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EN010166 – Application by Uniper UK Limited ("the Applicant") for an Order Granting Development Consent ("DCO") for The Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power Project ("CQLCP project")
Consent pursuant to section 135 of the Planning Act 2008

Dear Planning Inspectorate

I write on behalf of the Welsh Government in respect of the CQLCP project.

The Applicant is seeking powers of temporary possession and powers relating to street works over plot 6/3 as identified on the Crown Land Plans [CR1-003], within the Book of Reference [REP4-009] and Draft DCO [REP5-004] in respect of the CQLCP project. The Welsh Government is a freehold owner of plot 6/3. As the Welsh Government has an interest in plot 6/3, it constitutes "crown land" for the purposes of the Planning Act 2008. Consent is required pursuant to section 135 of the Planning Act 2008 before a DCO can authorise the compulsory acquisition of an interest in Crown land or include any other provision applying in relation to Crown land. Accordingly, the Welsh Government's consent is required.

The National Assembly for Wales notes that the following provision (Article 43 (Crown rights)) is included within the Draft DCO [REP5-004]:

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Crown rights

43.—*(1) Nothing in this Order affects prejudicially any estate, right, power, privilege, authority or exemption of the Crown and in particular, nothing in this Order authorises the undertaker or any lessee or licensee to take, use, enter upon or in any manner interfere with any land or rights of any description (including any portion of the shore or bed of the sea or any river, channel, creek, bay or estuary)—*
(a) belonging to His Majesty in right of the Crown and forming part of The Crown Estate without the consent in writing of the Crown Estate Commissioners;
(b) belonging to His Majesty in right of the Crown and not forming part of The Crown Estate without the consent in writing of the government department having the management of that land; or
(c) belonging to a government department or held in trust for His Majesty for the purposes of a government department without the consent in writing of that government department.
(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to the exercise of any right under this Order for the compulsory acquisition of an interest in any Crown land (as defined in the 2008 Act) which is for the time being held otherwise than by or on behalf of the Crown.
(3) A consent under paragraph (1) may be given unconditionally or subject to terms and conditions; and is deemed to have been given in writing where it is sent electronically.

I confirm that the appropriate Crown authority (as defined in section 227 of the Planning Act 2008) for plot 6/3 is the Welsh Government.
On the basis of the above, I am authorised to confirm the following:

1. The Welsh Government hereby gives consent pursuant to section 135(1) and 135(2) of the Planning Act 2008 and Article 43 (Crown rights) of the Draft DCO [REP5-004] to the inclusion of provisions within the DCO which would apply to Plot 6/3; and
2. The Welsh Government hereby agrees to the wording of Article 43 (Crown rights) of the Draft DCO [REP5-004].

Yours sincerely

Signatory on behalf of Welsh Government

The Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power Project

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