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0. Introduction

- 0.0.1. Wrexham Power Limited (WPL) has undertaken Statutory Consultation, under section 42, section 47 and section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) (Statutory Consultation), on its proposed Development Consent Order Application (Application) for a Combined Cycle Gas Turbine power station with a generating capacity of up to 299 megawatts electrical (MWe) including landscaping and infrastructure (the Power Station Complex Site). The associated Gas Connection to the National Transmission System (NTS) is being consented separately under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Together, these elements are referred to in this document as the Scheme or the WEC. A full project description is provided in chapter 4 of this report – *The Scheme*. This Consultation Report has been prepared pursuant to section 37 of the PA 2008 and particular section 37(3)(c).
- 0.0.2. This Consultation Report records how WPL undertook Statutory Consultation, the feedback received during this consultation, WPL's response to this feedback and how its proposal and assessments have had regard to the feedback received pursuant to section 49 of the PA 2008. It also summarises initial consultation undertaken with local stakeholders as part of non-statutory consultation.
- 0.0.3. Non-statutory consultation is summarised in chapter 5 of this report - *Previous Non-Statutory Consultation*. WPL's Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report is provided in Appendix 1 of this report. Statutory Consultation is recorded in chapters 8 to 13 of this report.
- 0.0.4. Since the Scheme was initially consulted upon, the design of the WEC has been amended to reflect the views of, and outcome of discussions with the local community and other relevant stakeholders, as well as the outcome of further environmental and technical assessment.
- 0.0.5. Following clarification on what constitutes associated development in Wales, in January 2016 WPL notified stakeholders living within its consultation zone that it would be submitting a planning application for the WEC's Gas Connection to Wrexham County Borough Council. A note on this engagement is provided in Appendix 32 of this report.

1. Summary

1.1. Introduction

- 1.1.1. This chapter summarises the non-statutory and statutory consultations undertaken by Wrexham Power Limited (WPL) concerning its proposals for the Wrexham Energy Centre (WEC), the outcomes of both stages of consultation and the changes made to the WEC's design. The body of the report and its supporting appendices expand on the points made in this summary.
- 1.1.2. The table below summarises the key activity undertaken by WPL as part of its non-statutory and statutory consultation. This is expanded fully in the body of this report.

Table 1: A chronological summary of WPL's activity

Table 1: Chronology of consultation activity undertaken to date	
Date(s)	Activity
May 2012	Non statutory consultation plan agreed with WCBC
11 June – 5 August 2012	Non-statutory consultation undertaken
23 March 2016	Non-statutory release of SoCC to PINS
8 April 2014	Draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) issued to Wrexham County Borough Council (WCBC)
6 May 2014	Consultation on draft SoCC concluded
4 July 2014	Section 48 notice published in the London Gazette
5 July 2014	Section 48 notice published in the Telegraph
5 July 2014 and 12 July 2014	Section 48 notice published locally (twice) in the Wrexham Leader
5 July 2014	SoCC notice published locally and hard copies made available at inspection locations
10 July 2014	Posters advertising statutory consultation sent to community organisations
11 July 2014	Project website updated and re-launched with PEIR and supporting consultation information
11 July 2014	Section 42 consultees written to and given notice of consultation, launching statutory consultation
11 July 2014	Section 47 consultees written to and given notice of consultation, launching statutory consultation
14 July 2014	Statutory consultation formally commences
21 July 2014	Presentation given to Bangor-on-Dee Community Council

21 July 2014, 22 July 2014 and 23 July 2014	Section 47 consultation exhibition events held
24 August 2014	Statutory consultation concluded
20 January 2016	Update leaflet sent out to community and other stakeholders explaining that a planning application will be submitted to WCBC for the Gas Connection.

1.2. WPL and the WEC

- 1.2.1. WPL is a joint venture between St. Modwen and Glenfinnan Properties, established with the intention of promoting the WEC.
- 1.2.2. The WEC is a new Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) Power Station with a capacity of up to 299MWe (megawatt electrical) and WPL's proposals include the WEC's Gas Connection. The WEC is to be located on the Wrexham Industrial Estate (WIE) which, by area, is one of the largest industrial estates in Europe. The site selected for the WEC is known as Kingmoor Park South, on the north-eastern edge of the WIE at Bryn Lane. This site has planning permission for a high-bay warehouse and office building totalling 47,534 m².

1.3. WPL's non-statutory consultation

- 1.3.1. Before undertaking statutory consultation in accordance with the PA 2008, WPL undertook non-statutory consultation to introduce the proposals to community stakeholders.
- 1.3.2. Following initial discussions Wrexham County Borough Council (WCBC) in late 2010, WPL developed the concept for the WEC, which was presented to the local community and other relevant stakeholders during non-statutory consultation.
- 1.3.3. Non-statutory consultation was undertaken between 11 June 2012 and 5 August 2012, in accordance with a Consultation Plan produced and agreed with WCBC.
- 1.3.4. Following this non-statutory consultation, on 30 November 2012 WPL submitted an EIA scoping report (the "Previous Scoping Report") to the Secretary of State ("SoS"). The Previous Scoping Report concerned the likely significant environmental effects that might arise as a result of the Previous Scheme. The Previous Scoping Report set out a proposed approach to carrying out the EIA and provided a proposed outline of the EIA and content of the ES. This included the matters that WPL considered should be assessed as part of the EIA and those effects which did not require assessment; in

other words, those that could be 'scoped-out'. A Scoping Opinion (the "Previous Scoping Opinion") was issued by the SoS in January 2013 and forms Appendix 5.1 to the ES (Document reference: 6.1-6.4) (this document is appended for reference only, as the relevant Scoping Opinion for the Scheme is that of May 2014 (see below)).

