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Horizon publishes Statement of Community Consultation

Horizon Nuclear Power is publishing its Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC) for the proposed new nuclear power station at Wylfa in newspapers across Anglesey and north-west Wales this week.

The SOCC is an important milestone in the planning process as it sets out how Horizon will formally consult with local people on its proposals for a new nuclear power station. It gives an overview of why and how Horizon will be consulting and is supplemented by a 'Wylfa – Community Consultation Background Document', which provides more detailed information about the consultation process.

To ensure that its community consultation fully meets the needs of local people, Horizon sought the views of Isle of Anglesey and Conwy County Councils and Gwynedd Council while developing the SOCC and Background Document. Feedback from the councils was taken into account and helped shape the final documents.

Alan Raymant, Chief Operating Officer of Horizon Nuclear Power, said: "The SOCC is a vital document as it represents our commitment to involving local people in the development of our plans for a new nuclear power station at Wylfa. It sets out how we aim to carry out consultation and how people can access information. It also outlines what we will be consulting on.

"We want to encourage as many people as possible to participate in the consultation which will begin in early 2012. To facilitate that, we are planning a wide-reaching process which offers a variety of different ways for people to find out more about our proposals and give their feedback."

The SOCC and Background Document can be viewed on the Horizon website:

www.horizonnuclearpower.com. Copies are also available to view at main council offices and libraries across Anglesey, Gwynedd and Conwy.

People can also now register to receive updates on the consultation via the Horizon website.

Anybody who has questions about Horizon's project can call its Freephone Wylfa information line on 0800 954 9516 or email wylfaenquiries@horizonnuclearpower.com.

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Notes to editors:

Horizon Nuclear Power Ltd is a joint venture established in 2009 by E.ON UK and RWE npower. The company is developing proposals for new nuclear power stations at Wylfa on the Isle of Anglesey and at Oldbury-on-Severn in Gloucestershire.

A new nuclear power station at Wylfa would deliver enough low carbon electricity for more than five million households. It is expected that around 5000 jobs would be created during the construction period and around 800 permanent operational jobs.

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