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Community Update

Our plans for new nuclear power at Wylfa

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Horizon reaches key project milestones

Since we sent you our last newsletter we've achieved a number of important milestones which demonstrate the progress we're making and our commitment to developing proposals for a new nuclear power station on Anglesey.

Throughout the year we've been working on our ideal layout for the station and gaining a more detailed understanding of the site. We've completed ground investigations, geophysical surveys and other vital environmental assessments,

which all give us a comprehensive breakdown of our site's characteristics – above and below the ground. This site work is continuing as we move towards the end of the year.

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Welcome

TO THE SIXTH EDITION OF OUR WYLFA NEWSLETTER

Early next year, we'll be formally consulting people in Anglesey and North Wales on our plans for a new nuclear power station at Wylfa. This is an exciting milestone for us because it's your first opportunity to view our proposals in detail and give us your thoughts.

We'll be talking to local people, community groups, organisations and businesses over the next few months to explain how they can get involved in the consultation, because we want to reach as many people as possible and encourage them to give us their views. We'll announce further details about our consultation over the coming months, but you can contact us at any time with questions or comments.

In this newsletter, you can find out more about what we've been working on this year, meet another key member of our project team and find the dates and locations of our forthcoming Open Surgeries. As we are nearing consultation we have also included details about how we will be consulting. In addition, you can read our response to the report that has been published by the UK's Chief Nuclear Inspector, Dr Mike Weightman, following the events at the Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan.

Alan Smith

Head of Site Development,
Horizon Nuclear Power





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At the end of October, we were also pleased to complete our purchase of the land at Wylfa. We secured the land through an auction back in 2009 – but the transaction was subject to conditions which have now been completed. Alongside this process – and as we work towards choosing the supplier who will be providing our reactor technology – it has become clear that we'll need some additional land during the construction phase and for landscaping, to ensure the station fits with its natural surroundings. We're continuing to talk directly with the relevant local landowners about this.

Taking full ownership of the land means we can start work on – and ultimately remove – some of the empty and boarded up houses

on the site. We'll need to ensure we manage properly any issues relating to wildlife – such as relocating roosting bats – but we hope to be starting this work in the near future.

We've also recently signed a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) with the Isle of Anglesey County Council. This is a standard part of planning for a major infrastructure project, which will give the Council the additional resources it needs to independently assess our proposal, while still carrying out its normal duties and responsibilities to the community.

Over the course of the year, we've created lots of opportunities for you to meet our team face-to-face and this is a commitment we'll stick to next year. We were on hand at this year's Anglesey Show, talking to lots of you about our plans and answering questions, there have also been our monthly Open Surgeries and our quarterly Project Liaison Group meetings.

Looking to our plans for next year, the early part will see us launching our first stage of pre-application consultation, when you can see and comment upon our early proposals for the project. 2012 looks set to be another busy year.



If you want to register your interest and make sure you're on our mailing list please contact us via our hotline on **0800 954 9516** or email us at wylfaenquiries@horizonnuclearpower.com*

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Horizon welcomes Weightman report

The UK's Chief Nuclear Inspector, Dr Mike Weightman, has now published the final version of the report he was asked to prepare following the earthquake and tsunami that struck the Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan, earlier this year.

His report, which was described as 'thorough, detailed and authoritative' by Energy Secretary Chris Huhne, concluded that the UK has one of the best nuclear safety regimes in the world and that nuclear energy should go on powering homes and businesses across the UK.

Horizon's Chief Operating Officer, Alan Raymant, said that the company agreed with all the recommendations in the report relating to new build nuclear power stations and confirmed that Horizon would be incorporating them into its plans.

He added:

"We welcome the report. We also welcome the fact that the assessment of UK reactor designs was put on hold to ensure the report's findings could be incorporated. The UK nuclear industry has a strong track record of learning safety lessons and this should always be the priority."

NEW OPEN SURGERY DATES & LOCATIONS ANNOUNCED

During the winter, we're continuing to hold our monthly Open Surgery events so more people can meet the project team and ask us questions.

These surgeries will run from **1pm** until **7pm**, so if you have any questions, please do come along.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH & MONDAY, JANUARY 23RD

CEMAES VILLAGE HALL
High Street
Cemaes
Anglesey
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Consultation: have your say

How are we consulting?

We're currently putting the finishing touches to our Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC), which explains how we'll formally consult people on our plans.

The project will deliver significant investment and benefits to the region – including around 5,000 jobs during construction, 800 permanent jobs during operation and a broad mix of supply chain opportunities. However, it will also be a large construction project with activities taking place over a number of years, so it is important people can find out about our proposals for themselves and understand the issues that may affect them.

Our SOCC sets out how we aim to carry out consultation and how you can access information. It will also outline what we're consulting on.

We'll publish our SOCC in local newspapers across Anglesey and North Wales and it will also be available to download from our website – www.horizonnuclearpower.com.

Why are we consulting?

Using your local knowledge and insight to help shape our proposals means we can prepare the best possible planning consent application, ensuring that a wide range of your concerns and thoughts have been effectively addressed ahead of our final application being submitted.