- 1.3.5. For the reasons explained in Chapter 3 of the ES, WPL subsequently set aside the Previous Scheme following consultation feedback from various statutory consultees and the local community. WPL considered that the current Scheme would result in different environmental impacts compared with the Previous Scheme and, as a result, WPL set aside the Previous Scoping Report and Previous Scoping Opinion and submitted a scoping request on 19 March 2014 relating to the Scheme (the "Scoping Request") to the SoS. A Scoping Opinion relating to the Scheme (the "Scoping Opinion") was issued by the SoS on 12 May 2014, taking into account the representations that it received from statutory bodies and other consultees.
- 1.3.6. This Consultation Report still reports on and considers the feedback received during the 2012 non-statutory consultation, so that PINS and the Secretary of State have a record of the same. During non-statutory consultation WPL, presented proposals for the WEC with a nominal generating capacity of up to 1,200 MWe, located on the WIE. WPL also presented plans showing the corridors in which the WEC's then 400 kilovolt (kV) connection to the national electricity transmission system, and a corridor in which its Gas Connection to the NTS could be provided. WPL also provided details of the preferred site at Kingmoor Park South and other sites that had been considered and ruled out, specifically the former Firestone Factory site and Kingmoor Park North. Consultees were also given the opportunity to suggest other sites.
- 1.3.7. Over the course of the non-statutory consultation, 134 individuals visited exhibition events, 1,467 visits were made to the project website (www.Wrexham-Power.com), 60 feedback forms were returned to the WPL team, 42 emails were received, 19 consultation related phone calls were logged and meetings were held with key individuals, community councils and organisations.
- 1.3.8. WPL's Non-Statutory Consultation report (Stage One Feedback Report) is provided in Appendix 1 of this report and explains how consultation was undertaken and provides the responses received and WPL's response. In summary, the non-statutory consultation suggested that:
 - i. The visual and environmental effects of the WEC had to be considered carefully in the design and environmental assessment of the project.
 - ii. Some consultees preferred other potential sites for the WEC, predominantly the former Firestone Factory site. This preference came particularly from the villages of Isycoed and Holt and the areas around them.
 - iii. From those expressing a preference, there was a clear preference for an

Electrical Connection to be made within the South Corridor (one of the two options proposed).

- iv. The visual and environmental effect of the proposed Electrical Connection needed to be considered carefully in the design and environmental assessment of the project.
- v. There was a slight preference for a Gas Connection to be made within the East Corridor (one of the two options proposed).
- vi. There was less interest in the Gas Connection element of the proposals than the WEC itself and its Electrical Connection;
- vii. The potential commercial and energy supply benefits of the WEC were acknowledged by businesses on the Wrexham Industrial Estate and more widely.

1.3.9. Between the non-statutory and statutory consultations, WPL continued to receive feedback from the community living in the vicinity of the WEC's initially proposed Electrical Connection corridors, especially those living in the southern corridor. This feedback strongly objected to WEC's proposed Electrical Connection and the possibility of pylons for a 400kV electrical connection being built.

1.3.10. As noted above, WPL reviewed the feedback received alongside the design and technical assessments and decided to put forward the current Scheme. The current Scheme has a generating capacity of up to 299MWe. This CCGT power station can be connected, subject to a number of upgrades to SPEN's existing electrical distribution network. As such, the key messages that WPL had regard to were the requests to reduce the size and scale of the Power Station itself, and, if at all possible, remove the need for a new 400kV connection and use the existing local electrical distribution system.

1.4. WPL's Statement of Community Consultation¹

1.4.1. Before commencing statutory consultation, WPL drafted, consulted on and published a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), in accordance with section 47 of the PA 2008.

1.4.2. WPL consulted WCBC on the content of the SoCC between 8 April 2014 and 6 May 2014 and published its SoCC notice on 5 and 7 July 2014 as well as making hardcopies available at inspection locations local to the proposed site of the WEC (See Appendix 13). The comments provided by WCBC and how WPL addressed them is set out in chapter 10 Statutory Consultation: Consultation in accordance of section 47 of the PA 2008.

¹ The SoCC is included at Appendix 11 of this Consultation Report, which comprises Part 1 (the SoCC itself – also labelled as “*Report to Inform the Statement of Community Consultation produced in accordance with s47(6) of the Planning Act 2008*”) and Part 2 (the SoCC notice – also set out as published in Appendix 13 of this Consultation Report)

1.5. WPL's statutory consultation

- 1.5.1. WPL carried out statutory consultation in accordance with sections 42, 47 and 48 of the PA 2008 on its proposals for the WEC.
- 1.5.2. The Power Station Complex Site constitutes a 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project' (NSIP) under the PA 2008, as it has a proposed generating capacity in excess of 50MWe. In accordance with the PA 2008, WPL is required to apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) from the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) has been given the remit of examining, on behalf of the Secretary of State, applications for NSIPs. Accordingly, WPL has registered the project with PINS. PINS will appoint the Examining Authority who examine and consider the Application and make recommendation to the Secretary of State. This process, including the manner in which consultation should be undertaken, is prescribed in the PA 2008.
- 1.5.3. Prior to submitting an application, applicants have a statutory duty to consult on and publicise the proposed application in accordance with the PA 2008, and regulations made under it. Applicants must also have regard to any statutory guidance issued under section 50 of the Act. This includes *The Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process* (August 2014) issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government.
- 1.5.4. Statutory consultation was undertaken between 14 July 2014 and 24 August 2014.
- 1.5.5. All those bodies, organisations and individuals categorised as consultees under sections 42 (a), (b) and (d) of the PA 2008 were written to at the launch of consultation and provided with details of the proposals, including a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) with a Non-Technical Summary (in both English and Welsh language) and supporting plans and documents showing the preferred site layout for the WEC and the proposed Development Consent Order Limit - i.e. the draft boundary of the Application site. A copy of the PEIR was provided on a CD together with copies of all of the consultation material. These materials were drafted and issued to ensure consultees could provide informed feedback on WPL's proposals for the WEC.
- 1.5.6. WPL publicised the proposed Application by publishing notices in the prescribed form in accordance with section 48 of the PA 2008. The notices were published as follows:
 - 4 July 2014 - London Gazette (public record)
 - 5 July 2014 - Wrexham Leader (circulation 30,266) and the Daily Telegraph (circulation 523,048)
 - 12 July 2014 - Wrexham Leader (circulation 30,266)

The s.48 notices as they appeared in Wrexham Leader (both dates) and Daily Telegraph and the London Gazette have been provided in Appendix 27.

