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EN010166 – APPLICATION BY UNIPER UK LIMITED FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE CONNAH'S QUAY LOW CARBON POWER PROJECT

SECRETARY OF STATE FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION DATED 8 OCTOBER 2026

I write on behalf of the Applicant, Uniper UK Limited, to submit its responses to the Secretary of State (the 'SoS') for Energy Security and Net Zero's first request for information dated 8 October 2026 ('SoS RfI') in respect of the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power Project.

The submission has been made via the SharePoint platform created by the Planning Inspectorate.

The Applicant's submission comprises the documents as set out in **Table 1**, which also includes a brief explanation for their submission.

We suggest that, in the normal manner, the SoS should consult the Interested Parties on the submissions made by the Applicant and other parties in response to the SoS RfI and allow them an opportunity to comment on those submissions.

Table 1: Applicant's Response to SoS RfI submission documents

Document Reference, Title & Rev No.	Reason for submission
Document Ref. 1.3 – Guide to the Application, Rev 10, (clean and tracked)	Updated to list the documents and revision numbers submitted in support of the Applicant's response to the SoS RfI.

Document Reference, Title & Rev No.	Reason for submission
Document Ref. 3.1 – Draft Development Consent Order, Rev 07 (clean and tracked)	Updates incorporating amendments in response to SoS RfI, including updates to the proposed Article 52, Schedule 16 Part 3 and updates to rationalise drafting of Article 10 (planning permission).
Document Ref. 3.2 - Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Development Consent Order, Rev 06 (clean and tracked)	Updates to reflect edits made to the draft Development Consent Order.
Document Ref. 3.4 – Development Consent Order Validation Report Rev 03	This document has been produced to confirm the validation of Rev 07 of the draft Development Consent Order.
Document Ref. 3.6 – Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order Rev 06	Showing the changes made in this latest iteration of the Draft Development Consent Order.
Document Ref. 6.5 - Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), Rev 08, (clean and tracked)	This document has been updated in response to SoS RfI paragraph 31 to include clearly defined trigger thresholds for noise disturbance to ornithology features of the Aber Dyfrdwy/Dee Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar site and it provides an outline adaptive management process should these be exceeded.
Document Ref. 6.6 - Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP), Rev 05, (clean and tracked)	This document has been updated in response to the SoS RfI paragraph 37 to include additional details on the Emergency Access arrangement as requested by Flintshire County Council (FCC) in the Statement of Common Ground between Uniper and FCC (REP7-025). The document has also been updated to include provisions for notification of Royal Mail as requested in their Deadline 3 Submission (REP3-087).
Document Ref. 6.10 – Commitment Register, Rev 08, (clean and tracked)	This document has been updated in response to SoS RfI paragraph 31 to include clearly defined trigger thresholds for noise disturbance to ornithology features of the Aber Dyfrdwy/Dee Estuary SPA and Ramsar site and it provides an outline adaptive management process should these be exceeded. This has also been updated to reflect amendments to the Framework CTMP and also to reflect the entering into of a second unilateral undertaking.

