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### Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC)

# A new nuclear power station at Wylfa

## Help us shape our proposals

This SOCC, produced by Horizon Nuclear Power Wylfa Limited (Horizon), complies with Section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008 and has been produced following consultation with Isle of Anglesey County Council in September 2011.

#### What is a Statement of Community Consultation?

This **Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC)** explains how Horizon will formally consult with people living in the vicinity of the land at Wylfa (the local community) on which it proposes to develop a new nuclear power station. This is in addition to the less formal engagement activities; including drop-in surgeries, local events and meetings, that have been held to date and which will continue as our plans progress.

Your comments on the proposals are important to us and will be considered as we shape and prepare our application for the main planning approval - the Development Consent Order (DCO) - which will be made to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC).

We want our consultation to be honest, meaningful, inclusive and clear to all.

Our **Wylfa - Community Consultation Background Document** provides further detail on our consultation and background information behind this SOCC. This is available to view or download at [www.horizonnuclearpower.com](http://www.horizonnuclearpower.com) or by contacting us directly. The documents have been produced in formal consultation with Isle of Anglesey County Council and following discussions with Gwynedd Council and Conwy County Borough Council.

#### What is Horizon consulting on?

We are proposing to build a new nuclear power station on land next to the existing Wylfa A Power Station on Anglesey. The new power station would be expected to generate around 3,300 megawatts of low carbon electricity - enough to supply around five million homes.

The DCO application will be for the nuclear power station including: reactor buildings, turbine halls, vent stacks, spent fuel storage facilities, administration buildings and cooling water infrastructure. The consultation will be clear about which elements of our proposals we are actively seeking the views of the local community on, and those we aren't (for example choice of reactor technology) and if so, why we aren't.

Some further development will also be needed which falls outside of the scope of the DCO, examples include off-site workers'

accommodation, road improvements, park & rides, Heavy Goods Vehicle consolidation centres and a marine off-loading facility. These additional elements of the project are known as Associated Development. In Wales there is no legal requirement to consult on Associated Development as it is subject to a different planning process. This means that applications are determined by different decision makers, such as Isle of Anglesey County Council for example. However, wherever possible, we will include Associated Development within our main consultation, to set it in the context of the full project.

#### What are the likely impacts of the development?

The project would bring significant investment and benefits to the region through the creation of around 5,000 jobs during construction and 800 permanent operational jobs.

The new power station would produce reliable supplies of low carbon electricity, which would help the Government achieve its climate change targets and energy policy objectives.

However, this would also be a large construction project. Construction activities on the site would take place over a number of years and the new power station would be a significant feature within the landscape once constructed. The consultation materials we will provide will therefore outline and seek views on our proposals in the run up to making the DCO application. We will include information on potential impacts of the proposals (including cumulative impacts), such as traffic and transport, noise, flooding, archaeology, ecology and visual impact, as well as health and cultural impacts. Proposals will be included on ways to reduce any potential negative impacts, for example landscaping, future land uses and mitigation proposals to, among other things, reduce impacts on natural habitats.

The proposed nuclear power station is classified as an Environmental Impact Assessment development under Schedule 1 to the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009. This means that an Environmental Statement will be prepared to accompany the DCO application. We will also consult on Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) at each of our main stages of consultation set out below. These documents

will set out at each stage our understanding of the potential environmental effects of the proposals. Non-technical summary documents will be provided in both Welsh and English.

#### Why is Horizon consulting?

Horizon recognises the important role of consultation in keeping communities informed of how our proposals progress, as well as listening to their views in shaping our proposals.

Currently under the UK's planning system the main application for a new nuclear power station would be submitted to the IPC, which is the independent body that makes decisions on applications for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). However, under the recently enacted Localism Act 2011, the decision making function for NSIPs has been transferred to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State will act upon the recommendation of a major infrastructure team within the Planning Inspectorate (which will replace the IPC). It is expected that the Secretary of State will take on this function from April 2012. Existing pre-application consultation requirements are largely expected to remain unchanged. Information about the IPC and its processes is available on its website: <http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk>.

The IPC will consider the adequacy of our consultation processes before deciding whether to accept our application. Once an application has been accepted, the feedback received during the consultations, and how this has helped to influence the development of the proposals, will be considered by the IPC.