- 1.5.7. The community living in the vicinity of the land on which the WEC is proposed was consulted in accordance with section 47 of the PA 2008 . This statutory consultation was carried out in line with WPL's SoCC, a document produced in accordance with Section 47 (1) of the PA 2008. As required, WPL consulted WCBC on the content of the SoCC and has taken regard of their responses.
- 1.5.8. The statutory consultation was promoted through the First Class through Royal Mail of a project information leaflet to 2,771 addresses in the vicinity of the WEC site, advertising in the local media, the issue of press releases, distribution of posters and letters to stakeholders who registered an interest in the project at the voluntary non-statutory stage of consultation. The consultation was supported by a website that acted as the most up to date source of information on the project, three public exhibition events, a presentation to Bangor on Dee Community Council, and hard copy inspection materials.
- 1.5.9. WPL's contact details were provided to all consultees to ensure they could contact the project team and channels through which feedback could be provided. These included a *Freepost* address, email address, paper and online feedback forms and a project phone number, staffed Monday to Friday between 9:00am and 5:30pm, with an answerphone outside of these hours.
- 1.5.10. The feedback received is described and analysed in this report. This includes responses from section 42 consultees, which has taken the form of letters and written guidance, and section 47 consultees (the community) which has been provided across 20 feedback forms, 17 letters, 41 emails and 10 phone calls received during the statutory consultation period.
- 1.5.11. In summary, engagement with the section 47 consultees suggested that:
 - i. in discussion with stakeholders the decision to proceed with a 299MWe rather than a 1,200MWe power station was welcomed;
 - ii. in discussion with stakeholders, the decision not to proceed with a 400kV connection was welcomed;
 - iii. As a result of SPEN submitting a representation to PINS' consultation on WPL's EIA Scoping Report (March 2014 (document reference 6.4.1)), which did not reflect the meetings and discussions resulting in a feasibility study confirming that a connection can be made to the local electrical distribution network, some stakeholders were concerned that a 400kV connection directly to the national electricity transmission system at National Grid's Legacy substation would be the only feasible means of exporting the electricity generated by the WEC. WPL confirms that this will not be the case and has submitted the appropriate electrical connection application.
 - iv. The most frequent comments made included:

- That the Wrexham area does not require a power station as there are other existing power stations in the wider region (31 comments)
- That the WEC will generate audible noise once operational (29 comments)
- That the WEC will impact local air quality (28 comments)

1.5.12. The body of this report and its appendices expand on the feedback received.

1.5.13. The matters raised by section 42 consultees are specific to their interest or regulatory role and are dealt with individually in the body and appendices of this report.

1.5.14. In summary, WPL has had regard to the feedback supplied, alongside other design and technical considerations to inform the following. WPL has, using the feedback supplied during statutory consultation,:

- Finalised its preferred site layout for the WEC
- Made provision for visual screening including planting
- Finalised the route of the Gas Connection
- Finalised the location and orientation of the Gas Connection's Above Ground Installation at Maelor Gas Works
- Finalised access arrangements for construction and during operation

1.5.15. The detail of the how WPL undertook statutory consultation, the responses received and the subsequent changes to the project are provided in this report.

1.5.16. Following clarification on what constitutes associated development in Wales, in January 2016 WPL notified stakeholders living within its consultation zone that it would be submitting a planning application for the WEC's Gas Connection to Wrexham County Borough Council. A note on this engagement is provided in Appendix 32 of this report.

2. Table of compliance

2.1. Introduction

- 2.1.1. This chapter summarises how WPL met the relevant notification, consultation and publicity requirements of the PA 2008. The body of this report sets out in detail how WPL has complied with the relevant requirements of the PA 2008.

2.2. Table of compliance

- 2.2.1. For clarity, the table below summarises WPL's compliance with chapter 2 of the PA 2008. This table sets out in summary the requirements relating to sections, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48 49 and 50 of the PA 2008.

Table 2: Summary of how WPL's stakeholder consultations comply with statutory requirements			
Planning Act 2008	Requirement in summary	Complied?	How WPL met this requirement
Section 42	The applicant must consult the following (a) such persons as may be prescribed, (aa) the Marine Management Organisation, (b) each local authority that is within section 43, (c) the Greater London Authority if the is in Greater London and (d) each person listed in one or more categories in section 44 Section 4	✓ (a) Page 33 ✓ (b) Page 34 N/A (c) ✓ (d) Page 36	With the exception of the Marine Management Organisation and Greater London Authority, who are not relevant to this application, WPL identified and consulted each category of section 42 consultee.
Section 43	Sets out the local authorities to be consulted under section 42 (b)	✓ Page 35	WPL identified and consulted each relevant local authority before submitting its Application.
Section 44	Sets out the categories of consultee for the purposes of section 42 (d)	✓ Page 36	WPL identified and consulted each relevant party before submitting its Application.
Section 45	Establishes that section 42 consultees must be given 28 days to respond to consultation, starting on the day after the day on which the person receives the consultation documents.	✓ Page 34 to 38	WPL provided section 42 consultees with 42 days to respond to its statutory consultation commencing on 14 July 2014 and ending on 24 August 2014.
Section 46	Sets out the duty to provide the Secretary of State with the consultation documents provided to section 42 consultees.	✓ Page 33	WPL provided the Planning Inspectorate by letter on 11 July 2014 with copies of the consultation materials.
Section 47	Requires the preparation of a statement describing how consultation will be undertaken	✓ (47 (1)) page 44	WPL produced a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), consulted Wrexham

	with people living in the vicinity of the land (47 (1)), consulting each local authority in section 43 (1) on its content (47 (2)), giving the local authorities 28 days to respond to the consultation (47 (3)) having regard to the local authorities responses (47 (5)), publishing a notice once that statement is finalised in locally circulating newspapers and any other manner that may be prescribed and making the SoCC available for inspection by the public in a way that is reasonably convenient (47 (6)), and consulting in line with the SoCC(47 (7)).	✓ (47 (2)) page 44 ✓ (47 (3)) page 44 ✓ (47 (4)) page 37 ✓ (47 (5)) page 44 ✓ (47 (6)) page 44 ☐ ✓ (47 (7)) page 44 ☐	County Borough Council on its content, accounted for its feedback, published its SoCC notice on 5 and 7 July 2014 in the Wrexham Leader and made the SoCC available in hard copy at deposit locations and consulted the community in accordance with its content before submitting its Application.
Section 48	Requires the applicant to publicise its proposed application in the prescribed manner, including setting a deadline for a responses.	✓ Page 61 to 62	WPL produced and published a section 48 notice in the prescribed manner. It appeared on 5 July 2014 in the Wrexham Leader, London Gazette and the Daily Telegraph, and again on 12 July 2014 in only the Daily Telegraph.
Section 49	Requires applicants to have regard of the consultation feedback received.	✓ Page 67 to 90 and appendices 28 and 29	WPL has responded to each point raised in the consultation responses recorded in this report. Where these responses have led to change in the project it has also been recorded against that feedback.
Section 50	States that guidance may be published on how to comply with Chapter 2 and that the applicant must have regard to this.	✓ Page 31	In publicising its application, producing its SoCC, undertaking its consultation, and producing its Consultation Report, WPL has had regard to the following guidance: DCLG guidance <i>Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the</i>

			<i>pre-application process (March 2015)</i> ² . WPL has also considered the advice contained in PINS advice note 14: Compiling the Consultation Report and the National Principles for Public Engagement in Wales.
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² The relevant guidance in force at the time was a previous iteration of this guidance, however for ease, the March 2015 guidance is referred to this guidance.

