)
- non-statutory consultees
- members of parliament and local government.

3.3.10 During Statutory Consultation, the Applicant used a range of methods to ensure the consultation was inclusive and accessible for all stakeholder audiences. In addition to making information available online, the Applicant hosted three in-person events, three online webinars, two drop-in sessions for near neighbours and key stakeholders, a pop-up event at a high footfall location close to the Proposed Development and a door knock to the homes and businesses closest to the Main Site. Stakeholder briefings were also undertaken – details of which can be found in Table 3.

3.3.11 Table 2 details the documents that were made available as part of the Statutory Consultation.

Table 2: Statutory Consultation documents

Document	Detail
Consultation newsletter	A high-level overview of the Proposed Development, the consultation events, and how people can get involved. The newsletter indicated where the relevant consultation information was available and publicised the consultation events, including locations, dates, and times. This was sent to all homes and businesses within the PCZ and was available on the consultation website, at events, information points and on request by post.
Consultation brochure	The consultation brochure included the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a summary of the proposals • details of how people could take part in the consultation • information on the potential benefits and impacts of the Proposed Development • proposed mitigations to potential environmental effects • an overview of how stakeholder feedback will be considered and the timeline for the proposals. Hard copies of the consultation brochure were made available at consultation events, at information points, and on request by post, free of charge.
Feedback form	A feedback form was prepared to allow people to provide feedback on the proposals. The questionnaire could be

Document	Detail
	<p>completed online, or downloaded if required and sent in to the consultation via Freepost.</p> <p>Paper copies of the feedback form were available at consultation events, the public information points, and via post on request.</p>
PEIR and Non-Technical Summary	<p>The PEIR contained a description of the Proposed Development, a preliminary assessment of the potential environmental effects, and the initial strategies being considered to mitigate any likely significant adverse effects. The PEIR was based on information available at that time, but the assessments will continue to be developed taking account of any design evolution that has taken place, as well as feedback received during consultation and reported within the Environmental Statement to be submitted with the Application.</p> <p>A Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR was also available for download from the consultation website.</p> <p>Hard copies of the PEIR and the Non-Technical Summary were available at consultation events for reference.</p>
Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)	<p>The SoCC document was made available online as part of the consultation and was available in hard copy format at consultation events and information points for reference.</p>

3.3.12 All Statutory Consultation documents were available online, on the consultation website, and in hard copy at information points and in-person events. All materials listed in Table 2 (with the exception of the SoCC and PEIR) were available in Welsh on the consultation website. This includes the PEIR Non-Technical Summary. Documents were available in alternative formats, such as braille, speaking text, or alternative language, upon request.

3.3.13 During the Statutory Consultation period, the Applicant identified that Figures 15-10 to 15-29 of the PEIR showing both the viewpoints wireframe and winter viewpoints photography were previously unavailable to view under the documents tab of the consultation website. On 31 October 2024, these missing figures were uploaded to the consultation website and a note was added to the homepage to inform visitors of this addition. On 7 November 2024, the missing figures were added to the hard copy versions of the PEIR at the remaining consultation event and at the following information points:

- Flint Library, Church St, Flint CH6 5AP
- Connah's Quay Library, Wepre Dr, Connah's Quay CH5 4HA.

3.3.14 The Applicant used a variety of methods to make people in the PCZ and SCZ aware of the Proposed Development and advertise the consultation in addition to the activities already outlined. These methods are described in Table 3.

Table 3: Engagement methods

Method	Detail
Consultation newsletter	<p>All residents, local businesses, and communities within the PCZ were notified of the start of Statutory Consultation through a consultation newsletter. The newsletter was issued by email to wider consultees, including community groups and hard-to-reach groups.</p>
Press release	<p>A press release provided wider notification to local stakeholders of the consultation events, reaching</p>

Method	Detail
	stakeholders outside the PCZ. The press release was circulated with local media outlets and trade titles. A full list of the publications contacted can be found in Table 5.
Emails and Section 42 letters	Emails were sent to stakeholders informing them of the Statutory Consultation, upcoming events, how to request further information, and how to feed back. Section 42 consultees were identified and were sent a Section 42 letter, consultation newsletter and Section 48 notice.
Consultation website	The consultation website was updated on the launch of the Statutory Consultation. This update included details of consultation events, consultation materials, and information on how to feed back on the project proposals. A Welsh version of the consultation website was also available.
Statutory notices and adverts	Statutory notices to publicise the consultation and the SoCC were published in local and national news publications in advance of the consultation launching. The Applicant ran adverts in the local media prior to commencement of the consultation period. Local community councils were invited to share the advert through their own social channels.
Consultation posters	Posters were printed and distributed throughout the local area in high footfall locations. The posters were similar in format to the adverts and communicated what the consultation was about, when it was running and how to take part. The Applicant also provided local town and community councils with copies of the poster to display on local notice boards.
Information points	Hard copies of the consultation newsletter, consultation brochure and the feedback form were available to take home from a number of information points within the SCZ. A copy of the SoCC and Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR were also available to inspect at local locations.
Site notices	Notices were placed in publicly accessible locations within the Indicative Site Boundary to notify of the consultation.
Online and in-person consultation events	The Applicant held three in-person and three online consultation events for anyone with an interest in the Proposed Development to attend, learn about the proposals and provide their feedback. In-person events were held at venues within the PCZ and publicised alongside online events in the consultation newsletter, poster, advert, press release and on the consultation website. Interested parties could register to attend online events via the consultation website, or by contacting the Community Relations Team directly.
Stakeholder briefings & previews	Briefings with key political stakeholders were offered prior to the public consultation events, to provide an opportunity for feedback and input. Briefings were conducted both in-person at dedicated consultation exhibition sessions, and remotely using webinars. The briefings targeted key affected stakeholders, including FCC and CWCC, the host Member(s) of the UK Parliament and the Senedd, host ward councillors, portfolio holders and host community councils.

3.3.15 In addition to the methods described above, consultees were able to find out about the consultation, ask questions and request documents through the

freephone number, email address and freepost. Consultation feedback was also accepted via these channels.

3.3.16 Contact channels for the Proposed Development are as follows:

Telephone: 0800 012 9156

Email: info@connahsquaylcp.co.uk

Post: FREEPOST CQLCP (no stamp required).

3.4 Compliance under Section 42 of the 2008 Act

3.4.1 The Applicant consulted with the prescribed bodies pursuant to Section 42(1)(a) of the 2008 Act.⁹

3.4.2 The Applicant identified prescribed consultees with careful reference to:

- Schedule 1 of the 'The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009' ('APFP Regulations') (as amended); and
- the list of consultation bodies in Appendix 1 of the EIA Scoping Opinion adopted by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) pursuant to Regulation 10 of the EIA Regulations dated 20 March 2024.

3.4.3 The Applicant consulted the Marine Management Organisation as the Proposed Development would likely affect the areas specified in Section 42(2) of the 2008 Act.

3.4.4 In accordance with Section 42(1)(b) of the 2008 Act, the following local authorities were contacted for Statutory Consultation:

- Flintshire County Council
- Cheshire West and Chester Council
- Denbighshire County Council
- Wrexham County Borough Council
- Wirral Council
- Halton Borough Council
- Warrington Borough Council
- Shropshire Council
- Cheshire East Council.

3.4.5 Consultation letters were sent to Section 42 consultees on 2 October 2024 to arrive ahead of the consultation launch on 8 October 2024. The letters notified consultees about the launch of the consultation on 8 October 2024, identified where consultees could view the consultation material, explained how consultees could respond to the consultation and confirmed the deadline for receipt of consultation responses, being 19 November 2024. The letters provided a link to the consultation website where all of the consultation documents could be downloaded. Enclosed was a copy of the Section 48 notice.