The IPC must consider an application in light of the relevant National Policy Statements (NPSs), which in this case would be the Overarching NPS for Energy (EN-1), which establishes the need for new nuclear power stations, and the Nuclear NPS (EN-6), which identified the new site at Wylfa as potentially suitable for a new nuclear power station.

The NPSs were formally approved by Parliament in July 2011. Our consultation will cover our proposals rather than the policy set out in the NPSs. The NPSs can be viewed online at: [www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting\\_energy/consents\\_planning/nps\\_en\\_infra/nps\\_en\\_infra.aspx](http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting_energy/consents_planning/nps_en_infra/nps_en_infra.aspx)

#### When will Horizon consult?

It is important that consultation gives people a real opportunity to help shape the proposals. To do this, Horizon will hold at least two stages of consultation each lasting around 10 weeks:

##### Stage One (in early 2012)

This will give people the opportunity to see and comment upon our early proposals for the project including Associated Development (for example power station layout, workers' accommodation and road improvements), including details of options considered, or being considered. It will also include PEI available at the time of consultation, which will update our ongoing environmental studies.

##### Stage Two (in early 2013)

This will explain how feedback received to date has been considered. In addition we will provide, and seek views on, more detailed proposals for the site and further PEI (more detailed than Stage One). It will describe the results and outcomes to date of the developing Environmental Impact Assessment.

Horizon may hold additional shorter rounds of consultation on Associated Development or other specific aspects of the project as the information becomes available or in response to earlier consultation or responses.

**The start and end dates, the locations of events and details about where you can access further information and how you can respond, will be advertised in the local press and on our website in advance.**

#### Who is Horizon consulting?

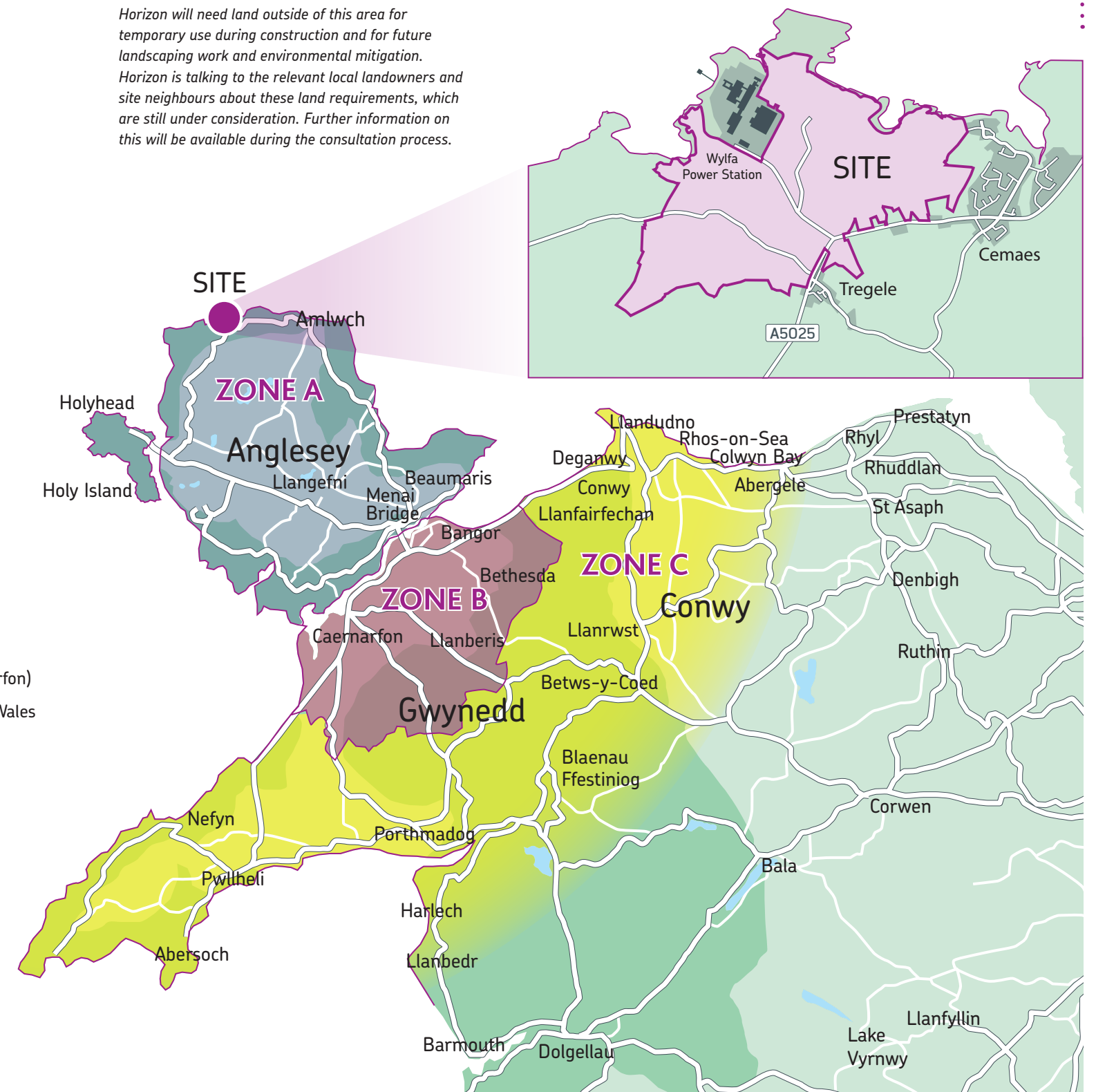
The consultation will be open to all who wish to respond, regardless of age or location. All local communications will be in clear, non-technical language and will be bilingual. Welsh speaking staff will be available at our consultation events, such as public exhibitions.