3. The Scheme

3.1. Introduction

- 3.1.1. This section explains who WPL is and provides the context to its proposal for the Wrexham Energy Centre (WEC).

3.2. Wrexham Power Limited (WPL)

- 3.2.1. As explained above, WPL is a joint venture between St. Modwen and Glenfinnan Properties, established with the intention of promoting the WEC. Both companies have extensive experience in the development and economic regeneration of sites throughout the UK, including experience in the energy sector.

3.3. The national need for stable and secure power

- 3.3.1. The national need for the project is affirmed in the Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) and the National Policy Statement for Fossil Fuel Electricity Generating Infrastructure (EN-2). Relevant provisions are summarised in the Planning Statement that accompanies the Application for this project (Document Reference: 5.2). The UK faces a significant challenge in meeting growing demand for energy. At the same time, it has to replace ageing nuclear power stations as well as existing coal and oil-fired power stations that do not comply with the European Commission's Large Combustion Plant Directive (LCPD). This seeks to reduce atmospheric emissions and states that all non-compliant plants will have to close either after 20,000 hours of generation after 1 January 2008 or, at the latest by 31 December 2015. Since 2013 a number of plants have closed to meet this requirement, including:

- **Didcot A Power Station** - a 2,000MWe coal and gas-fired power station that closed in March 2013
- **Cockenzie Power Station** - a 1,200MWe oil-fired power station that closed in March 2013
- **Fawley Power Station** - a 1,000MWe oil-fired power station that closed in April 2013
- **Tilbury Power Station** - a 750MWe coal-fired power station that closed in October 2013
- **Littlebrook Power Station** - a 1,245MWe oil-fired power station that closed in March 2015
- **Ironbridge Power Station** – a 1,000MWe coal-fired power station that closed in November 2015
- **Eggborough Power Station** - a 2,000MWe coal-fired power station that is anticipated to substantially close by March 2016
- **Ferrybridge Power Station** – a 1,000MWe coal-fired power station that is anticipated to close by March 2016

- **Longannet Power Station** - a 2,400MWe coal-fired power station anticipated to close by early 2016
- **Rugeley B Power Station** – a 1,000MWe coal-fired power station scheduled to close by early 2016

3.4. The Wrexham Energy Centre

3.4.1. The Power Station Complex Site is a new CCGT power station at the WIE, with an electrical generation capacity of up to 299 MWe. The Power Station Complex Site would comprise the following components all of which form part of the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP):

- The Power Station Complex
- Temporary and permanent Laydown areas
- Surface water drainage
- Foul water drainage
- Combined heat and power capability
- Landscaping and ecological mitigation
- Security; and lighting

3.4.2. The Power Station Complex Site constitutes a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) by virtue of section 14 and section 15 of the PA 2008, which includes within the definition of an NSIP any onshore generating station in England or Wales of more than 50 MWe. Under section 31 PA 2008 a Development Consent Order (DCO) is required to develop an NSIP. Under section 37 PA 2008 this can only be granted if an application is made for it to the relevant Secretary of State (SoS) (the Application).

3.4.3. A definitive description of the Scheme is provided in chapters one and four of the Environmental Statement (ES) that accompanies WPL's Application (Document Reference: 6.2).

3.4.4. Power Station Complex Site

3.4.5. In summary, the Power Station Complex Site would comprise:

- i. Up to 2 gas turbine buildings
- ii. Up to 2 Stacks
- iii. Up to 2 Heat Recovery Steam Generators
- iv. Transformers
- v. A Steam Turbine building
- vi. Admin/Control building
- vii. Heat interface building
- viii. Pressure regulation installation
- ix. Water tanks
- x. Car parking
- xi. Internal site roads
- xii. Workshop
- xiii. Water treatment plant
- xiv. Switchyard

- xv. Switchgear room
- xvi. Surface and foul water drainage

3.5. Gas Connection (being consented pursuant to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990)

- 3.5.1. This element comprises all the equipment required to connect the Power Station Complex to the National Transmission System, including the Gas Pipeline and the Above Ground Installation Site.
- 3.5.2. The nearest connection point from the proposed Power Station Complex Site to the national gas transmission system (NTS) is adjacent to the Maelor Gas Works near Talwrn, approximately 2.5km from the Power Station Complex Site. The Power Station Complex will be connected to this point via an underground Gas Pipeline that measures approximately 3.5km.
- 3.5.3. An Above-Ground Installation (AGI) will be built near to the connection point with the NTS adjacent to the Maelor Gas Works. This facility will control and manage the supply of gas from the NTS to the Power Station Complex and will protect the connection point and allow for maintenance access. AGIs are compounds that serve as accessible points to the gas network and are often located at pipeline junctions for maintenance reasons.

3.6. Site and its context

- 3.6.1. Chapter three of the ES explains the consideration that WPL gave to alternative sites and development options. Chapter 4 of the ES provides a full description of the Scheme.
- 3.6.2. The Power Station Complex Site is situated to the east of Bryn Lane in the north-east part of the Wrexham Industrial Estate (WIE), on land allocated for major employment development by policy E3 of the Wrexham UDP. The Site has extant planning permission for employment uses (planning reference P/2008/0993). The WIE is one of the largest industrial estates in Wales. An Owens Corning Fibreglass factory formerly occupied the western and southern areas of the Power Station Complex Site.
- 3.6.3. Agricultural land with well-defined field boundaries lies to the east and north of the Power Station Complex Site, although land to the north has planning permission for employment uses (planning reference P/2011/0891).
- 3.6.4. The Gas Connection follows a route through farmland to the east and south of WIE to the connection point to the NTS and location of the AGI Site at the Maelor Gas Works, approximately 2.5km to the south of the Power Station Complex Site.