⁹ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/29/section/42>

- 3.4.6 A second email was sent to Section 42 consultees on 8 October 2024 to notify them that Statutory Consultation was officially open and how consultees could provide their feedback. The Applicant also enclosed a copy of the consultation newsletter which was sent to homes and businesses within the PCZ.
- 3.4.7 After the launch of the Statutory Consultation, a number of additional Section 42 consultees were identified. Upon those consultees being identified, consultation letters were sent to those consultees and they were given a deadline for providing feedback of at least 28 days beginning with the day after the day on which they received the consultation letter.

3.5 Compliance under Section 48 of the 2008 Act

- 3.5.1 In accordance with Regulation 4(2) of the APFP Regulations,¹⁰ the Applicant published a notice as required by Section 48 of the 2008 Act for the Statutory Consultation in the following newspapers on the following dates:
 - The Times: 3rd October 2024
 - Lloyds List: 3rd October 2024
 - Fishing News: 3rd October 2024
 - Deeside.com: 3rd and 10th October 2024
 - The Leader: 3rd and 10th October 2024
 - Chester Standard: 3rd and 10th October 2024
 - The London Gazette: 3rd October 2024
- 3.5.2 As per Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations, the Applicant was required to publish the Section 48 notice:
 - for at least two successive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating in the vicinity in which the proposed development would be situated
 - once in a national newspaper
 - once in the London Gazette
 - where the proposed application relates to offshore development:
 - once in Lloyd's List
 - once in an appropriate fishing trade journal.
- 3.5.3 The Section 48 notice included all details prescribed by Regulation 4(3) APFP Regulations,¹¹ and a copy of the notice was sent to all Section 42 consultees, including the consultation bodies as an enclosure to the Section 42 letters for the Statutory Consultation.
- 3.5.4 The Consultation Report will outline in greater detail how the Applicant identified and consulted with the relevant prescribed bodies and local authorities as required under Section 42 and how it publicised the application in line with the requirements of Section 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act.

¹⁰ The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

¹¹ The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

3.6 Landowner Engagement

3.6.1 Land referencers were appointed by the Applicant to complete a diligent enquiry process prior to and throughout the pre-application stage to identify relevant persons with an interest in land. The following process was followed:

- Landowners and other interested parties were identified initially through title searches with the Land Registry. These searches were refreshed at regular intervals to ensure the information held was accurate. Previously unregistered areas of land were also periodically checked to ensure the land remained unregistered.
- Land referencing questionnaires were issued to all interests identified through Land Registry searches. These forms sought to confirm the contact details of the affected parties and also to ask for details of any other parties who may hold an interest in the land. Where new interested parties were revealed, these parties were also issued with a request for information form to confirm the details provided. This confirmation process has been on going throughout all stages of consultation.
- Where ownership could not be determined or request for information forms were not returned, further reminder letters were issued and site visits were conducted. The site visits involved identifying and visiting potential landowner residences, neighbours and other properties to try and identify landowners and/or occupiers. Land referencing questionnaires requesting clarity on land ownership, and details of other persons with an interest in the land, were issued and completed on site where possible.
- Further information was obtained where possible with follow-up site visits, desktop research, letters, emails and telephone calls.

3.6.2 Under Section 42(1)(d) of the 2008 Act,¹² the Applicant consulted each person who is within one or more of the three categories set out in Section 44 of the 2008 Act. These categories are:

- Category 1: A person is within Category 1 if the Applicant, after making diligent inquiry, knows that the person is an owner, lessee, tenant (whatever the tenancy period) or occupier of the land.
- Category 2: A person is within Category 2 if the Applicant, after making diligent inquiry, knows that the person is interested in the land, or has power to sell and convey the land or to release the land.
- Category 3: A person is within Category 3 if the Applicant thinks that, if the DCO were made and fully implemented, the person would or might be entitled as a result of (a) the implementing of the DCO, (b) the DCO having been implemented, or (c) use of the land once the DCO has been implemented, to make a 'relevant claim'. There are three types of relevant claim: a claim under Section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965;¹³ a claim under Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973;¹⁴ and a claim under Section 152(3) of the 2008 Act. A person is within Category 3 only if the person is known to the Applicant after making diligent inquiry. These parties were identified based on the Proposed Development proposals,

¹² <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/29/section/42>

¹³ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1965/56/section/10>

¹⁴ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1973/26/part/1>

redline boundaries, construction activities, and environmental information available.

3.6.3 During the Statutory Consultation, the Applicant identified an additional Category 3 landowner with subsoil interests who was issued with a Section 42 letter on 29 October 2024 and given a deadline of 26 November 2024 to respond to the consultation. Following this, a further 60 landowners with category 3 and subsoil interests were identified by the Applicant. These additional landowners were issued with Section 42 letters on 12 November 2024 and given an extended deadline of 12 December 2024 to respond to the consultation. All material was retained online and in the deposit locations until the end of the extended deadline.

4. Statement of Community Consultation

4.1 Development of the SoCC

- 4.1.1 Ahead of conducting Statutory Consultation, the SoCC was prepared and the relevant local authorities were consulted as prescribed in Section 47 of the 2008 Act.
- 4.1.2 The Applicant initially met with FCC in January 2024 ahead of the public launch of the Proposed Development on 15 February 2024. During this session, the Applicant shared an indicative timeline along with initial information about the Proposed Development, the developer and the engagement strategy. Following this briefing session, officers and the Chief Executive at FCC were supplied with an 'Approach to Consultation' document. This document functioned as a precursor to the formal SoCC, providing a brief description of the objectives of the programme and the phases of activity, along with more detailed information about the initial non-statutory phase of consultation. Feedback received from the local authority informed the approach taken to early engagement.
- 4.1.3 Following close of Non-Statutory Consultation, the Applicant began preparing the SoCC, which built upon the Approach to Consultation document shared with the host authority. As previously detailed, due to changes to the Indicative Site Boundary prior to Statutory Consultation, CWCC were also included as a host authority for the SoCC consultation.
- 4.1.4 The SoCC set out how the Applicant planned to consult and engage with the local community on the Proposed Development.

4.2 SoCC consultation

- 4.2.1 The Applicant identified FCC and CWCC as the relevant host local authorities under Section 43(1) of the 2008 Act. Denbighshire County Council, Wrexham County Borough Council, Wirral Council and Liverpool City Council, Halton Borough Council, Warrington Borough Council, Shropshire Council and Cheshire East Council also received the SoCC for their reference.
- 4.2.2 In line with the requirements of the 2008 Act, the Applicant undertook formal consultation on the SoCC with FCC, CWCC and the neighbouring authorities and had regard to all comments received. The draft SoCC was sent on Thursday 13 June 2024 and the deadline for responses was Friday 12 July 2024.
- 4.2.3 FCC responded on Tuesday 18 June 2024 confirming that they had no comment to make on the content of the draft SoCC. A copy of this response is included in Appendix A. On Thursday 11 July CWCC responded with comments. A copy of this response is included in Appendix B.
- 4.2.4 Table 4 below outlines the comments that were made by CWCC and the Applicant's response. A version of this response was sent to the host authority prior to publication of the SoCC beginning Wednesday 25 September 2024. The full response provided to CWCC is included in Appendix B.

