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## **Horizon agrees deal to benefit ‘geotrail’ project**

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**Llanbadrig Community Council has successfully negotiated a long-term lease on a piece of land owned by Horizon that runs between Porth Wylfa and Bonc y Môr in Penrhyn, Cemaes.**

Councillor Elfed Jones, Chairman of Llanbadrig Community Council who coordinated and led the negotiations, said: "We have been working with GeoMôn for quite some time, and had identified a piece of land which fits in well with the plan to create a 'geotrail' and links Cemaes directly to it. We approached Horizon last year with our proposal, which very much depended on us obtaining a lease on the land, and I'm very pleased that Horizon has been keen to work with us."

GeoMôn hope to turn a footpath between Wylfa Head and Llanbadrig Church into a treasure trail of geology, culture, history and learning. Dr. Margaret Wood, who is a geologist and Managing Director of the Geopark, said: "Our long term aim is to lay out large boulders of each of the main rock types in Anglesey along the stretch from Wylfa to the west side of Cemaes Bay, with small information plaques at each telling its age, rock type and a short explanation of its formation. These would be arranged from the oldest to the youngest rocks and the space given between them would give an indication of the geological period."

Forming a part of the Coastal Path around Anglesey, the development of a geotrail is seen as a welcome boost to boosting tourism around Cemaes.

Anglesey's Director for Sustainable Development, Arthur Owen, welcomed news of the 'geotrail' development.

He said: "The Ymweld â Môn project, which is administered by the County Council, has supported the geotrail with a £5,000 contribution."

"Ymweld â Môn focuses on the natural habitats and environment which encompasses Anglesey's coastline, and aims to ensure that it can be enjoyed by more visitors in an environmental and educational way."

"The geotrail will therefore add character to the Ynys Môn Coastal Path and introduce features which will reflect the geology and culture of the area, offering a new and interesting perspective for walkers."

Ymweld â Môn is funded by the Welsh Government and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

Alan Smith, Head of Site Development for Horizon at Wylfa said: "We are keen to work with the local community for wider benefit, and were very pleased to be able to assist in the development of this important facility."

"I believe that this project will give a welcome boost to tourism in the area, and better inform people about the special nature of where we live," Elfed Jones added. "It's quite amazing what you can learn about the history that lies beneath your feet."

Further information on the GeoMôn project can be found by visiting [www.geomon.co.uk](http://www.geomon.co.uk)

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**Notes to editors:**

- Horizon Nuclear Power was formed in 2009 to develop new nuclear power stations in the UK. The company was acquired by Hitachi Ltd of Japan in November 2012 from previous joint owners RWE npower and E.ON UK.
- Hitachi-GE Nuclear Energy, Ltd., (Hitachi-GE) is the technology provider and ‘delivery team’ leader for Horizon’s developments at Wylfa on the Isle of Anglesey and Oldbury-on-Severn in South Gloucestershire. Hitachi-GE is owned 80.01% by Hitachi Ltd and 19.99% by GE.
- Horizon’s developments at Wylfa and Oldbury will represent multibillion pound investments in the UK’s infrastructure. Each is expected to create up to 6000 jobs at peak during the construction phase, and around 1000 during operation.
- Horizon holds grid connection agreements and owns land suitable for the development of new nuclear power stations at Wylfa on the Isle of Anglesey and Oldbury-on-Severn in South Gloucestershire. Both sites are nominated for nuclear development under the National Policy Statement for Nuclear (EN-6).
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