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Dear [REDACTED]

**Application by Uniper UK for an order granting development consent for the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power Project (EN010166)**

**Planning Act 2008 – section 89(3)**

**Procedural decision – Acceptance of change request**

Following the notification by the applicant of the intent to submit a change request in respect of the development consent order application for the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power project on 9 January 2026, a formal change request submission has been submitted by the applicant on 10 March 2026.

The applicant has proposed six changes to the application [CR1-118] which are:

1. Reduction of land acquisition powers
2. Alignment of CO2 connection corridor landscape plan with the HyNet CO2 pipeline project
3. Land designation adjustment
4. Reduction in heat recovery steam generator stack and carbon capture plant absorber heights
5. Relocation of the contractors' facilities
6. Proposed hardstanding expansion at Connah's Quay north jetty

The applicant has provided updates to all necessary application documents along with a consultation report and change application report [CR1-001] to [CR1-122] which includes its own assessment of the impact of the proposed changes. The applicant has concluded that the proposed changes are not so substantial that they constitute a materially different proposal to that submitted and accepted for examination and that there remains sufficient time to examine the application with the proposed changes.

The applicant has also set out their reasons why they consider that even though they propose a change to the order limits, that as no additional compulsory acquisition powers are sought, the additional procedures set out in the compulsory acquisition regulations are not required to be undertaken.

The ExA has considered the additional submissions and concluded that the proposed changes would not constitute a project that would be materially different to the project for which development consent was originally sought. Therefore, the ExA considers that the proposed changes are non-material in nature. As such, no formal acceptance, notice, consultation (other than the targeted consultation already undertaken by the applicant), or related processes are required before the ExA can examine the application as amended.

On this basis, the ExA has decided to accept the applicant's proposed changes for Examination. This decision by the ExA does not imply that it agrees with the evidence submitted pertaining to the effects of the proposed development. Indeed, the effects will be examined with the same rigour as the original application.

The ExA recognises that in considering whether to accept the proposed changes for Examination, it is required to act reasonably and in accordance with the principles of natural justice. Applying the advice in Advice Note 16, the ExA is content that there will be sufficient opportunity during the remaining Examination process for all relevant Interested and statutory Parties to view the changes, for representations to be made in relation to the changes, and for any representations to be taken into account by the ExA.

A Procedural Decision has been taken by the Examining Authority (ExA) following the applicant's request of a formal change to accept this change request.

If you have any queries on these matters, please do not hesitate to contact our office using the contact details at the head of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

Nick Ely  
**Examining Authority**

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