



## **Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power Project**

### **Royal Mail Written Representation at Examination at Deadline 3 - 10 March 2026**

**Interested Party Registration ref:** [REDACTED]

#### **1.0 Introduction**

As set out in its Relevant Representation submitted on 21 October 2025, Royal Mail supports this scheme but is seeking to ensure that its road-based operations are not adversely impacted by construction traffic and any changes to local highway capacity during the scheme's construction phase. Any such impacts have potential to interfere with Royal Mail's ability to meet its service delivery targets as a provider of the Universal Postal Service under the Postal Services Act 2011.

Royal Mail and its consultant BNP Paribas Real Estate have reviewed the Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) dated January 2026. It is noted and welcomed from the proposed amendments to section 5.1.1 of this document that Royal Mail has been added to the list of relevant parties for planned liaison and communication alongside FCC, National Highways, Cheshire West and Chester Council, and North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent. However, this reference alone does not go far enough to mitigate the potential construction phase risks to Royal Mail. More structured and regular communication specifically with Royal Mail is requested, as set out in Royal Mail's Relevant Representation and repeated in this written representation.

#### **2.0 Statutory and operational information about Royal Mail**

Under section 35 of the Postal Services Act 2011 (the "Act"), Royal Mail has been designated by Ofcom as a provider of the Universal Postal Service. Royal Mail is the only such provider in the United Kingdom. The Act provides that Ofcom's primary regulatory duty is to secure the provision of the Universal Postal Service. Ofcom discharges this duty by imposing regulatory conditions on Royal Mail, requiring it to provide the Universal Postal Service.

The Act includes a set of minimum standards for Universal Service Providers, which Ofcom must secure. The conditions imposed by Ofcom reflect those standards. Royal Mail is under some of the highest specification performance obligations for quality of service in Europe. Its performance of the Universal Service Provider obligations is in the public interest and this should not be affected detrimentally by any statutorily authorised project.

Royal Mail's postal sorting and delivery operations rely heavily on road communications. Its ability to provide efficient mail collection, sorting and delivery to the public is sensitive to changes in the capacity of the highway network.

Royal Mail is a major road user nationally. Disruption to the highway network and traffic delays can have direct consequences on Royal Mail's operations, its ability to meet the Universal Service Obligation and comply with the regulatory regime for postal services thereby presenting a significant risk to Royal Mail's business.



### 3.0 Relevant Royal Mail Operational information

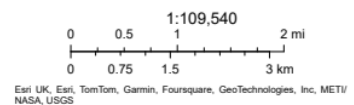
There are six Royal Mail operational properties within 10km of Connah's Quay as listed below:

1. Flint Delivery Office c.3.5km
2. Flint Aber Parking c 3.7km
3. Deeside Delivery Office c 3.6km
4. Deeside Parcel Force Local Depot c 5.3km
5. Mold Delivery Office c7.8km
6. Mold Par c 7.8km

The locations of the closest four of these are identified on the plan below:



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Advance notification of works that affect the highway network by Uniper UK Limited or its contractors will help Royal Mail's operational managers to limit and mitigate their impacts on Royal Mail operations.

### 4.0 Summary of Royal Mail's position on the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power Project as at Deadline 3

Royal Mail supports the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power Project, but as a provider of the Universal Postal Service under the Postal Services Act 2011 it is also seeking to take all reasonable steps to protect its operational interests from adverse impacts that may arise from the construction phase of this scheme.



To do this, Royal Mail requests that:

1. the CTMP should include specific requirements that during the construction phase Royal Mail is notified by Uniper UK Limited or its contractors at least one month in advance on any proposed road closures / diversions / alternative access arrangements, hours of working;
2. where road closures / diversions are proposed, Uniper UK Limited or its contractors liaise with Royal Mail at least one month in advance to identify and make available alternative highway routes for operational use, where possible; and
3. cumulative highways impact from other major developments in the surrounding area is fully addressed by Uniper UK Limited.

Any queries in relation to the above representation should be directed to:

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