To encourage the maximum number of people to get involved in this process, we're providing a mixture of ways in which people can find out about our plans and understand our approach to the issues that are most important to them. Our consultation will feature a number of public exhibitions, held at venues across Anglesey and North Wales. Clear, non-technical information in both English and Welsh will be available on key aspects of the project – from the power station itself through to workers' accommodation and road improvements. You'll also be able to find information and submit feedback via our consultation website.

We will advertise the dates, times and locations for all our consultation events through the local media. We'll also publish them on our consultation website, in our next newsletter and will put up posters in community centres, libraries and other publicly-accessible venues. For more information contact us on our Wylfa hotline and email address by calling **0800 954 9516** or emailing wylfaenquiries@horizonnuclearpower.com.



Find out about our plans

A5025 study begins

As part of our planning process, we are conducting a series of surveys along the A5025 between Valley and Amlwch to understand whether we may need to make route improvements in the future. Our surveys include assessing the environmental conditions along the length of the route and will help us identify any constraints there might be to our project and ensure we keep any impacts to a minimum. The results from these studies will help form part of our consultation process in early 2012. If you have any questions in the meantime please contact us on our Wylfa hotline or email address.

PROJECT LIAISON GROUP UPDATE

In June, the Wylfa New Build Project Liaison Group (PLG) appointed its first Chair and Vice Chair. Mr Dennis Evans, was appointed as the group's Chair and Mr Jac Jones was appointed as Vice Chair. Mr Evans is Chairman of the Anglesey Economic Regeneration Partnership and formerly a senior operations manager at Wylfa. He brings experience of major project development and has a thorough understanding of energy issues. Mr Jones worked at Anglesey Aluminium for 30 years in a number of technical and managerial roles and is a community councillor for Mechell.

Mr Evans said: "The PLG is an important independent forum that brings together representatives from local groups, councils and other community organisations. As the project proceeds at an increasing pace, the PLG is the key way to share information about the new build and its wider implications and allows for discussion and feedback to Horizon. It's important for the representatives and organisations to attend, so that they can understand the reasoning behind the decisions made."

A PLG website has also been launched to provide information on the group, where you can find meeting agendas, minutes and presentations. You can also view a full list of the organisations represented on the PLG and find out who best to contact if you have any views, opinions or questions that you'd like to see raised at a forthcoming meeting.



How to get in touch

CONTACT US: If you have any questions or feedback on the Wylfa project you can contact us on our dedicated Wylfa hotline and email address by calling **0800 954 9516** or emailing wylfaenquiries@horizonnuclearpower.com

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Meet the team: Rebecca Hardy, Planning & Consents Project Developer



Q. What is your role in the Wylfa New Build Project Team?

A. A large part of my role is to manage the important relationships the Project Development team has with the Isle of Anglesey County Council and Statutory Bodies. One of the main ways we do this is through the Wylfa Statutory Working Group – or SWoG – which is a group of independent experts that meets regularly to discuss progress and issues associated to a new nuclear development at Wylfa. All members of the group work for national agencies and organisations which have a responsibility for a specific area, such as the marine environment or ecology, and their input and guidance is vital as we work to develop the best possible proposal for a new nuclear power station.

Q. Who sits on this group?

A. The SWoG is made up of a number of important organisations and statutory bodies that are all crucial in offering us advice and expert knowledge on a range of specialist areas. As well as Horizon and the Isle of Anglesey County Council, the group consists of the Environment Agency Wales, the Countryside Council for Wales, the Marine Consents Unit, the Marine Management Organisation, the Welsh Government and Cadw – an agency within the Welsh Government which is charged with protecting the historic and built environment of Wales. The advice they offer us ranges from explaining and interpreting industry and government regulation through to giving us their advice on the various studies and investigations that we’re conducting at Wylfa.

Q. What are Statutory Bodies?

A. Statutory Bodies are organisations that have a specific legal remit, or responsibility, given to them by government to protect, manage or monitor certain aspects of developments, the environment or companies. Some Statutory Bodies are also known as Regulators, for example the Environment Agency. As part of our formal consultation process – a requirement through the new Planning Act – we need to gather views from a number of specific national and regional organisations who are all able to offer their own perspectives on our

proposals. Statutory Bodies and Regulators form an important part of this, and the SWoG is an excellent way of keeping them informed and up-to-date with our proposals throughout the development process.

Q. What do you do on a day-to-day basis?

A. My role involves making sure information about our proposals flows between our project and the Statutory Bodies efficiently and effectively. This can be feeding back details from our site development team to the SWoG members or ensuring that we are taking the advice received during these meetings of the Statutory Bodies on board in carrying out our studies and surveys. At the moment I am also busy coordinating and collating Environmental Information material for our first stage of public consultation which will take place early next year.

Q. What’s the most interesting part of your job?

A. The variety means there’s always something different to do. Right now, I’m busy helping to produce lots of the documents we’ll be sharing with people during our consultation period, giving them a chance to shape our proposals. It’s a complex, exciting project and I’m really proud to be a part of it.

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