3.7. Electrical connection (Not part of the Application)

- 3.7.1. The WEC will supply the electricity it generates into the local electricity distribution network operated by SPEN, with the electricity generated that is

not used on the local distribution network exported to the national electricity transmission system via National Grid's Legacy substation. The connection will be provided by SPEN, the distribution network operator for the Wrexham area. This will be achieved via a series of upgrades to its local electricity distribution network. These are described in the Grid Connection Statement submitted with the Application (Document Reference: 8.1). The Electrical Connection (which does not form part of the Application), has also been considered in the cumulative assessment section of the various topic chapters of the ES. A connection application has been made to SPEN. This is referred to in further detail in the Document Reference: 8.1

3.8. The Development Consent Order application process

3.8.1. Under the PA 2008, the Power Station Complex Site qualifies as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and therefore requires a Development Consent Order (DCO) granting the necessary consents required to build it.

3.8.2. The consenting regime for obtaining a DCO is set out in the PA 2008. The application process is managed by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), an executive agency of the UK government. PINS will receive WPL's Application and, once accepted, will appoint an Examining Authority to assess and examine the application in manner set out below. The Examining Authority will make a recommendation on whether to grant a DCO or not to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. The Secretary of State will ultimately decide whether or not to make a DCO. The main stages of DCO process are as follows.

- **Pre-application** - including the site appraisal, project design, environmental impact assessment and associated consultations that inform the preparation of an application.
- **Acceptance** - WPL will submit its application to PINS. Amongst other things, PINS will review submission documents and check that sufficient public consultation has taken place before deciding whether to accept the application for examination.
- **Pre-examination** - PINS will establish an Examining Authority and invites everyone who may have an interest in the application to register for participation in the examination as well as setting a timetable for the examination.
- **Examination** - Examination takes up to six months. The Examining Authority will oversee the examination. It will invite the Applicant and participants to respond to written questions but may also hold public hearings.
- **Decision** - The Examining Authority will have up to three months to write a report that recommends whether or not the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change should grant a DCO. The Secretary of

State for Energy and Climate Change then has up to three months in which to make the final decision

- ***Post-decision*** - After a decision is made, there is a six-week period for Judicial Review in which to challenge the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change's decision on procedural grounds.

3.8.3. It can take up to 16 months from the acceptance of an application to the Secretary of State making his or her decision.

4. Non-statutory consultation

4.1. Introduction

4.1.1. This section summarises the non-statutory consultation undertaken by WPL.

4.2. Non-statutory consultation

4.2.1. The consultation carried out and summarised in WPL's 'Non-Statutory Feedback Report' constitute non-statutory consultation undertaken voluntarily by WPL in advance of the statutory consultation described later in this report.

4.2.2. By undertaking non-statutory consultation prior to undertaking statutory consultation, WPL sought to raise awareness of the proposal for the WEC, introduce the local community to the concept of a CCGT power station being located on the site, capture the details of those who wish to participate in statutory consultation on the WEC and to gather initial feedback informed by emerging designs.

4.2.3. Non-statutory consultation took place over seven weeks, commencing on 11 June 2012 and closing on 5 August 2012 and was undertaken in line with a published Consultation Plan. The Consultation Plan was agreed with Wrexham Borough Council and was the precursor to WPL's SoCC.

4.2.4. During non-statutory consultation, WPL requested feedback on:

- i. the WPL's preferred location for the WEC, a CCGT power station of up to 1,200MWe generating capacity, on Kingmoor Park South;
- ii. two other sites considered on the WIE; Kingmoor Park North and the former Firestone Factory site;
- iii. the area in which the WEC's Gas Connection to the national gas transmission system could be made, providing fuel for the WEC;
- iv. two areas (a north and south Electrical Connection route corridor) in which a new 400kV Electrical Connection could be made to connect the WEC to the national electricity transmission system, at National Grid's Legacy substation;
- v. General feedback on the project as a whole.

4.2.5. WPL's non-statutory consultation on its proposal for the WEC indicated that:

- i. the visual and environmental effects of the WEC had to be considered carefully in the design and environmental assessment of the project;
- ii. Some consultees preferred other potential sites for the WEC, predominantly the former Firestone Factory site. This preference came particularly from the villages of Isycoed and Holt and the areas around them;

- iii. from those expressing a preference, there was a clear preference for an Electrical Connection to be made within the South Corridor (one of the two options proposed);
- iv. the visual and environmental effect of the proposed Electrical Connection needed to be considered carefully in the design and environmental assessment of the project;
- v. there was a slight preference for a Gas Connection to be made within the East Corridor (one of the two options proposed);
- vi. there was less interest in the Gas Connection element of the proposals than the WEC itself and its Electrical Connection;
- vii. the potential commercial and energy supply benefits of the WEC are acknowledged by businesses on the Wrexham Industrial Estate and more widely.

- 4.2.6. The full Non-Statutory Consultation Report (Stage One Feedback Report) is provided in Appendix 1 of this report and explains how non-statutory consultation was undertaken and its outcomes.
- 4.2.7. Following the non-statutory consultation, feedback continued to be received from stakeholders. This feedback was provided as an addendum to the Non-Statutory Consultation Report. In summary, this feedback expressed strong opposition to providing an above-ground 400kV electrical connection to Legacy Substation.
- 4.2.8. WPL reviewed the feedback received alongside the design and technical assessments and decided to put forward the current Scheme. The current Scheme has a generating capacity of up to 299MWe. This CCGT power station can be connected, subject to a number of upgrades to SPEN's existing electricity distribution network. As such, the key messages that WPL had regard to were the requests to reduce the size and scale of the Power Station itself, such that it would be possible, to remove the need for a new 400kV connection and use the existing local electrical distribution system.
- 4.2.9. Those who had subscribed for project updates during and after the close of WPL's non-statutory consultation were notified of the proposals for the current Scheme on 16 March 2014.
- 4.2.10. Those who had expressed concerns that the Electrical Connection would adversely affect the local area welcomed the decision by WPL to reduce the generating capacity and therefore removing the need of a new 400kV connection and use the existing local electrical distribution system. Additionally, Wrexham Residents Against Power Scheme (WRAPS), had opposed the original 1200 MWe project, stated: At the present time WRAPS will monitor developments rather than oppose the revised proposals....."