Table 4: Regard had to feedback received on the Draft SoCC from CWCC

Comment	Regard had
It is critical that the timing of the consultation takes place following the publication of sufficient information on the project to enable a proper engagement and that the PEIR is sufficiently detailed in this regard.	<p>The Applicant confirmed that the consultation would follow the publication of the PEIR, and the PEIR will be sufficiently detailed to enable proper engagement with consultees.</p> <p>A Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the PEIR was made available to ensure that key information was accessible to all, as well as a consultation brochure, which explained the Proposed Development in a clear and straightforward way. As per Section 6.4 of the SoCC, all Statutory Consultation documents were available online, on the consultation website, and in hard copy at information points and in-person events.</p>
It would be useful to understand what level of information would be provided.	<p>The Applicant confirmed that the NTS and PEIR would provide an appropriate level of detail given the stage the Proposed Development was at when the Statutory Consultation took place.</p> <p>The subsequent ES and DCO application will take into account design development, further surveys and assessments, public consultation feedback and technical engagement.</p>
If the proposals change during the course of the pre-application process what, if any, consideration will be given to targeted consultation on the changes.	<p>The Applicant confirmed that if, following the Statutory Consultation, it was considered necessary to undertake further targeted or supplementary consultation, this would be undertaken, so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in the Statement of Community Consultation.</p>
In terms of the consultees, consideration should be given to including ORIGIN Ellesmere Port who represent the business interests of many of the employers in and adjacent to the Order Limits in Ellesmere Port.	<p>ORIGIN Ellesmere Port were added to the Section 42 consultee list and the Applicant liaised with them as one of the non-statutory consultee groups throughout the Statutory Consultation.</p>
There is likely to be environmental (specifically ecological and visual) impacts on the eastern side of the Dee Estuary. Has any consideration been given to undertaking a targeted consultation with environmental groups (e.g. RSPB Burton Mere) in this area?	<p>The Applicant acknowledged concerns regarding potential environmental impacts, particularly ecological and visual effects on the eastern side of the Dee Estuary. While this area lay outside the primary consultation zone, it was explained that the Applicant developed a Secondary Consultation Zone (SCZ) to ensure all individuals, communities, and organisations in the wider north west region were able to participate in the Statutory Consultation. Within the SCZ the Applicant raised awareness of the consultation using a number of methods, such as advertising and a press release sent out to the local media, and engagement with parish and town councils. This activity is outlined in Section 6.5 of the SoCC. There were also three deposit locations in the SCZ.</p> <p>The Applicant mapped out a number of stakeholder groups that were engaged with on the eastern side of the Dee Estuary, as well as other environmental consultee groups. These were outlined in Appendix A of the SoCC.</p>

4.2.5 The Consultation Report and its supporting appendices will include all evidence of compliance with the SoCC consultation process.

4.3 Publicity under Section 47 of the 2008 Act

4.3.1 In compliance with the publicity requirements of Section 47(6) of the 2008 Act, the SoCC was published in local news publications in advance of consultation launch and issuing of the Section 48 notice. This notice provided information on how the Applicant intended to engage with stakeholders and local communities during the upcoming Statutory Consultation. Section 47 notices were published as follows:

- The Chester Standard – Thursday 26 September 2024
- The Leader – Thursday 26 September 2024
- Wirral Globe – Wednesday 25 September 2024

4.3.2 Hard copies of the SoCC were placed at the following information points:

- Flint Library, Church St, Flint CH6 5AP
- Connah's Quay Library, Wepre Dr, Connah's Quay CH5 4HA
- Buckley Library, The Precinct, Brunswick Rd, Buckley CH7 2EF
- Ellesmere Port Library, Civic Way, Ellesmere Port CH65 0BG
- Holywell Library, Holywell Leisure Centre, North Road, Holywell, Flintshire CH8 7UZ.

4.3.3 The SoCC was also made available in hard copy at each of the three consultation events held during the consultation period, and a digital version was viewable on the consultation website from Tuesday 8 October 2024.

4.4 Compliance with the SoCC

4.4.1 Table 5 below shows how the Statutory Consultation held between Tuesday 8 October 2024 and Tuesday 19 November 2024 was undertaken in compliance with the SoCC, as per the requirements of Section 47(7) of the 2008 Act.

4.4.2 The Consultation Report and its supporting appendices will include all evidence of compliance.

Table 5: SoCC commitments and compliance

SoCC Reference	Commitment	Explanation of compliance
5.3	A consultation period which meets or exceeds the statutory minimum period required by the 2008 Act will be facilitated.	The consultation took place from Tuesday 8 October for a period of six weeks up to 19 November 2024. The 2008 Act states that the consultation period should last for a minimum of 28 days.
5.3 and 6.5	Hold three in-person consultation events and two public webinar consultations and two dedicated stakeholder webinars.	<p>Three in-person consultation events, two stakeholder webinars and three public webinar sessions were undertaken by the Applicant. Consultation events were held at the following dates, times and locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder webinar 1 - Thursday 18 October 2024, 17:00–18:00 Stakeholder webinar 2 - Thursday 18 October 2024, 18:30–19:30 Online webinar 1 – Saturday 19 October 2024, 11:00–12:00 Online webinar 2 – Tuesday 22 October 2024, 13:00–14:00 Conference Centre, Coleg Cambria Deeside, Kelsterton Road, Connah's Quay CH6 5NW – Wednesday 23 October 2024, 16:00–20:00 Flint Town Hall, Holywell Street, Flint CH6 5NW – Saturday 26 October 2024, 11:00–16:00 Connah's Quay Cricket Club, 5 Cable Street, Connah's Quay CH5 4DZ – Thursday 7 November 2024, 13:00–18:00 Online webinar 3 – Monday 4 November 2024, 18:00 – 19:00. <p>In addition to these advertised consultation events, the Applicant also held a pop-up event in a local high-footfall location to speak with people that may not have had the time or opportunity to attend an event. The pop-up event was held during the day at Flint Library on Friday 25 October 2024.</p>
6.5	In-person events will be held at venues within the PCZ and publicised alongside online events, in the Consultation Newsletter, poster, advert and press release.	The venues of the in-person events were within the PCZ and were consulted on with FCC and CWAC. In-person and online events were publicised in the consultation newsletter, stakeholder consultation launch letter, Section 48 notice, consultation website, advert, poster, brochure and press release.
6.5	Briefings with key political stakeholders will be offered prior to the public consultation events, to provide an opportunity for feedback and input. Briefings will be conducted both in-person at	Key political stakeholders, as identified by the Applicant's comprehensive stakeholder mapping exercise, were offered one-to-one briefings, invited to an online stakeholder webinar on Thursday 18 October and a dedicated in-person drop-in session at the Connah's Quay Power Station Education Centre on Wednesday 16 October. The briefings targeted key affected

SoCC Reference	Commitment	Explanation of compliance
	dedicated consultation exhibition sessions, and remotely using webinars.	stakeholders, including FCC and CWCC, the host Member(s) of the UK Parliament and the Senedd, host ward councillors, portfolio holders and host community councils.
6.7	As the Main Site spans across the electoral boundary of Alyn and Deeside, we will hold consultation events within this constituency.	All in-person consultation events took place within Alyn and Deeside constituency.
6.7	At the consultation events, key project information will be provided on large consultation boards and members of our project team will be on hand to discuss the project, answer questions and receive feedback.	The Applicant produced consultation event banners based off content from the consultation brochure, which explained the proposals and how feedback would be gathered. Members of the team possessing various levels of expertise and specialism were in attendance at all consultation events to ensure that any query raised could be addressed.
6.8	The stakeholder events will be by invite only, the public webinars will be open to any interested individuals or groups and is anticipated to be hosted on Livestorm.	The Applicant contacted key stakeholders including host ward councillors, portfolio holders, and host community councils to offer them the opportunity for a separate briefing on the Proposed Development. The public webinars were open to all interested individuals and parties and were to be hosted on Livestorm.
6.8	Details of how to register for online events will be provided in the following prior to and throughout the consultation: consultation website; consultation brochure; consultation newsletter; consultation launch letter; adverts; and poster.	Prior to and throughout the consultation period, consultees were informed of how to register for online events via the materials listed. Consultees could also contact the community relations team directly to find out how to register.
8	All feedback received during the consultation period will be processed into a secure database and then read and analysed. Thematically similar comments will be identified and grouped together into 'issues'. All comments per issue will then be summarised as 'issue statements' and considered by the Uniper project team.	The Applicant is committed to thoroughly reviewing all issues raised as part of the ongoing design process. The Applicant is carefully assessing how potential impacts from the Proposed Development can be avoided, managed, or mitigated. Furthermore, the Applicant is considering suggestions from stakeholders where feasible and appropriate, ensuring that all feedback is taken into account in shaping the Proposed Development.
8	A Consultation Report will be produced as part of our DCO application, which will be submitted to the SoS for DESNZ. This document will set	The Applicant is currently drafting the Consultation Report and on 13 January 2025 provided the Planning Inspectorate with a draft of this report for initial review ahead of formal submission. This report will cover the

