



Planning Inspectorate
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Preliminary meeting note

Application: Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power Project
Reference: EN010166
Time and date: 10.00am on 13 January 2026
Venue: Village Hotel - Chester St David's St. David's Park, Ewloe, Deeside CH5 3YB and Microsoft Teams

This meeting note is not a full transcript of the preliminary meeting. It is a summary of the key points discussed.

1. Welcome and Introduction

Nick Ely welcomed those present and introduced himself as the single Examining Authority (ExA) appointed to examine the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power Project application.

The ExA explained the appointment was made by delegation from the Secretary of State (SoS) for the Department of Department for Energy Security & Net Zero on 26 September 2025.

The application, submitted by Uniper UK Limited (the applicant), will be examined by the ExA. The ExA will then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will ultimately decide whether to grant development consent for the proposed project, which is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

The ExA explained the purpose of the preliminary meeting (PM) and noted that the Examination will commence after the PM closes.

The ExA confirmed that all documents and submissions received and accepted during the examination will be published on the project-specific page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

2. Audio recording

The video recording of this PM is available on the National Infrastructure Planning website and can be accessed [here](#)

3. General Data Protection Regulation

The ExA explained the Planning Inspectorate's duties under General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Further info relating to the GDPR can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's ['Privacy Note'](#).

4. Examination process

The ExA briefly explained the examination process under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008), further info can be found:

- ['Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: What to expect at a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project event'](#)
- ['Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Registering to speak at, or attend, an event'](#)

5. Initial assessment of principal issues

The ExA explained the purpose of the initial assessment of principal issues (section 88 of the PA2008), which can be found in [annex B](#) of the [rule 6 letter](#) of 9 December 2025 and asked for any observations on them.

No comments have been made by any of the parties in attendance.

6. Examination Timetable

The ExA noted requests, already received in writing, to amend the draft examination timetable contained in [annex C](#) of [rule 6 letter](#) and also welcomed further suggestions from the parties in attendance.

All comments received were duly noted by the ExA and considerations will be reflected in the rule 8 letter.

The examination timetable can be found in the [rule 8](#) letter published on [date](#).

- **Flintshire County Council (FCC):** Expressed concern at hearing these changes for the first time and may comment further as the examination progresses. It also raised issues with the timing of Deadline 1 and Deadline 4 regarding the change request and preparation of Statements of Common Ground.
- **FCC Local Impact Report (LIR):** The ExA confirmed they would accept FCC's current LIR if formal approval cannot be obtained in time.
- **Climate Change Session:** Andrew Boswell requested a dedicated climate change hearing, proposing this take place on 16 March. The ExA noted this would be considered and would be confirmed in the rule 8 letter.

7. Hearings and site inspections

The ExA clarified the purpose of:

- Issue specific hearings
- Compulsory acquisition hearings
- Open floor hearings
- Accompanied site inspections

- Unaccompanied site inspections

The ExA sought comments on the arrangements for the above events. These were duly noted and considered by the ExA. Further information relating to hearings and site inspections can be found linked below:

- ['Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: What to expect at a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project event'](#)
- ['Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Registering to speak at, or attend, an event'](#)

Jennifer Hugh invited the ExA to visit their land during site inspections to understand the development's effects from their viewpoint

8. Procedural decisions

The ExA clarified the procedural decisions made under section 89(3) of the PA2008 and asked for any observations. Procedural decisions can be found in [annex F](#) of the [rule 6 letter](#).

No comments have been made by any of the parties in attendance.