4.3. Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN)

- 4.3.1. SPEN is the electrical distribution network operator for the Wrexham area. It is the statutory undertaker responsible for managing and maintaining the local electricity distribution network and is legally obliged to connect power generators to its network if requested.
- 4.3.2. In response to PINS' consultation on WPL's Scoping Report for the current Scheme (a CCGT power station of up to 299MWe) (report dated March 2014), SPEN submitted a scoping response to PINS that did not acknowledge meetings and discussions held between WPL and SPEN that resulted in a technical feasibility study that it had been undertaken to assess the upgrading of its network to enable connection of the WEC to the local electrical distribution network. These initial discussions were later acknowledged in a letter from SPEN on 21 August 2014. However, the Scoping Opinion response remains in the public domain and was, and continues to be, a source of concern for the community that a 400kV connection directly to the national electricity transmission system at National Grid's Legacy substation would be the only feasible means of exporting the electricity generated by the WEC. As WPL has confirmed in discussions with stakeholders, it has worked with SPEN to set out how the connection to its network could be provided in line with SPEN's statutory obligations. WPL has submitted a Grid Connection application to SPEN for the connection of the Scheme to the local electrical distribution network. For the avoidance of doubt, the WEC will not require a new 400kV connection and the detail of the delivery of the Electrical Connection for the WEC (including the upgrades) will be SPEN's responsibility.
- 4.3.3. A Grid Connection Statement setting out how the Electrical Connection could be provided is submitted with WPL's Application (Document reference 8.1). The Electrical Connection (which does not form part of the Application), has also been considered in the cumulative effects section of the various topic chapters of the ES.

4.4. Engagement with Persons with an Interest in Land (PIL's) that may be affected by the Scheme

- 4.4.1. Following the completion of non-statutory consultation in August 2012, WPL embarked on a programme of engagement with persons with an interest in land, which may be affected by the Scheme. At that time the proposals for the Previous Scheme comprised a CCGT power station with a nominal generating capacity of up to 1,200 MWe on the WIE, with corridors in which the WEC's then 400 kV connection to the national electricity transmission system, and a corridor in which its connection to the gas NTS could be provided.
- 4.4.2. On 7 December 2012, WPL began a programme of land referencing work, and requests to landowners for access to land to undertake the non-intrusive field based surveys that are necessary to inform the design and technical assessments for the Scheme.

- 4.4.3. WPL's land referencing programme has comprised a multi-faceted approach, initially this involved acquiring land ownership information from the Land Registry to identify all registered titles, preparing a schedule of contact details for persons with an interest in land, producing land ownership plans and writing to the proprietors of land registered with the Land Registry to request information on their land interests and to request access consent for survey work. In the case of unregistered land, letters were sent to the nearest farm settlements in relation to the land, requesting contact and seeking clarification of the extent of land interests associated with those farm settlements.
- 4.4.4. For ease of communication, WPL has a dedicated email address and Wrexham area code telephone number for use by parties contacted as part of the land referencing exercise and request for access programme, these are: landrights@wrexham-power.com and 01978 228 688.
- 4.4.5. Where no response was received to this initial contact, parties have been approached by further letter correspondence, phone calls (as a result of online phone directory investigation) and site visits 'door knocking' in an attempt to establish contact in person.
- 4.4.6. Where dialogue has been established, site meetings were requested to discuss land interest information and arrangements for access consent. However, in many instances the offer of a meeting was not taken up by landowners.
- 4.4.7. Furthermore, some parties have made it clear that under no circumstances will land interests be confirmed or access consent granted.
- 4.4.8. Feedback that was forthcoming during this period following non-statutory consultation was generally to object to the proposals on the basis of the following :
- The visual and environmental effects of the WEC had to be considered carefully in the design and environmental assessment of the project.
 - Some landowners immediately to the east of the Power Station Complex Site preferred other potential sites for the WEC, predominantly the former Firestone Factory site.
 - Concern over temporary and permanent effect on agricultural land use as a result of construction and operation of the proposed 400kV Electrical Connection.
 - Concern over the effect on farmhouse property values as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed 400kV Electrical Connection.
- 4.4.9. Between the non-statutory and statutory consultations, WPL continued to engage with and communicate with landowners with regards to access for the purposes of carrying out non-intrusive environmental survey. The number of landowners and persons with an interest in land which may be affected by the Scheme, reduced considerably following announcement of the refined proposals for the current Scheme (containing a smaller CCGT power station

and removing the need for a new 400kV connection directly to National Grid's 400kV Legacy substation).

- 4.4.10. Whilst not covered in detail in this Consultation Report, it is worth noting that in 2013, WPL successfully applied for a series of s53 authorisations for access to particular land parcels in connection with the Previous Scheme. As part of this process, a significant degree of engagement and consultation with relevant landowners was undertaken. This information is all available on the project page of the PINS' website

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/wrexham-energy-centre/> and is not noted further in this Consultation Report.

- 4.4.11. All those landowners and persons with an interest in land who had been contacted by WPL since 7 December 2012 as part of the land referencing process were notified of the current Scheme on 16 March 2014.

5. Engagement with businesses on the Wrexham Industrial Estate

5.1. Introduction

- 5.1.1. The WEC could have substantial benefits to the WIE and it was also important to engage with local businesses to understand what effects the Scheme could have. This section sets out how WPL engaged with businesses on the WIE.

5.2. Liaising with the Wrexham Industrial Estate Co-ordinator

- 5.2.1. At the non-statutory and statutory stages of consultation, WPL liaised on a regular basis with the WIE Co-ordinator to ensure she was kept informed of consultation events and the wider progress of the project. The Co-ordinator assisted WPL to identify and engage with its key business stakeholders. Through discussions with the WIE Co-ordinator, WPL was able to brief businesses on the following occasions:

- 4 July 2012 Business Consultation event (see engagement with businesses)
- 27 September 2012
- 2 May 2013 (written update)
- 12 September 2013
- 17 October 2013
- 6 March 2014 (written update)
- 2 October 2014 Business Forum
- 20 January 2016 (written update).