SoCC Reference	Commitment	Explanation of compliance
	out how the feedback from the consultation has shaped and influenced the final proposals.	outcomes from both the Non-Statutory Consultation and Statutory Consultation and provide further detail on how the Applicant met the requirements set out in the 2008 Act.
5.5	All homes and businesses within the PCZ will directly receive a newsletter in the post at the start of the Statutory Consultation period. The newsletter indicates where the relevant project information can be found and publicises the consultation events, including locations, dates, and times. This will be sent to all homes and businesses within the PCZ and will be available on the consultation website, at events, information points and on request by post.	The newsletter was issued to all addresses in the PCZ - approximately 25,000 addresses. The PCZ was in the SoCC and agreed with the host authorities during the SoCC consultation. The newsletter was also available on the consultation website, at events, at information points and on request by post. The newsletter included locations, dates and times for all events and listed the locations of information points where further information could be obtained.
6.4	The SoCC document will be made available online as part of the consultation and is available in paper format at our consultation events and information points for reference.	The SoCC was published on the consultation website and was available in hard copy format at the consultation events and at the information points.
6.5	The newsletter will also be issued by email to wider consultees, including community groups and hard-to-reach groups.	All mapped stakeholders were sent a copy of the consultation newsletter by email when the Statutory Consultation opened.
6.5	The press release will be circulated with local media outlets and trade titles.	<p>The press release was sent to the following trade titles and local media outlets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon Capture Journal • Montel News • Chester Chronical • Wales on Sunday • BBC One North West • ITV News Granada • Chester and District Standard • Flintshire Leader • Daily Post Wales • BBC Radio Merseyside

SoCC Reference	Commitment	Explanation of compliance
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern Power Systems • Energy Live News • Natural Gas World • Energy Voice • International Power Engineer • Energy Industry Times • Carbon Pulse • New Power Magazine • Business Green • Power Engineering International • S&P Global • Carbon Brief.
6.5	Emails will be sent to stakeholders informing them of the Statutory Consultation, upcoming events, how to request further information, and how to feed back.	FAO emails were sent to statutory and non-prescribed stakeholders identified in the Section 42 consultee list. The email informed stakeholders how to take part in the consultation, how to provide their feedback and where to find more information.
6.5	The consultation website will be updated on the launch of the Statutory Consultation. This update will include details of consultation events, consultation materials, and information on how to feed back on the proposals. A more detailed set of project information will also be included, with uploads of the technical documents.	The consultation website provided, similar to the non-statutory consultation, an overview of the Proposed Development, information on the Applicant's updated plans, details of the planning process, copies of all the consultation materials and technical documents available to download, FAQs, information on the public consultation events and information on how to feedback on the updated proposals.
6.5	A Welsh version of the consultation website will also be available.	Similarly to the Non-Statutory Consultation, the website updates for Statutory Consultation were published in Welsh.
6.5	Statutory notices to publicise the consultation and the SoCC will be published in local and national news publications in advance of the consultation launching.	<p>Section 47 notices were published as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chester Standard – Thursday 26 September 2024 • The Leader – Thursday 26 September 2024 • Wirral Globe – Wednesday 25 September 2024.

SoCC Reference	Commitment	Explanation of compliance
		<p>Section 48 notices were published as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Times: 03 October 2024 • Lloyds List: 03 October 2024 • Fishing News: 03 October 2024 • Deeside.com: 03 and 10 October 2024 • The Leader: 03 and 10 October 2024 • Chester Standard: 03 and 10 October 2024 • The London Gazette: 03 October 2024.
6.5	We will run adverts in the local media prior to commencement of the consultation period. The adverts will be designed in a clear, accessible format, clearly communicating what the consultation is about, when it is running and how to take part.	<p>Adverts were published in the following local media publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wirral Globe - 2 October 2024 • The Leader - 3 October 2024 • The Chester Standard - 3 October 2024 • The North Wales Chronicle - 3 October 2024. <p>The adverts ran for two weeks.</p>
6.5	We will contact local community councils and invite them to share the advert through their own social channels.	As part of email outreach for the Statutory Consultation, the Applicant contacted local community councils to inform them of the consultation and requested they let their residents know through their own channels.
6.5	Notices to be placed in publicly accessible locations within the Indicative Site Boundary to notify of the consultation.	Site notices were placed in the vicinity of the Proposed Development. Further details of this will be included in the Consultation Report.
5.3	Making copies of all consultation documents available - including copies of the PEIR (and non-technical summary), consultation brochure providing a non-technical overview of the project, and feedback questionnaire – both online and available in printed copy.	The PEIR was provided in hard copy at Flint Library and in Connah's Quay Library. These were the two host Local Authority boundaries' information points. The remaining deposit locations had USB sticks containing a copy of the full PEIR, PEIR NTS, consultation brochure, feedback form and newsletter for members of the public to view on the information points' computers. The PEIR, PEIR NTS, consultation brochure, feedback form and newsletter were available on the consultation website and in person at consultation events and at information points.
6.4	The consultation brochure will include the following information: a summary of the proposals we are consulting on details of how	The consultation brochure contained the information listed. Further details of this will be included in the Consultation Report.

SoCC Reference	Commitment	Explanation of compliance
	people can take part in the consultation; information on the potential benefits and impacts of the project; how we propose to mitigate potential environmental effects; how stakeholder feedback will be considered; and the timeline for the proposals.	
6.4	Hard copies of the consultation brochure will be available at our consultation events, at information points, and on request by post, free of charge.	Hard copies of the consultation brochure were available at the information points, on the consultation website, at consultation events and could be requested in hard copy free of charge via the contact centre channels.
6.4	The questionnaire can be completed online, or downloaded if required and sent in to the consultation via Freepost.	An online version of the feedback form was on the consultation website and could be downloaded from the document library. Hard copies of the feedback form were available at all information points and at in-person events. Completed hard copy feedback forms could be completed and sent free of charge using the freepost address.
6.4	Paper copies of the feedback form will be available at consultation events, the public information points, and via post on request.	Paper copies of the feedback form were available at consultation events, the public information points, and via post on request. Further details of this will be included in the Consultation Report.
6.4	A Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR will be available for download from the consultation website.	The NTS, alongside all other consultation materials, was available to download on the consultation website via the document library.
6.4	Paper copies of the PEIR and the Non-Technical Summary will be available at our consultation events for reference.	Hard copies of the NTS and PEIR were available at the in-person consultation events.
6.4	All Statutory Consultation documents will be available online, on the consultation website, and in hard copy at information points and in-person events.	All Statutory Consultation documents were available online, on the consultation website, and in hard copy at information points and in-person events. Further details of this will be included in the Consultation Report.
6.4	The newsletter, brochure, feedback form and NTS will be available in Welsh on the consultation website.	All consultation materials with the exception of the PEIR and SoCC were available in Welsh on the consultation website, at information points and at in-person consultation events.

