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Natural Resources Wales

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Dyddiad/Date: 05 October 2026

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED) AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 (THE EIA REGULATIONS) – REGULATIONS 10 AND 11

Proposed application by Essar Energy Transition Fuels (EET Fuels) (the applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Stanlow Hydrogen Ready Modular Combined Heat and Power Project (the proposed development)

Thank you for referring the above proposal for a scoping opinion, which we received on 03 September 2026. Natural Resources Wales (NRW) has reviewed the information provided in the Environmental Impact Assessment – Scoping Report Volume 1, 2 and 3, Document Reference: 2026UK550445-ENV-001 Prepared by WSP dated 02/09/2026.

Our approach in responding to this consultation reflects the development being wholly in England therefore English statutory consultees picking up impacts relevant to English environmental constraints. Here, we provide high level comments on the approach including general advice pertaining to our remit. Should you wish to consult on specific matters we would welcome the opportunity to respond.

Please note that comments provided herein are made without prejudice to any further advice NRW may need to give, or decisions NRW may need to take, should circumstances change or new information emerge.

Protected Sites

We note that the entire redline boundary of the site lies outside Wales and therefore consider that Natural England (NE) will lead on nature conservation matters relating to this proposal. However, potential impacts on designated features within Welsh sections of relevant protected sites must be considered and reflected appropriately within the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and the resulting Environmental Statement (ES).

Cumulative Effects

We advise that that the initial screening exercise also considers developments within the Flintshire council areas.

Other matters

The advice in this letter relates to matters which are included on our consultation topics list. We do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other environmental interests that are not included on this list.

We advise the applicant that, in addition to development consent, it is their responsibility to ensure they secure all other permits/consents/licences relevant to their development. Please refer to our website for further details.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information or clarification on any of the above.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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