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Dyddiad/Date: 19 December 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

## **PROPOSED CONNAH'S QUAY LOW CARBON POWER PROJECT**

**PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: EN010166**

### **PROCEDURAL DEADLINE A**

Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC) / Natural Resources Wales (NRW) are writing in response to the Rule 4, 6, 9 and 13 letter that was issued on Tuesday 9 December 2025. Please find below NRW's position with regard the Preliminary Meeting (PM) and Issue-Specific Hearings (ISH) 1 and 2.

### **The Preliminary Meeting**

NRW wish to register as an attendee to observe the Preliminary Meeting being held on Tuesday 13 January 2026. NRW will attend virtually.

#### *Names and email address of case officers:*

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Regarding the timetable put forward by the Examining Authority (ExA) NRW respectfully request that the deadline of 27 January 2026 for submission of Written Representations (WRs) be moved back by two weeks to accommodate the forthcoming Christmas break. The ExA will be aware that the Written Representations are evidentially substantive and NRW wish to ensure that appropriate time is given to their drafting by all relevant internal teams and advisors. There will be a limitation in terms of resource over the two-week Christmas break, and we would be grateful if the ExA could accommodate additional time for this reason. This would also allow time for any comments on the Habitats Regulations derogation

case (due to be submitted to the ExA by 30 December) which will be material to the issues raised in our Relevant Representations (RR).

NRW does not wish to raise any further matters at the PM and therefore will attend in an "observing only" capacity. However, in view of our position regarding the WRs we would be willing to speak if required by the ExA.

### **Issue Specific Hearings 1 and 2**

NRW will not be registering to actively participate in ISH 1 or ISH 2 on Tuesday 13 January and Wednesday 14 January, however, we would like to attend so as to observe and make a record of the matters raised.


Our decision to not participate in the ISHs is due to the first set of hearings taking place prior to Deadline 1, specifically the deadline for receipt by the ExA of WRs and Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs). NRW consider that the time period in which the hearings are taking place is critical in terms of finalising WRs and SoCGs for submission into the examination. NRW's WR will form its main body of evidence to the examination of the case. Furthermore, we consider that NRW's RR were sufficiently detailed to inform the examination at this stage, and therefore, currently, we do not have further information to provide at either ISH.

NRW will consider its attendance at future hearings if necessary and appropriate, at that point in time.

We hope that the above is helpful.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

  
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