SoCC Reference	Commitment	Explanation of compliance
6.4	Documents can be made available in alternative formats, such as braille, speaking text, or alternative language, upon request.	No requests were made for documents to be provided in alternative formats, but arrangements had been made to facilitate this and requests would be actioned on a case-by-case basis.
7	Attendees at consultation events will be able to complete an online feedback form on tablets provided. Alternatively, a paper copy of a feedback form can be provided to be filled in and handed to a member of the project team or posted back to us via Freepost.	Tablets were available at the consultation events for participants to complete feedback forms. Hard copies were also available, to be returned either by freepost or to hand in-person at the event to a member of the team.
7	Anyone can share their views by submitting their comments via email or in writing to the Freepost address.	The Applicant also accepted all written feedback received via email or in writing.
6.2	The Applicant will be seeking feedback on all aspects of the Proposed Development. This will involve inviting comments on topics including, but not limited to: how the Proposed Development can be accommodated in the area; the changes to the project Order Limits following the publication of the Scoping Report; the potential mitigation measures for any identified environmental effects of the Proposed Development at this preliminary stage, set out in our PEIR; other plans, maps, and documents to accompany the PEIR; the proposals for construction, operation, and decommissioning of the site set out in the PEIR, including options, where these are presented; and any local issues or sensitivities that we should be aware of.	Opportunities to provide feedback on these topics were provided in the feedback form. The feedback form provided consultees with examples of the information that would be useful to the Applicant.
5.3	Set up two public information points with hard copies of the consultation brochure and feedback questionnaire.	<p>The Applicant set up a total of five information points at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flint Library, Church St, Flint CH6 5AP • Connah's Quay Library, Wepre Dr, Connah's Quay CH5 4HA

SoCC Reference	Commitment	Explanation of compliance
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buckley Library, The Precinct, Brunswick Rd, Buckley CH7 2EF • Ellesmere Port Library, Civic Way, Ellesmere Port CH65 0BG • Holywell Library, Holywell Leisure Centre, North Road, Holywell, Flintshire CH8 7UZ
6.3	<p>In addition to the PCZ, the Applicant will consult the following groups: local authorities falling within Section 43 of the 2008 Act; local residents and businesses within the vicinity of the Proposed Development; landowners with interest in the Proposed Development (those falling within Section 44 of the 2008 Act); town councils; community groups; environmental groups in the vicinity of the Proposed Development; schools and colleges within the vicinity of the Proposed Development; seldom-heard or hard-to-reach groups; other statutory consultees (as set out in Schedule 1 to the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009); non-statutory consultees; and members of parliament and local government.</p>	<p>All consultee groups were contained within the Section 42 consultee list and contacted as part of the Statutory Consultation. Further details of this will be included in the Consultation Report.</p>
6.10	<p>Ongoing engagement will be undertaken ahead of the launch of the consultation with relevant stakeholders, including Natural Resources Wales, local authorities, MPs, MSs, and with local interest groups, residents, and landowners who get in touch.</p>	<p>The Applicant contacted the consultee groups listed to organise briefings ahead of the Statutory Consultation launch.</p>
6.11	<p>We will seek to engage with hard-to-reach and seldom-heard groups by holding webinars at a variety of times, including evenings and weekends, to enable participation from people with different time commitments.</p>	<p>Webinars were organised at a range of times, with an event being held on a weekend, during the day on a weekday and in the evening on a weekday.</p>
6.11	<p>We will seek to engage with hard-to-reach and seldom-heard groups by choosing accessible</p>	<p>Risk assessments were conducted on venues to confirm accessibility and all info points were public buildings with appropriate accessibility.</p>

SoCC Reference	Commitment	Explanation of compliance
	venues for public information points and in-person events.	
6.11	Organisations representing hard-to-reach and local interest groups that we will contact include, but are not limited to, the following: FCC; Flintshire Local Voluntary Council; Connah's Quay Salvation Army; Deeside Citizens Advice Bureau; and Deeside Community Trust.	All consultee groups were contained within the Section 42 consultee list and contacted as part of the Statutory Consultation. Further details of this will be included in the Consultation Report.

5. Programme Document compliance

5.1.1 In Section 3 of the Programme Document published on the consultation website, the Applicant outlined its proposals for consultation and engagement during the pre-application phase. In addition to the SoCC, Table 6 outlines the proposals that were made in the Programme Document and how the Applicant has complied with these proposals during the pre-application phase.

Table 6: Programme Document commitments and compliance

Activity outlined in the Programme Document	Explanation of compliance
SoCC consultation	The Applicant held a consultation on the SoCC with relevant host and neighbouring local authorities in June and July 2024. All comments and feedback received during this consultation were inputted into the final SoCC where appropriate (see Table 4). The final SoCC document was made available online as part of the Statutory Consultation and was made available in hard copy format at in-person consultation events and information points for reference.
Consultation newsletter to PCZ	The consultation newsletter provided a high-level overview of the Proposed Development, the consultation dates and events, and how people could get involved. The newsletter indicated where the relevant information can be found and publicised the consultation events, including locations, dates, and times. This was delivered to all homes and businesses within the Primary Consultation Zone ('PCZ') on 1 October 2024 ahead of the Statutory Consultation and was made available on the consultation website, at events, information points and on request by post. The consultation newsletter was also issued by email to wider consultees, including Section 42 consultees, community groups and hard-to-reach groups. The newsletter was made available in Welsh on the consultation website, at information points, in-person consultation events and upon request via the contact centre.
Press release	The press release provided wider notification to local stakeholders of the consultation events, reaching stakeholders outside the PCZ. It was sent to the following trade titles and local media outlets: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carbon Capture Journal• Montel News• Chester Chronical• Wales on Sunday• BBC One North West• ITV News Granada• Chester and District Standard• Flintshire Leader• Daily Post Wales• BBC Radio Merseyside• Modern Power Systems• Energy Live News• Natural Gas World• Energy Voice• International Power Engineer• Energy Industry Times

Activity outlined in the Programme Document	Explanation of compliance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carbon Pulse New Power Magazine Business Green Power Engineering International S&P Global Carbon Brief.
Emails	<p>Emails were sent to stakeholders at the following dates to inform them of the Statutory Consultation and its progress, any upcoming events, how to request further information, and how to provide feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 2 October 2024 Tuesday 8 October 2024 Friday 15 November 2024 Tuesday 19 November 2024. <p>These emails allowed stakeholders to engage with the consultation and to share the consultation information among their networks, such as with local constituents or group members.</p> <p>Stakeholders and those that registered on the consultation website to be kept informed also received reminder emails during the consultation period and notification that the consultation had closed. This final email gave further details of next steps, and how consultees can stay engaged with the Proposed Development.</p>
Consultation website	<p>The consultation website was updated on the launch of the Statutory Consultation. This update provided details of consultation events, consultation materials, and information on how to provide feedback on the proposals.</p> <p>The website featured a document library tab, which listed out all key technical documents available for download. Consultation documents that were made available include the brochure, newsletter, feedback form, SoCC, PEIR and Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR.</p> <p>A Welsh translated version of the website was produced containing Welsh versions of the consultation booklet, feedback form, newsletter and Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR for download.</p>
Letters to Section 42 consultees	<p>A letter was sent to prescribed persons (as prescribed by the APFP Regulations, the Marine Management Organisation, relevant local authorities and persons with relevant landownership interests. The letter provided information on the Proposed Development, including how the Section 42 consultees can access the Preliminary Environmental Information compiled within the PEIR, how to submit comments and the deadline for doing so.</p>
Statutory notices and adverts	<p>Section 47 notices were published as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chester Standard – Thursday 26 September 2024 The Leader – Thursday 26 September 2024 Wirral Globe – Wednesday 25 September 2024 <p>Section 48 notices were published as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Times: 03 October 2024 Lloyds List: 03 October 2024 Fishing News: 03 October 2024

