



Planning Inspectorate
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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 (ISH3):

Notification of the date, time, and venue for this issue specific hearing 3 (ISH3) was provided in annex C to the Examining Authority's (ExAs) [Rule 8](#) letter [PD-010] dated 20 January 2026.

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue specific hearing 3 (ISH3) regarding air quality, ecology, water environment and flood risk	Tuesday 17 March 2026 Hearing starts at 1000hrs 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 Interested Parties (IPs). IPs will also be invited to ask questions of clarification in relation to issues regarding air quality, ecology, water environment and flood risk.

3. Air quality

The Applicant will be asked to update the ExA on the theme of air quality including any proposed changes to stack heights, emissions and deposition and surrounding communities and designated sites.

The ExA will then ask questions to understand the details regarding any changes in air quality and seek the views of other IPs present should they so wish.

3.1.	Proposed changes to stack heights and updates on any subsequent dispersal and deposition of particles from the operation of the proposed development.
3.2.	Likely deposition of particles and air quality at adjacent residential sites.
3.3.	Likely deposition of particles and air quality at adjacent designated sites.

4. Ecology

The Applicant will be asked to provide an update on the assessment of ecological impacts at flora and fauna adjacent to the site. Specifically, the ExA is seeking to understand the proposed impacts on European designated sites, and the mitigation or compensation measures that are being proposed and how this meets the requirements of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 as amended (known as the Habitats Regulations).

The ExA will the ask questions to explore this issue and seek the views from other IPs present should they so wish:

4.1.	Review the likely impacts on all flora and fauna affected by the proposed development.
4.2.	Review the mitigation measures proposed due to these impacts.
4.3.	Review the specific measures proposed to address the impacts noted on European designated sites and whether this meets the criteria for mitigation or compensation as described in the appropriate legislation.

5. Water environment and flood risk

The Applicant will be asked to update the ExA on the flood and coastal erosion risks faced by the proposed development over its anticipated life; and clarify the likely water abstraction and discharge arrangement and requirements of the proposed development and the likely effects on the adjacent water bodies.

The ExA will the ask questions regarding this issue and seek the views from other IPs present should they so wish:

5.1.	The current and future coastal flood risk of the site of the proposed development and the methodology and range of considerations taken in assessing this risk.
5.2.	The current and future coastal erosion risk of the site of the proposed development and the methodology and range of considerations taken in assessing this risk.
5.3.	The abstraction requirements of the proposed development and the likely impacts on the adjacent water bodies.
5.4.	The discharge requirements of the proposed development and the likely impacts on the adjacent water bodies.

6. Review of issues, actions arising and next steps

7. Any other business

8. Close of the hearing

Purpose of ISH

This hearing on air quality, ecology, water environment and flood risk is to allow the ExA to further explore the assessment of the documentation and proposals submitted to date and the issues raised and set out in annex C of the [Rule 6](#) letter [PD-008].

I would like to consider the specific issues identified above and gain a better understanding of the assessment of these topics, the residual risks and measures that have been proposed to mitigate or compensate for them.

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

Attendees

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

- Applicant
- Flintshire County Council
- Natural Resources Wales
- Environment Agency
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- Deeside Naturalist Society

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 ISH3 should be included in post-hearing submissions and submitted by **Deadline 4** (31 March 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