



## Planning Inspectorate Arolygiaeth Gyllunio

### Application by Uniper UK for an order granting development consent for the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power Project (EN010166)

#### Agenda for issue specific hearing (ISH2):

Notification of the date, time, and venue for this issue specific hearing 2 (ISH2) was provided in annex E to the Examining Authority's (ExAs) [Rule 6](#) letter [PD-008] dated 9 December 2025.

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
<b>Issue specific hearing 2 (ISH2)</b>	<b>Wednesday 14 January 2026</b>  <b>Hearing starts at 1000hrs</b>  Registration and seating available at venue from 0930hrs and virtual registration process from 0945hrs	Village Hotel - Chester St David's  St. David's Park, Ewloe, Deeside CH5 3YB  and  By virtual means using Microsoft Teams  Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered

#### Agenda

##### 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing

##### 2. Purpose of the issue specific hearing

The ExA will explain the purpose of the hearing, during which it will seek responses from the Applicant and IPs. IPs will also be invited to ask questions in regards to the topics and themes relating to the proposed development brought up at the hearing.

##### 3. Ecology

The Applicant will be asked to briefly describe their assessment findings regarding terrestrial and aquatic ecology impacts of the proposed development, and the specific mitigation measures they propose.

The ExA will then ask questions to understand the nature and scope of these assessments, impacts and mitigation measures; and then seek the views from other IPs present should they wish to raise them.

<b>3.1.</b>	<b>Existing habitats and designated sites overview</b>
<b>3.2.</b>	<b>Site- and species-specific impacts</b>
<b>3.3.</b>	<b>Provision of new habitats and future management of nature sites</b>

#### **4. Traffic and Transport**

The Applicant will be asked to provide a very brief overview of their assessment of the impacts, including effects on the local community especially during construction, wider impacts on the strategic highway network, planned movements of abnormal indivisible loads (AIL) and associated risks impact to marine and aviation transport.

The ExA will ask questions regarding these issues and then seek the views from other IPs present should they wish to raise them.

<b>4.1.</b>	<b>Traffic assessments and impacts on the local community and strategic highway network</b>
<b>4.2.</b>	<b>Disturbance to public footpaths and access to the existing wildlife site and hides</b>
<b>4.3.</b>	<p><b>AIL movements arrangements including frequency, routing, access negotiations, compulsory acquisition land arrangements</b></p> <p><i>Note: This is not a compulsory acquisition hearing and the details of specific affected persons will not be discussed, rather the general approach to AIL routing and requirements.</i></p>
<b>4.4.</b>	<b>Associated transport impacts including marine and aviation navigation risks</b>

#### **5. Review of issues, actions arising and next steps**

#### **6. Any other business**

#### **7. Close of the hearing**

## Purpose of ISH

This early hearing on the topics of Ecology, Traffic and Transport is being held to address matters and questions identified by the ExA through its assessment of the documentation provided to date to date, and during the formulation of the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues as set out in annex C of the [Rule 6](#) letter [PD-008].

The ExA considers that it would be expedient to examine these matters orally at the outset of the Examination in order to ensure that the principal issues of Ecology, Traffic and Transport can be explored as early as possible.

The main purpose of this hearing is to examine the issues identified early on in the submitted documentation and explore the assessments that have been undertaken and their consideration by IPs and other statutory consultees.

The purpose of this hearing is to explore the themes of Ecology, Traffic and Transport and the impacts, effects and any proposed mitigation measures that the applicant has identified with regards to the proposed development of the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power project. I would also like to hear from the other Interested Parties (IPs) present with their views and any queries that they may have for the examination.

In particular, with regards to Ecology I would like to consider:

- The proposed development's impact on existing habitats and designated sites, and the mitigation proposed
- These impacts and mitigation with regards to specific sites and species at these sites; and
- The provision of new habitats and how these and the existing sites will be managed in the future

And with regards to Traffic and Transport I would like to consider:

- The potential impacts on the local community and wider road network from the proposed development including the planned movement of abnormal indivisible loads (AILs)
- Any disturbance or disruption to public rights of way during the proposed development; and,
- Any associated risks to other transport arrangement for marine or aviation travel.

The agenda provided above is indicative and may be subject to change on the day.

Discussion at the hearing may refer to the following documents, amongst others, an electronic or hard copy of which participants should have to hand:

- Works Plan [APP-011]
- Statutory and Non-statutory Sites or Features of Nature Conservation, and Important Habitat Plan [APP-017]
- Chapter 11 Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecology [APP-049]
- Chapter 10 Traffic and Transport [APP-048]

## Attendees

The ExA would find it helpful if the following parties could attend this hearing.

- Applicant
- Flintshire County Council
- Local Town and Community Councils
- Natural Resources Wales
- Natural England
- Deeside Naturalist Society
- Welsh Assembly Government
- Maritime and Coastguard Agency
- Hawarden Airport (Airbus)
- Other

However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All interested parties (IP) are invited to attend and make oral representations on the matters set out in the agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the hearing.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail to assist the parties to prepare for the hearing. The details set out above are indicative and the ExA may find it necessary to include additional agenda items or to amend the order in which the items are dealt with.

Anyone wishing to attend the hearing in person, who has not already advised the case team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the hearing can therefore view and listen to the hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

## Registration process

Parties who have registered to speak (both in person and virtually) will receive a joining instruction email shortly before the hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the hearing to start on time at **1000hrs** those attending virtually should join promptly at **0945hrs** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the registration process in good time.

## Procedure at ISH

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at hearings. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of a person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it

is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that an IP has had a fair chance to put its case.

The hearing will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all those present have had their say and that all matters have been covered. If there are additional matters to be dealt with, it may be necessary to defer some matters to written questions. The evidence presented orally at ISH2 should be included in post-hearing submissions and submitted by **Deadline 1** (27 January 2026).

### **Welsh language**

We welcome contributions in Welsh during the examination. Translation facilities will be present at any hearings held, to allow those present to make contributions in Welsh, if they wish to do so.

Rydym yn croesawu cyfraniadau yn Gymraeg yn ystod yr arholiad. Bydd cyfleusterau cyfieithu yn bresennol mewn unrhyw wrandawiadau a gynhelir, er mwyn caniatáu i'r rhai sy'n bresennol wneud cyfraniadau yn Gymraeg, os ydynt yn dymuno gwneud hynny