Activity outlined in the Programme Document	Explanation of compliance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deeside.com: 03 and 10 October 2024 The Leader: 03 and 10 October 2024 Chester Standard: 03 and 10 October 2024 The London Gazette: 03 October 2024. <p>Adverts were published in the following local media publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Wirral Globe - 2 October 2024 The Leader - 3 October 2024 The Chester Standard - 3 October 2024 The North Wales Chronicle - 3 October 2024. <p>The adverts ran for two weeks.</p>
Consultation posters	<p>Posters advertising the Statutory Consultation were printed and distributed throughout the local area in high footfall locations. The Applicant also provided local town and community councils with copies of the poster to display on local notice boards.</p> <p>Consultation poster placement locations included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connah's Quay Library, Wepre Drive CH5 4HA Connah's Quay Morrisons, Ffordd Llanarth CH5 4WL Connah's Quay Swimming Pool, Wepre Drive CH5 4HA Deeside Library, Chester Rd E CH5 1SA Deeside Leisure Centre, Chester Rd E CH5 1SA Flint Sainsbury's, Flintshire Retail Park, Holywell Rd CH6 5GB Flint Town Hall, Market Square CH6 5NW Flint Library, Church St CH6 5AP.
Information points	<p>Hard copies of the consultation newsletter, consultation brochure, feedback form and USB sticks containing all consultation materials including the PEIR were available to take home from a number of local information points within the PCZ. Copies of the SoCC and Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR were also available to inspect at all information points, and a full hard copy of the PEIR was available for reference at the two information points located closest to the Proposed Development.</p> <p>Consultation materials were hosted at the following information points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flint Library, Church St, Flint CH6 5AP (A hard copy of the PEIR was available at this location for reference) Connah's Quay Library, Wepre Dr, Connah's Quay CH5 4HA (A hard copy of the PEIR was available at this location for reference) Buckley Library, The Precinct, Brunswick Rd, Buckley CH7 2EF Ellesmere Port Library, Civic Way, Ellesmere Port CH65 0BG Holywell Library, Holywell Leisure Centre, North Road, Holywell, Flintshire CH8 7UZ.
Site notices	<p>Site notices were placed in publicly accessible locations within the Indicative Site Boundary of the Application to notify people of the consultation on 1 October 2024. The notice was also issued to the Planning Inspectorate on 1 October 2024.</p>

Activity outlined in the Programme Document	Explanation of compliance
Online and in-person consultation events	<p>The Applicant held in-person and online consultation events for anyone with an interest in the Proposed Development to attend, learn about the proposals and provide their feedback. In-person events were at venues within the PCZ and were publicised alongside online events, in the consultation newsletter, poster, advert and press release.</p> <p>Interested parties could register to attend online events via the consultation website, or by contacting the Community Relations Team directly.</p> <p>Consultation events were held at the following dates, times and locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online webinar 1 – Saturday 19 October 2024, 11:00–12:00 • Online webinar 2 – Tuesday 22 October 2024, 13:00–14:00 • Conference Centre, Coleg Cambria Deeside, Kelsterton Road, Connah's Quay CH6 5NW – Wednesday 23 October 2024, 16:00–20:00 • Flint Town Hall, Holywell Street, Flint CH6 5NW – Saturday 26 October 2024, 11:00–16:00 • Connah's Quay Cricket Club, 5 Cable Street, Connah's Quay CH5 4DZ – Thursday 7 November 2024, 13:00–18:00 • Online webinar 3 – Monday 4 November 2024, 18:00–19:00. <p>In addition to these advertised consultation events, the Applicant also held a pop-up event in a local high-footfall location to speak with people that may not have had the time or opportunity to attend an event. The pop-up event was held during the day at Flint Library on Friday 25 October 2024.</p>
Door knocking	<p>Prior to the commencement of the Statutory Consultation period, on Thursday 3 October 2024 the Applicant carried out a door knock of homes and businesses closest to the Proposed Development. Residents/business owners were informed of the upcoming consultation and invited to a one-to-one drop-in session at the Education Centre on the current Connah's Quay Power Station site. Interested residents could book a thirty minute time slot by contacting the Community Relations Team. During the drop-in event, which took place on 15 October 2024, attendees were given the opportunity to speak with the team in confidence and raise any concerns they had regarding the Proposed Development. They were also given the opportunity to take home copies of the consultation brochure, feedback form, newsletter and Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR to further inform their feedback. In total, eight people attended the drop-in session at the Education Centre.</p>
Stakeholder briefings and previews	<p>Briefings with key political stakeholders were offered prior to the public consultation events, to provide an opportunity for feedback and input. Briefings were conducted both in-person at dedicated consultation exhibition sessions, and remotely using webinars. The briefings targeted key affected stakeholders, including FCC and CWCC, the host Member(s) of the UK Parliament and the Senedd, host ward councillors, portfolio holders and host community councils.</p> <p>On 16 October 2024, the Applicant held a stakeholder drop-in session at the Education Centre on the current Connah's Quay Power Station site. A total of six stakeholders attended this session, both in person and online. Table 1 of this report details the additional briefings that took place as part of the Statutory Consultation.</p>

Activity outlined in the Programme Document	Explanation of compliance
Ongoing engagement	As outlined in the Programme Document, engagement is ongoing with a number of statutory consultees, local authorities and persons/organisations. The outcomes of these ongoing conversations will be detailed in the Consultation Report and the Environmental Statement submitted as part of the Application

6. Summary of pre-application consultation responses

6.1.1 Table 7 below provides a summary of the feedback themes that have been identified throughout the pre-application consultation phase of the Proposed Development, and how these responses are shaping the Applicant's final proposals. Full details of how the Applicant has had regard to the feedback received during both the Non-Statutory and Statutory Consultation periods will be provided in the Consultation Report submitted as part of the Application.

Table 7: Summary of pre-application consultation responses and how they are shaping the Application

Feedback theme	Applicant's response
The Applicant received feedback regarding increased noise and vibration caused by construction traffic.	<p>The Applicant is in the process of developing a framework Construction Environmental Management Plan and Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan, which will be submitted as part of the DCO application. These documents will set out the principles, controls, and measures to manage and mitigate the potential environmental impact during construction, including the impact of noise and vibration. The Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan will specifically set out measures to control construction HGV traffic.</p> <p>In addition, an Outline Construction Worker Management Plan is also being produced as part of the Application that will set out measures to reduce the impact of construction workers travelling to and from the Main Development Area.</p>
The Applicant received feedback regarding potential impacts on biodiversity in the nearby Deeside Nature Reserve.	<p>The Applicant is committed to taking steps to protect existing habitats and enhance biodiversity where possible. This includes working with Natural Resources Wales and local groups to maintain the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) on the land.</p> <p>While the Proposed Development aims to meet national energy needs, there is recognition of the importance of local wildlife and the ecological significance of the area. Standard practice mitigation measures will be put in place to ensure that impacts on biodiversity are carefully managed, and the importance of local ecological benefits is acknowledged.</p>
The Applicant received feedback regarding potential impacts on the Dee Estuary.	The Applicant has reduced the proposed works within the Water Connection Corridor that were potentially impacting the marine environment of the Dee Estuary. The works now comprise the replacement of eel screens and minor repairs to the existing cooling water infrastructure. This has significantly reduced the potential impacts compared with new infrastructure previously being considered.
The Applicant received feedback requesting more information on how the Proposed Development will bring community benefit and contribute to the local economy in Flintshire and North Wales.	The Applicant understands the importance of being a good neighbour and contributing to the local community. If consented and developed, the Proposed Development could contribute significantly to economic growth in the region, by providing skilled technical jobs and creating new opportunities during construction, along with potential opportunities through the wider supply chain.