#### How will Horizon consult and where?

During each consultation stage, we will:

- produce a consultation summary document providing information about the proposals, including details of important dates and activities

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- Zone A - Anglesey
  - Zone B - Gwynedd (Arfon)
  - Zone C - North West Wales



Horizon will need land outside of this area for temporary use during construction and for future landscaping work and environmental mitigation. Horizon is talking to the relevant local landowners and site neighbours about these land requirements, which are still under consideration. Further information on this will be available during the consultation process.

- publicise the consultation using newsletters, press adverts, posters and by emailing our Wylfa database
- provide a website with project information and an online questionnaire
- provide a freepost address for postal responses
- hold a series of exhibitions across the local area
- keep the local media up to date
- write directly to community representatives including MPs and councillors
- offer presentations and information directly to Community Councils and major local employers; and
- liaise with community groups to ensure all consultation is as inclusive as possible.

To focus our consultation activities, we have identified the areas most likely to be affected by the project on the map above. Consultation activities, such as public events, will take place across North West Wales but will focus particularly on zone A, and those

who live, work and use the potentially affected land. We will also tailor our consultation to the diverse communities on Anglesey. Activities in the outer zones (B & C) will be similar but gradually less intensive, focusing on populated areas.

#### What will happen to responses?

After each consultation stage we will publish the key themes that respondents raised on our website. We will use relevant responses to help us to consider any changes that we need to make to our proposals.

At our second stage consultation we will provide a Stage One Consultation Summary Report outlining the relevant responses received and how they have helped to shape our revised proposals for Stage Two.

We will report on all of our consultation processes and findings from both Stage One and Stage Two in a Consultation Report to be submitted to the IPC at the same time as our DCO application. The Consultation Report will provide information on our local

community consultation process alongside other consultation requirements, and will explain how relevant responses were taken into account in shaping the final proposals. The IPC will consider the Consultation Report during the examination process.

#### How can you access information?

Consultation materials will be available to view on our website: [www.horizonnuclearpower.com](http://www.horizonnuclearpower.com)

Copies of the materials will be available at the following locations:

- Isle of Anglesey County Council, Council Offices, Llangefni, Anglesey, LL77 7TW
- locations such as other main council offices and libraries as detailed in the **Wylfa - Community Consultation Background Document**
- by contacting us using the details provided here.

#### How can you find out more?

You can contact Horizon at any time:

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- by phone - 0800 954 9516
- website - [www.horizonnuclearpower.com](http://www.horizonnuclearpower.com)
- freepost address - **FREEPOST HORIZON NUCLEAR POWER CONSULTATION.**

#### Other consultations

Ahead of each stage of consultation, we will seek advice from Isle of Anglesey County Council and aim to make available details of any other major consultations taking place in the area at the same time as our consultation in our summary documents and on our website.

We anticipate that our consultations will overlap with National Grid's consultation(s) on its consent applications for upgrades to the North Wales network. These upgrades will be necessary in order to connect the new power station Horizon is proposing at Wylfa into the electricity transmission system.