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Holyhead Company Awarded Horizon Contract

DU Construction Ltd from Holyhead has been awarded a major contract with Horizon Nuclear Power for demolition activities and associated ecological works to support the proposed new nuclear power station site at Wylfa.

The contract will see DU construction build alternative roosting sites for protected wildlife, such as bats and barn owls, followed by the removal of around fifteen unsafe and uninhabitable buildings on Horizon's proposed site.

News of the new contract award follows a 12-month extension to the company's existing 'call-off' contract with Horizon for work including maintaining and refurbishing properties, so they can be let out to local families, and improving pathways and hedgerows.

Horizon's Head of Site Development, Alan Smith, said: "We were very pleased to see local companies bidding alongside others for this work, and are delighted that a Holyhead-based firm has been awarded the contract. This is important work to remove a number of unsafe buildings, many of which were already boarded up and in a state of disrepair before they came into our ownership at the end of 2011. Despite our best efforts since then, these buildings have suffered from numerous break-ins and vandalism, meaning they now pose a health and safety risk."

All the structures earmarked for removal are currently home to legally protected wildlife including bats. Any works regarding the rehousing of bats require a European Protected Species Licence and approved, alternative roosting locations for protected species must be provided before any demolition work can begin.

Mark Blackwell, Director of DU Construction Ltd, said: "We are extremely pleased to have won this contract. From our previous experience of working with Horizon, we know they set very high standards, and I am very confident that our workforce is fully able to meet those standards."

Speaking about the company's work with Horizon to date, he added:

"As well as making use of our in-house team, we've also been able to sub-contract other local specialist companies where required, including mechanical and electrical firm Lloyd Morris Electrical Ltd from Amlwch (LME) and J Taylor Plumbing and Heating from Holyhead."

"We have been able to add to our workforce of 33 full-time staff, and we've recently appointed a new contracts manager."

All work will be closely monitored by North Wales-based independent ecological specialists, Cambrian Ecological Partnership, to ensure strict guidelines are met. The demolition project is expected to be completed by the end of June, subject to Horizon receiving the necessary permissions.

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Notes to editors:

- Horizon Nuclear Power was formed in 2009 as a 50:50 joint venture between E.ON UK and RWE npower. E.ON UK and RWE npower reached agreement on 30 October 2012 for the sale of Horizon to Hitachi Limited. The sale completed on 23 November 2012.
- 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).
- Horizon's plans to construct and operate a new nuclear power station at Wylfa will create a peak workforce of up to 6,000 during construction and a further 1,000 permanent jobs over many decades.
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