5.3. Engagement with businesses

- 5.3.1. As well as attending and presenting to the WIE Business Forum, WPL engaged with businesses on the WIE directly through:

- A Business Consultation event (4 July 2012) - all businesses were invited to a morning discussion session at Redwither Tower at the centre of the WIE, to discuss future energy needs and experience of current power supplies for businesses on the estate;
- Personal correspondence at the non-statutory and statutory consultation stages;
- Meetings with Kellogg's, Ball Packaging, Prysmian Cables, Rowan Foods, Wockhardt, Norish, AST Plastic Containers and JCB to discuss the proposals and understand their individual energy requirements.

- 5.3.2. During these discussions it was established that some businesses had experienced problems with the supply of electricity to their buildings, including temporary outages and fluctuating voltages. These can be highly disruptive and costly to automated manufacturing processes. It was recognised that the

reinforcement and renewal of the electricity distribution network that would accompany the WEC proposals would help to address these problems.

5.4. Energy Survey

- 5.4.1. To better understand how electricity was used on the WIE and inform its proposals, WPL conducted a survey of energy use on the WIE in September 2012. The survey was circulated to 332 businesses on the estate. It asked for:
- Information about the businesses premises including its age and dimension,
 - Information about electricity consumption for space heating, domestic hot water use, space cooling and other purposes
 - Whether they had experienced an interruption to electricity supply and what the impact of what this was
 - Whether the current electricity supply to the WIE impacted their ambitions to expand
 - Information about gas consumption for space heating, domestic hot water use, space cooling and other purposes
 - Details of additional fuels used for heating.
- 5.4.2. This identified demand for the surplus hot water that the proposed power station would generate. A copy of the Energy Survey questionnaire is provided in Appendix 33.

6. Scope of statutory consultation

6.1. Introduction

- 6.1.1. This section sets out the purpose and scope of WPL's consultation on the Scheme.

6.2. The need to undertake statutory consultation

- 6.2.1. There is a requirement in the PA 2008 to ensure that interested parties have been consulted on a proposed NSIP. Consultation, both statutory and non-statutory, benefits promoters in a number of ways, helping to build knowledge of local environmental, economic and community sensitivities and helping to guide the siting, scale and design of a development.
- 6.2.2. Paragraph 11 of PINS's *'Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process'* states that:

'Early involvement of local communities, local authorities and statutory consultees can bring about significant benefits for all parties by:

- helping the applicant identify and resolve issues at the earliest stage, which can reduce the overall risk to the project further down the line as it becomes more difficult to make changes once an application has been submitted;
- enabling members of the public to influence proposed projects, feedback on potential options, and encouraging the community to help shape the proposal to maximise local benefits and minimise any downsides;
- helping local people understand the potential nature and local impact of the proposed project, with the potential to dispel misapprehensions at an early stage;
- enabling applicants to obtain important information about the economic, social and environmental impacts of a scheme from consultees, which can help rule out unsuitable options;
- enabling potential mitigating measures to be considered and, if appropriate, built into the project before an application is submitted; and
- identifying ways in which the project could, without significant costs to promoters, support wider strategic or local objectives.

- 6.2.3. WPL's statutory consultation has been structured to achieve these benefits.

6.3. What Wrexham Power Limited consulted on

- 6.3.1. The purpose of WPL's statutory consultation was to gather feedback on the proposed siting and design of the WEC, including its Power Station Complex and Gas Connection, before submitting an Application to PINS for the consents and powers necessary to build the Power Station Complex Site.

6.3.2. At the time of the statutory consultation, the proposals for the Power Station Complex Site included:

- Up to two turbine buildings – to house the gas turbines that will generate electricity
- Up to two heat recovery steam generators – to turn excess heat produced by the exhaust gases into steam
- A steam turbine building – this houses the steam turbine that will generate additional electricity
- An Air Cooled Condenser – to return steam generated by the WEC to water
- A demineralised water plant – to treat the water used in the generation process
- Electrical switchyard and transformers – to connect the WEC to SPEN's local electrical distribution network

6.3.3. It also included in the scope of the project the connection to the gas NTS.

6.3.4. To inform this consultation, WPL produced a range of documents that included:

- A plan showing the red line plan (PEIR site boundary)
- The preferred site layout plan for the Power Station Complex
- A plan of the AGI Site at Maelor Gas Works, required for the Gas Connection
- A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) on CD
- A PEIR Non-Technical Summary (provided in English and Welsh)

6.3.5. Red line plan (PEIR site boundary) refers to the red line plan that WPL issued during statutory consultation. This supported the PEIR. Since it was issued, the red line plan has been refined and is now reflected in both the Works Plan (Document reference: 2.3) and the Land Plans (Document reference: 2.2).

6.3.6. In relation to the PEIR, the PINS' advice note 7 '*Screening, Scoping and Preliminary Environmental Information*' that was in force at the time of the production of the PEIR (July 2013) provided guidance on what a PEIR should include and what it is for. The guidance stated that:

'The focus of the PEI (PEIR) is to enable the local community to understand the environmental effects of the proposed development so as to inform their responses regarding the proposed development.'

This is reflected in the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Guidance which advises applicants to provide 'sufficient preliminary environmental information to enable consultees to develop an informed view of the project. The information required will be different for different types and sizes of projects and it may differ depending on the audience of a particular

consultation...The key issue is that the information presented must provide clarity to all consultees'.

- 6.3.7. The PEIR remains available to view in the Library section of the project website - www.Wrexham-Power.com. A copy of the PEIR NTS (English) is provided in Appendix 2 of this report. A copy of the PEIR NTW (Welsh) is provided in Appendix 3 of this report.

7. Duty to notify the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application

7.1. Introduction

- 7.1.1. A promoter of an NSIP is required by section 46 of the PA 2008, to provide the Secretary of State with information that will be issued to support statutory consultation with section 42 consultees.

7.2. Notification

- 7.2.1. WPL issued its section 46 notification on 11 July 2014 with a CD containing the statutory consultation documentation. A copy of the section 46 notification is provided in Appendix 4.

