



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 (ISH4):

Notification of the date, time, and venue for this issue specific hearing 4 (ISH4) 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 4 (ISH4) regarding landscape and visual amenity; and climate change	Wednesday 18 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 landscape and visual amenity; and climate change.

3. Landscape and visual amenity

The Applicant will be asked to update the ExA on the theme of landscape and visual amenity.

The ExA will then ask questions to understand the mitigations that have been implemented and impact the proposed development might have on the wider landscape and other visual receptors. The ExA will then seek the views of other IPs present should they so wish.

3.1.	The measures taken to ensure the proposed development has the minimal residual impact in the local landscape but also seeks to meet the need for “good design”.
3.2.	The assessment of the impact on visual amenity from the viewpoints provided and those viewing sites that have not currently been assessed.

4. Climate change

The Applicant will be asked to provide an update on the assessment of the potential for the proposed development to contribute towards and mitigate for the effects of climate change.

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

4.1.	The proposed development’s potential contribution to worsening of climate change effects including upstream and downstream emissions resulting from its operation.
4.2.	The proposed development’s potential contribution to mitigating for climate change effects resulting from its operation and replacement of other technologies.

5. Review of issues, actions arising and next steps

6. Any other business

7. Close of the hearing

Purpose of ISH

This hearing on the themes of landscape and visual amenity; and climate change 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]. In addition it is to address concerns raised by various IPs regarding these themes and hear how the Applicant has or plans to address 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
- Climate Emergency Science Law (Dr Boswell)

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