

Planning Act 2008
FCC Deadline 5 Response
Interested Party Ref: [REDACTED]
ExA Ref: EN010166



**Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power
NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT
FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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Flintshire County Council response to the Applicant's Response to the information submitted at Deadline 4.

Submitted at Deadline 5 – Tuesday 21 April 2026

Proposal:	Application by Uniper UK Limited for a Development Consent Order
Prepared by:	[REDACTED], Senior Planning Officer, Flintshire County Council
Date:	21 April 2026

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

The Interested Party Flintshire County Council’s (FCC) comments on submissions received by Examining Authority at Deadline 4.

Dated: 21 April 2026 Deadline 5

The summary table below sets out the Council’s position on submissions made by the applicant received by Examining Authority in Deadline 4.

The comments provided below are made without prejudice and with the Council reserves the right to provide further comment should the evidence base be further updated or project change. The Council’s comments for Deadline 5 are entered in the right-hand column.

Table 1-1 – Flintshire County Council’s (FCC) position on submissions made by the applicant at Examining Authority’s at Deadline 4

Topic and document reference	Reason for Submission	FCC’s response
Document Ref. 6.2.15 – ES Chapter 15: Chapter 15: Landscape and Visual Amenity, Rev 02 (clean and tracked) [Landscape Plume Assessment]	Updated to reflect the Applicant’s response to Local Impact Report (LIR) [REP3-058] (Reference 16.43).	Noted. No further comments to make. Position is outlined as resolved in SoCG.
Document Ref. 6.3 – ES Figures 15-31 - 15-38 Landscape Annotated Photography, Rev 00	Updated to reflect the Applicant’s response to Local Impact Report (LIR) [REP3-058] (Reference 16.28).	Noted. No further comments to make
Document Ref. 6.4 – ES Appendix 11-D: Ornithology Technical Appendix Rev 01 (CONFIDENTIAL - clean and tracked)	Updated to reflect the Applicant’s response to Local Impact Report (LIR) [REP3-058] (Reference 16.168).	Noted. No further comments to make

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Document Ref. 6.4 – ES Appendix 11-D: Ornithology Technical Appendix, Rev 01 (REDACTED - clean and tracked)	Updated to reflect the Applicant's response to Local Impact Report (LIR) [REP3-058] (Reference 16.168).	Noted. No further comments to make
Document Ref. 6.4 – ES Appendix 15-G: Arboriculture Impact Assessment, Rev 01 (clean and tracked)	As noted in the Change Application Report – Schedule of Application Documents [CR1-122], the Arboriculture Impact Assessment figure in Annex A (Tree Constraints Plan) used the original Order limits, and is now being updated at Deadline 4 to reflect the amended Order limits in the Change Application. There are no other changes within this document and as a result the tracked file does not show any tracked changes.	Noted. No further comments to make
Document Ref. 6.9 - Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan, Rev 03 (clean and tracked)	Updated to reflect multiple Applicant's responses to LIR [REP3-058].	<p>HRA-relevant mitigation measures should be secured through enforceable DCO requirements and approved plans. Deferring key detail to post-consent strategies is not sufficient where that detail is necessary at Examination to support conclusions on LSE/AEoI.</p> <p>Critical (for HRA purposes) to clearly distinguish mitigation relied upon in the HRA from compensation.</p> <p>Position is outlined in SoCG.</p>
Document Ref 6.11 – Green Infrastructure Statement, Rev 02 (clean and tracked)	Updated to reflect multiple Applicant's responses to LIR [REP3-058].	The NBB approach and baseline data does not follow 'standard best practice' for projects in Wales. Information is currently insufficiently detailed to inform a DECCA assessment. The assessment further contains inconsistencies and uncertainty identified by the Council and NRW.

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		Position is outlined in SoCG.
Document Ref. 6.13 – Curlew Mitigation Strategy, Rev 01 (clean and tracked)]	Updated to reflect Applicant's response to the ExQ [PD-012] (Question 9.28) and correct minor inconsistencies.	The HRA-relevant mitigation measures should be secured through enforceable DCO requirements and approved plans. FCC does not agree that deferring key detail to post-consent strategies is sufficient where that detail is necessary at Examination to support conclusions on LSE/AEoI. Position is outlined in SoCG.
Document Ref. 6.14 – Off-site Net Benefit for Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure Strategy, Rev 02 (clean and tracked)	Updated to reflect multiple Applicant's responses to LIR [REP3-058].	The NBB assessment is not currently demonstrated to be appropriate. The documentation does not yet provide a complete and internally consistent evidence base to support conclusions on the proposal outcomes. Position is outlined in SoCG.
Document Ref. 9.18 – Applicant's Response to Deadline 3 Submissions, Rev 00	This document has been submitted to provide the Applicant's comments on the Deadline 3 submissions made by Interested Parties.	Noted. No further comments to make
Document Ref. 9.24 – Community and Local Benefits Statement, Rev 00	This document is submitted in response to Action Point 2 in Document Ref. 9.20.	FCC are reassured to see this submission. The document commits to: <i>"The exact nature and operation of the benefit fund will be finalised following further engagement with local stakeholders and will be formalised through a Community Fund Agreement. At this stage, the Applicant anticipates that the scope of the benefit fund could include the following, but this would be guided by local stakeholders:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>STEM engagement and promotion, as well as education initiatives;</i>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Promotion of health and wellbeing in the local community;</i> • Enhancements to public rights of way and footpaths; and • Nature enhancement and improved access to the natural environment.” <p>FCC retain concern on the commitment to deliver the last two bullet points (marked in bold) and seek reassurance that there will be a trigger, or a requirement in the DCO to deliver these community benefits. If not, we question the validity of commitments.</p> <p>FCC seeks a visible plan or schedule of actions prior to the next Deadline, Deadline 6. To ensure that this Community Benefit is delivered and can be considered viable.</p>
Environmental Statement Volume IV Appendix 11-J: Otter Technical Appendix CONFIDENTIAL	Document absent in previous submission.	FCC did not have time to consider this document ahead of Deadline 5. We will review and provide any further comments for Deadline 6.

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