Feedback theme	Applicant's response
	<p>As part of the Applicant's plans for the future of Connah's Quay, the education centre at the existing power station site is currently being redeveloped with the intention that it will play a part in helping local schools deliver STEM lessons.</p> <p>The Applicant acknowledges the suggestion for an open day for the local community and will strive to engage with the community effectively to foster positive relationships and ensure that local residents feel included in the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The Proposed Development has the potential to contribute up to £1.5bn to the UK economy, of which up to £811m could benefit the local area.</p> <p>The Applicant intends to ensure that the benefits of the Proposed Development extend beyond just economic impacts, fostering community well-being and development alongside its operational objectives.</p>
The Applicant received feedback pertaining to the visual impact of the Proposed Development.	<p>The proposed design will consider the overall appearance to as far as possible reduce visual impact, accepting the scale of the Proposed Development. To understand the potential impacts from a range of perspectives, the Applicant has conducted various studies into landscape and visual impacts. This includes computer modelling, desk-based assessments and field visits to determine how visible the new facility will be.</p>
	<p>The importance of thoughtful design and aesthetic integration to minimise detrimental views and preserve the local character of the area is acknowledged. The proposed design for the new CCGT power station will consider the overall appearance to reduce visual impact as much as possible.</p> <p>Community suggestions, such as painting the facility to blend with the surroundings and incorporating landscaping and vegetation, are valuable and will be explored further during the design development process. The final design will be determined during the Front End Engineering Design (FEED) which commenced at the end of December 2024.</p>
The Applicant received feedback on the legitimacy and safety of CCS technology	<p>Both the UK's Climate Change Committee (CCC) and the International Energy Agency have stated that carbon capture and storage (CCS/CCUS) is an essential component of a transition to net zero. And, to support this, under the previous government, the 2023 budget included a commitment of up to £20 billion to establish a CCUS sector in the UK, to help unlock economic opportunities and support investment in the sector. The current government in its manifesto committed a further £1bn and is legislating to create GB Energy which would include in its remit co-investment in power CCS.</p> <p>CO₂ is stored safely offshore deep underground, typically between 0.8km to 3km down, for thousands of years. CO₂ storage sites are carefully chosen to ensure the highest confidence in permanent storage and there is rigorous site</p>

Feedback theme	Applicant's response
	<p>characterisation, monitoring and verification procedures in place to ensure the CO₂ stays safely stored. These assessments and procedures are required by CCUS regulations before a project is allowed to proceed.</p> <p>Many of the potential storage site opportunities are large saline aquifers or depleted oil and gas fields which are well understood and have already stored gas and CO₂ naturally for millions of years.</p>
The Applicant received feedback on the inclusion of the Port of Mostyn and Ellesmere Port within the draft Order Limits	<p>The Port of Mostyn and Ellesmere Port were included within the draft Order Limits for temporary access and laydown of abnormal indivisible loads. The Applicant has now removed the Port of Mostyn and Ellesmere Port from the draft Order Limits and is continuing engagement with the Port of Mostyn for shipborne deliveries of abnormal indivisible loads.</p>
The Applicant received feedback opposing the development of a new gas-fired power station.	<p>To ensure the UK continues to have a secure and reliable power system as reliance on electricity continues to increase, more generation capacity will be needed. According to the UK's independent advisor on climate change, the Climate Change Committee (CCC), demand for electricity is forecast to increase by 50% by 2035. To meet this increasing demand and achieve the UK's decarbonisation goals, the CCC has also advised that a range of different technologies with both renewables and decarbonised generation, such as gas with CCS, will be needed to maintain a secure and stable supply of electricity.</p>
	<p>The proposed new CCGT power station with carbon capture at Connah's Quay would be able to flexibly and reliably generate low carbon power to meet the growing need for electricity, whenever it is required. The Proposed Development would play a crucial role in the future energy system, as it can help ensure that energy is available at times when it is needed most, and when power from renewable sources can't meet demand.</p>

7. Next steps

7.1 Stakeholder engagement

- 7.1.1 The Applicant is continuing to engage with key statutory bodies and host local authorities on any outstanding issues raised during or following the Statutory Consultation. This dialogue will continue as the Application is developed, finalised and submitted later this year.
- 7.1.2 The Applicant will continue to keep the local community and interested parties informed about the progress being made with the Application in the run up to and following submission. The Applicant will update the consultation website with information about the outcomes of the Statutory Consultation and will send email updates to those that signed up to the keep informed list.
- 7.1.3 Key stakeholders will also be sent the Programme Document, which is currently available on the Applicant's consultation website. This document outlines all activities undertaken during the pre-application stage of the Proposed Development, and further demonstrates the Applicant's compliance with the SoCC and the 2008 Act.

7.2 Statutory consultation responses

- 7.2.1 The Applicant is currently in the process of analysing all responses received as part of the Statutory Consultation. The Consultation Report will be produced in accordance with Section 37(3)(c) of the 2008 Act.
- 7.2.2 All feedback received during the consultation period is being processed into a secure database and then read and analysed. Thematically similar comments will be identified and grouped together into 'issues'. All comments per issue will then be summarised as 'issue statements' and considered by the Applicant.
- 7.2.3 The Applicant will consider all issues statements as part of the ongoing design process and assess how potential impacts of the Proposed Development can be avoided, managed or mitigated and how this mitigation should be secured through requirements in the Application that is submitted, while taking on board suggestions where possible and appropriate. The Applicant will actively engage with hard to reach groups and community organisations to ensure all seldom heard groups are aware of ongoing updates and upcoming opportunities to engage.
- 7.2.4 The Consultation Report will set out how the feedback from the consultation has shaped and influenced the final proposals. All feedback submitted during the Statutory Consultation will be responded to within the Consultation Report and included within the document with all personal details redacted. We will take reasonable care to comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the [Planning Inspectorate's Privacy Policy](#).

7.3 The Application

- 7.3.1 All stakeholders identified and contacted throughout the pre-application stage of the Proposed Development and those who signed up to be kept informed will be informed via email once the Application has been submitted. Within this, the Applicant will outline the next steps with regard to acceptance and

consideration of the Application, along with indicative timelines for all upcoming activities. The Applicant will also publish an update on the consultation website and send a press release to regional publications to disseminate the news to a wider audience.

8. Appendices

8.1 Appendix A: Flintshire County Council response to the draft SoCC

From [REDACTED]

Sent on: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 11:36:24 AM

To: connahsquaylcp <info@connahsquaylcp.co.uk>

Subject: RE: CQLCP draft Statement of Community Consultation

Dear [REDACTED]

Planning Act 2008 Section 47: Duty to Consult Local Community – Request for comments on the draft Statement of Community Consultation

Thank you for submission of the Draft Statement of Community Consultation. I have reviewed the document and have no comments to make.

