



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 open floor hearing (OFH1):

Notification of the date, time, and venue for this open floor specific hearing 1 (OFH1) 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
Open floor hearing 1 (OFH1)	Tuesday 17 March 2026 Hearing starts at 1600hrs Registration and seating available at venue from 1530hrs and virtual registration process from 1545hrs	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**
- 3. Oral submissions from interested parties (IPs) and non-IPs**
 - Each IP who has indicated a wish to speak will be invited forward in turn.
 - Following registered IPs any non-IP who has attended the hearing and indicated a wish to speak will be given an opportunity to.
 - Dependant on the number of IPs and non-IPs expressing a wish to speak, a maximum speaking time of five minutes may be applied to oral submissions made by individual IPs and non-IPs and a maximum speaking time of ten minutes may be applied to oral submissions made by organisations, groups, or representatives of a number of individual parties.
 - The ExA may ask questions about matters arising from oral submissions. If it does so during a timed oral submission, the time taken by the ExA will not count against the allocated speaking time.
- 4. Responses by the Applicant**
 - The Applicant will be invited to respond to matters raised and to questions arising from the ExA either orally after all IPs and Non-IPs have spoken, or in writing by Deadline 4 on Tuesday 31 March 2026.
- 5. Close of the hearing**

Purpose of OFH

This open floor hearing (OFH) has been scheduled to allow the ExA to hear from any IPs or non-IPs who wish to make oral representations to the ExA and put across their views with regards to the proposed development. It is noted that a formal request to hold an OFH has not been received by the ExA but it is acknowledged that a number of IPs in close proximity to the proposed development have submitted relevant representations and may wish for the opportunity to make additional submissions in person to the ExA at an OFH.

OFHs do not have subject-matter controlled agendas and participants may raise any matters arising from the application that are important and relevant to the decision taken under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008).

All speaking slots may be time limited for reasons of fairness. The ExA may remind you to conclude approximately one minute before the end of your allotted speaking time. Anyone who is not able to provide all their oral submissions by the close of the hearing should follow it up in writing.

OFHs aim to identify planning issues that are important and relevant. Once an issue has been identified it does not necessarily need to be repeated. It is sufficient to say that you agree with something a previous speaker has raised.

Attendees

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 **1600hrs** those attending virtually should join promptly at **1545hrs** 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 OFH1 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