Document Reference, Title & Rev No.	Reason for submission
Document Ref. 6.12 - Report to Inform Habitats Regulations Assessment, Rev 06, (clean and tracked)	This document has been updated in response to SoS Rfl paragraph 8 to reflect the findings of the 'Consideration of Additional Emerging Schemes Identified by Natural Resources Wales (EN010166/APP/9.45) report. This includes reference to the second unilateral undertaking which secures an uplift in the Saltmarsh Management Contribution. This document has been updated in response to SoS Rfl paragraph 14 to reflect the findings of the 2026 NVC Survey Report (EN010166/APP/9.46).
Document Ref. 6.13 - Outline Curlew Implementation and Monitoring Plan, Rev 05, (clean and tracked)	This document has been updated to align Section 8 'Curlew Steering Group' with the amendments the SoS has proposed to Schedule 16 Part 1 of the Draft DCO in relation to the composition of the steering group. See the Applicant's response to paragraph 26 of the SoS Rfl.
Document Ref.6.16 - Outline Saltmarsh Implementation and Monitoring Plan, Rev 04 (clean and tracked)	This document has been updated in response to SoS Rfl paragraphs 12 and 13 and the comments provided by NRW at Deadline 7.
Document Ref. 8.8 - Final Statement of Common Ground between Uniper UK Limited and Scottish Power Energy Networks Holdings Limited (SPEN) for SP Manweb plc (SPM) (signed)	The final SoCG has been resubmitted to include the Applicant's and counterparty's signatures, which were omitted from the final version of this SoCG previously submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-064). There are no changes to the contents of the SoCG.
Document Ref. 9.2 - Notice of a proposed without prejudice Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) derogation in Wales, Rev 04, (clean and tracked)	This document has been updated in response to SoS Rfl paragraph 8 to reflect the findings of the 'Consideration of Additional Emerging Schemes Identified by Natural Resources Wales (EN010166/APP/9.45) report. This includes reference to the second unilateral undertaking which secures an uplift in the Saltmarsh Management Contribution. This document has been updated in response to SoS Rfl paragraph 14 to reflect the findings of the 2026 NVC Survey Report (EN010166/APP/9.46).

Document Reference, Title & Rev No.	Reason for submission
Document Ref. 9.43 - Cover Letter, Rev 00 (this document)	To summarise the documents which form part of the Applicant's response to the SoS Rfl.
Document Ref. 9.44 - The Applicant's Responses to the Secretary of State's First Information Request (dated 8 October 2026) (the "First Information Request")	This document sets out the Applicant's responses to the SoS Rfl.
Document Ref. 9.45 - Consideration of Additional Emerging Schemes Identified by Natural Resources Wales, Rev 00	This document has been produced in response to SoS Rfl paragraph 8. It provides an updated in combination assessment for the additional projects noted by Natural Resources Wales.
Document Ref. 9.46 - National Vegetation Classification Survey Report, Rev 00	This document has been produced in response to SoS Rfl paragraph 14 to demonstrate that the area of saltmarsh in the Surface Water Outfall Area is smaller than reported during the DCO Examination.
Document Ref. 9.47 Outline Nitrogen Management Plan, Rev 00.	This document has been produced in response to SoS Rfl paragraph 17. It outlines management measures and monitoring activities that are to be considered during the preparation of the Nitrogen Management Plan.
Document Ref. 9.48 Second Deed of Unilateral Undertaking of Development Consent Obligations (redacted and unredacted versions)	This document has been produced to secure the mitigation required as a result of the findings of the 'Consideration of Additional Emerging Schemes Identified by Natural Resources Wales (EN010166/APP/9.45) report.
Document Ref. 9.49 Welsh Government S.135 Consent	This document provides details of the consent under section 135 of the Planning Act 2008 given by the Welsh Government.

Temporary Loss of Atlantic salt meadow

The Applicant notes that not all application documents have been updated to include reference to the updated temporary loss of Atlantic salt meadow (approximately 585 m^2) identified within the 2026 National Vegetation Classification (NVC) Survey Report (EN01066/APP/9.46). The Applicant has however updated the area of temporary loss within the relevant documents of this submission in response to SoS Rfl. Given the updated value is a decrease, the Applicant does not consider the change to be material to any other assessment, conclusions, or mitigation measures presented within those documents, and the updated value represents a reduced extent of impact relative to that previously assessed.

The Applicant is not able to definitively confirm that Artificial Intelligence has not been used in the preparation of this submission[1].

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [redacted]@dwd-ltd.co.uk; [redacted], [redacted]@dwd-ltd.co.uk; [redacted]) or [redacted]@dwd-ltd.co.uk; [redacted].

Yours sincerely

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[1] This statement is being made in compliance with the updated 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Preparation and Submission of Application Documents', which now requires a statement as to whether Artificial Intelligence has been used.