Many Thanks



Uwch Swyddog Cynllunio | Senior Planning Officer

Gwasanaeth Cynllunio Mwynau a Gwastraff Gogledd Cymru | North Wales Minerals and Waste Planning Service

Cynllunio, Amgylchedd ac Economi | Planning, Environment & Economy

Cyngor Sir y Fflint | Flintshire County Council



<http://www.siryfflnt.gov.uk> | <http://www.flintshire.gov.uk>

<http://www.twitter.com/csyfflnt> | <http://www.twitter.com/flintshirecc>



Gyda'n gilydd gallwn ni i gyd helpu i gadw Sir y Fflint yn ddiogel

Together we can all help to keep Flintshire safe

8.2 Appendix B: Cheshire West and Chester Council response to the draft SoCC and the Applicant's response to feedback

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 6:00 PM
To: connahsquaylcp <info@connahsquaylcp.co.uk>
Subject: RE: CQLCP draft Statement of Community Consultation

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for the correspondence. A couple of comments/queries on the document are provided below. I would be happy to discuss these further should you wish.

- It is critical that the timing of the consultation takes place following the publication of sufficient information on the project to enable a proper engagement and that the PEIR is sufficiently detailed in this regard. It would be useful to understand what level of information would be provided and also whether, if the proposals change during the course of the pre-application process what, if any, consideration will be given to targeted consultation on the changes.
- In terms of the consultees, consideration should be given to including ORIGIN Ellesmere Port who represent the business interests of many of the employers in and adjacent to the order limits in Ellesmere Port. This can, however, be managed through contacts internally within the Council though any response will be independent.
- There is likely to be environmental (specifically ecological and visual) impacts on the eastern side of the Dee estuary but outside of the consultation zone. Has any consideration been given to undertaking a targeted consultation with environmental groups (e.g. RSPB Burton Mere) in this area?

I would be happy to discuss these further should you wish.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Principal Planning Officer (Team Leader)

Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council

Email [REDACTED]

Visit: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

From: connahsquaylcp <info@connahsquaylcp.co.uk>
Sent on: Monday, September 16, 2024 4:31:58 PM
To: [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CQLCP draft Statement of Community Consultation

Dear [REDACTED]

First, we would like to apologise for the delay in responding to your comments. The consultation timeline was delayed internally, and we wanted to ensure that we could come back to you with firm answers to the points you raised.

Thank you for your feedback on the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). We appreciate your thorough review and constructive comments.

Below, we've addressed the key points raised:

Comment	Regard Had
The timing of the consultation takes place following the publication of sufficient information on the project to enable a proper engagement and the PEIR is sufficiently detailed in this regard	We can confirm that the consultation will follow the publication of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), and the PEIR will be sufficiently detailed to enable proper engagement with consultees. A Non-Technical Summary (NTS) will also be made available to ensure that key information is accessible to all, as well as a Consultation Brochure, which will explain the project in a clear and straightforward way. As per Section 6.4 of the SoCC, all Statutory Consultation documents will be available online, on the project consultation website, and in hard copy at information points and in-person events. Documents can be made available in alternative formats, such as braille, speaking text, or alternative language, upon request. To note, CWACC will be notified shortly of the confirmed dates for the Statutory Consultation.
It would be useful to understand what level of information would be provided.	We believe the NTS and PEIR will provide an appropriate level of detail given the stage the project is at. The subsequent ES and DCO application will take into account design development, further surveys and assessments, public consultation feedback and technical engagement. We are committed to keeping all stakeholders well-informed and ensuring that the information provided is both relevant and accessible.
If the proposals change during the course of the pre-application process what, if any, consideration will be given to targeted consultation on the changes.	If, following the Statutory Consultation, we consider it is necessary to undertake further targeted or supplementary consultation, this would be undertaken, so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in the Statement of Community Consultation.
Consideration should be given to including ORIGIN Ellesmere Port.	Thank you for highlighting ORIGIN Ellesmere Port. We will liaise with them as one of the non-statutory consultee groups we intend to engage with in the run-up to the Statutory Consultation. As non-statutory consultees, they will be contacted at the launch of the consultation and will be kept informed about the proposals.
There is likely to be environmental (specifically ecological and visual) impacts on the eastern side of the Dee Estuary.	We acknowledge your concerns regarding potential environmental impacts, particularly ecological and visual effects on the eastern side of the Dee Estuary. While this area lies outside primary consultation zone, we have also developed a Secondary Consultation Zone (SCZ) to ensure all individuals, communities, and organisations in the wider north west region are able to participate in the Statutory Consultation.
Has any consideration been given to undertaking a targeted consultation with environmental groups (e.g. RSPB Burton Mere) in this area?	Within the SCZ we will raise awareness using a number of methods, such as advertising and a press release sent out to the local media, and engagement with parish and town councils. This is outlined in Section 6.5 of the SoCC. There are also planned to be three deposit locations in the SCZ. We have mapped out a number of stakeholder groups that we will engage with that cover the eastern side of the Dee Estuary, as well as other environmental consultee groups – these are outlined in Appendix A of the SoCC and in our comprehensive stakeholder mapping, which we have undertaken for the project. This includes Dee Estuary Conservation Group (DECg). If there are any additional groups that we should engage with, please do let us know.

8.3 Appendix C: Flintshire County Council AoCM response

Chief Officer
(Planning, Environment &
Economy)
Prif Swyddog (Cynllunio,
Amgylchedd aq Economi)



Sent by email to:-
info@connahsquaylcp.co.uk

Your Ref/Eich	EN010166
Our Ref/Ein	[REDACTED]
Date/Dyddiad	23/01/2025
Ask for/Gofynnner	[REDACTED]
Direct Dial/Rhif	[REDACTED]
Fax/Ffa	[REDACTED]
E-mail/e-bost	[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 37 (Pre-Application)

Application by Uniper UK Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power

Adequacy of Consultation Request

I write on behalf of Flintshire County Council in response to your email dated 15 January 2025 requesting the Council's views on the adequacy of the consultation for the above project in advance your drafting of the Consultation Report and Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Report following commitments made in the statement of community consultation (SoCC) and the Programme Document. The approach follows Government published guidance 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectus' (May 2024).

I can confirm that:

Flintshire County Council received a letter dated 2 October 2024 which gave notice of the formal pre-application consultation period and invited comments on the proposed Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power project ("the proposed development"), Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and associated consultation documents in accordance with the provisions of Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008. The Statutory Consultation closed on Tuesday 19 November 2024.

During the statutory consultation period, it is understood that a number of 'in person' and virtual consultation events took place as prescribed within the project's statement of community consultation (SoCC) and the Programme Document.

County Hall, Mold, CH7 6NB
www.flintshire.gov.uk
Neuadd y Sir, Yr Wyddgrug, CH7 6NB
www.siryfflnt.gov.uk

We welcome correspondence in Welsh. We will respond to correspondence received in Welsh without delay.
Rydym yn croesawu goheithio Gymraeg. Ymstebwn yn ddi-oed i goheithio a ddarlynnir dswy gyfrwng y Gymraeg.



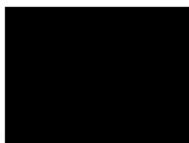
Details of the various events were also publicised within the project's newsletter and on the project's website.

There has been regular contact with my officer [REDACTED] in relation to the pre-application consultation and also in relation to the content of the SoCC.

Furthermore, meetings have taken place between Flintshire County Council Officers and the project consultants throughout the pre-application process to shape the proposed development and design.

In conclusion, the Council is satisfied with the activity to date and considers that guidance provided by the Council has been followed. Subsequently there is no objection to the adequacy of consultation undertaken for the above project so far.

Yours sincerely



Chief Officer (Planning, Environment & Economy)
Prif Swyddog (Cynllunio, Amgylchedd ac Economi)

