



Written Submission
for the
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
Response to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions
(ExQ2)

Submitted for Deadline 6
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Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

In the matter of:

Application by Uniper UK Limited for an Order
Granting Development Consent for the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power
Project

Planning Inspectorate Ref: EN010166

RSPB Registration Identification Ref: [REDACTED]

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1. RSPB response to the Examining Authority’s Second Written Questions/Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

1.1. The RSPB’s response to the Examining Authority’s Second Written Questions (ExQ2)/ Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) are set out in the table below.

ExQ2	Question to:	Question	RSPB response
Report on the Implications for European Sites (p81)			
RQ. 60	DNS and RSPB	[to the Deeside Naturalist Society and RSPB] are you content that your concerns regarding the noise and visual disturbance assessment have been addressed by the applicant? If not, please provide reasoning and clearly set out specific actions that, in your view, the applicant should take to resolve outstanding concerns on this matter.	<p>We consider the approach to operational phase disturbance has been adequately addressed and are satisfied with the deferral of the detailed scheme of management and monitoring, subject to noise levels being maintained within the limits specified within the Design Principles Document [Rep4-060].</p> <p>We remain concerned that the Applicant has not provided sufficient information on mitigation measures to address noise disturbance to estuarine birds during the construction phase.</p> <p>The Framework CEMP [REP5-024] indicates that additional mitigation measures to minimise noise would be considered, if necessary, at the detailed design stage once a Principal Contractor(s) is appointed.</p> <p>We consider it would be far better (or more desirable) to present full details of mitigation at the examination rather than deferring to post consent stage.</p> <p>We recommend that the matter should be further addressed through monitoring of noise levels and bird responses during construction</p>

ExQ2	Question to:	Question	RSPB response
			to ensure that the impacts on birds remain infrequent, highly localised and mild, without a significant impact on bird distribution in the wider area.

2. Update on Statement of Common Ground

- 2.1. The RSPB has continued discussions with the Applicant regarding a final Statement of Common Ground (SoCG). We understand that the Applicant will issue the final SoCG for Deadline 6.