8. Statutory Consultation: Consultation in accordance with section 42 of the Planning Act 2008

8.1. Introduction

8.1.1. This chapter sets out how WPL undertook statutory consultation in accordance with section 42 of the PA 2008.

8.1.2. Section 42 of the PA 2008 requires promoters of NSIPs to consult with the following stakeholders:

- Prescribed organisations set out in Schedule 1 to the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009
- Relevant local authorities as categorised in section 43 of the PA 2008
- The Marine Management Organisation if the proposed development would affect certain waters
- The Greater London Authority if the land is located in Greater London
- Those with an interest in land as categorised in section 44 of the PA 2008.

8.1.3. Section 42 consultees received a letter dated 10 July 2014, enclosing documentation. These consultation packs were sent via courier or recorded delivery, and arrived on 11 and 12 July 2014. The covering letter made clear that WPL was undertaking statutory consultation on its proposal for the WEC. This approach ensured that consultation documents had arrived by the launch of consultation on 14 July 2014.

8.2. Statutory consultation in accordance with section 42(1)(a)

8.2.1. Section 42(1)(a) of the PA 2008 requires that applicants for a DCO consult such persons as may be prescribed. The prescribed organisations are set out in Schedule 1 to the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009.

8.2.2. WPL issued section 42(1)(a) consultees with on the above letter and enclosures dated 10 July 2014. WPL's schedule of section 42 (1)(a) consultees is provided in Appendix 5. The letter informed them of the consultation, the process for providing feedback and the date by which feedback needed to be provided. These consultees were sent notice copy of the section 48 notice of consultation, provided in Appendix 6, and the following documents:

- 8.2.3.
- Red line plan (PEIR site boundary)
 - The preferred site layout plan for the Power Station Complex
 - A plan of the AGI Site at Maelor Gas works, required for the Gas Connection
 - A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) on CD
 - A PEIR Non-Technical Summary (provided in English and Welsh)

8.2.4. Section 45 of the PA 2008, requires that section 42 consultees are provided with 28 days (that begins the day after that day on which the person receives the consultation documents) in which to respond to the consultation. WPL's Section 42 consultees were allowed 42 days in which to respond to the statutory consultation.

8.2.5. A summary of the feedback supplied is provided in chapter 13 of this report, *Summary of feedback received in response to consultation in accordance with section 42 of the Planning Act 2008*. The detailed feedback provided by these consultees, WPL's response and any resulting changes to the WEC project are described in Appendix 29 of this report.

8.3. Statutory consultation in accordance with section 42(1)(b)

8.3.1. Section 43 of the PA 2008 categorises the local authorities that need to be consulted in accordance with section 42(1)(b) of the Act. This includes the authority containing the land affected by the NSIP proposal as well as those adjacent to the authority containing the proposals. There are four categories of local authorities that need to be consulted; Category A local authorities, Category B local authorities, Category C local authorities and Category D local authorities. Category B local authorities contain the land on which the NSIP is proposed. Category A local authorities neighbour the local authority in which the site is located. Appendix 7 provides a map showing each local authority. Categories C and D do not apply as Wrexham County Borough Council is a County Borough Council.

8.3.2. WPL's Category B local authority is Wrexham County Borough Council. The proposed development is contained entirely within the jurisdiction of this authority.

8.3.3. WPL's Category A local authorities are:

- Denbighshire County Council
- Powys County Borough Council
- Flintshire County Council
- Shropshire County Council
- Cheshire West and Chester Council

8.3.4. There were no relevant Category C or Category D local authorities.

8.3.5. WPL issued the section 42(1)(b) consultees with the above letter and enclosures dated 10 July 2014. WPL's schedule of section 42(1)(a) consultees is provided in Appendix 5. The letter informed them of the consultation, the process for providing feedback and the date by which feedback needed to be provided. These consultees were sent notice copy of the section 48 notice of consultation, provided in Appendix 6, and the following documents:

- Red line plan (PEIR site boundary)
- The preferred site layout plan for the Power Station Complex
- A plan of the AGI Site at Maelor Gas Works, required for the Gas Connection
- A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) on CD
- A PEIR Non-Technical Summary (provided in English and Welsh)

8.3.6. A summary of the feedback supplied is provided in Chapter 13 of this report.

8.4. Statutory consultation in accordance with section 42(1)(aa) and (c)

8.4.1. Section 42(1)(aa) and (c) of the PA 2008 requires that applicants for a DCO consult with:

- The Marine Management Organisation if the proposed development would affect certain waters;
- The Greater London Authority if the land on which it is seeking a DCO for is located in Greater London.

8.4.2. As the WEC will be outside Greater London and would not affect the relevant waters, neither of these organisations were consulted.

8.5. Statutory consultation in accordance with section 42(1)(d)

8.5.1. Paragraph 49 of the DCLG's *'Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process'* states that:

8.5.2. *"...Applicants will also need to identify and consult people who own, occupy or have another interest in the land in question, or who could be affected by a project in such a way that they may be able to make a claim for compensation. This will give such parties early notice of projects, and an opportunity to express their views regarding them."*

8.5.3. Section 42 and specifically section 42(1)(d) of the PA 2008 states that an applicant must consult each person who is within one or more of the categories set out in section 44 about the proposed application.

8.5.4. Section 44 of the PA 2008 categorises the consultees described in section 42(1)(d) of the Act as follows:

8.5.5. 'Category 1' persons who the applicant knows, having made diligent inquiry, to be an owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of the land

8.5.6. Category 2' persons who the applicant knows, having made diligent inquiry, to have an interest in land or have the power to sell, convey or release of the land

8.5.7. 'Category 3' persons who the applicant thinks, would or might be entitled to make a 'relevant claim' for compensation as a result of the DCO being implemented or of the use of land, once implemented.

8.5.8. The definition of 'Category 3' persons in section 44(4) is more complex and relates to the ability to make a 'relevant claim' as set out in section 44(6). A 'relevant claim' for the purpose of section 44(6) means:

- A claim under section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965
- A claim under Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973
- A claim under section 152(3) of the PA 2008

8.6. Diligent inquiry and identification of persons with an interest in land: for the purposes of statutory consultation under section 42 (1) (d)

8.6.1. As stated in paragraph 4.4.2 of this report, following non-statutory consultation, and well in advance of statutory consultation, WPL undertook a programme of land referencing work in order to satisfy the statutory consultation and compulsory acquisition needs of the Scheme and DCO Application. This has comprised a multi-faceted approach, initially this involved submitting plans of the area of land that may be affected by the Scheme to the Land Registry, and procuring land ownership information including an official copy of all title registers and title plans.

8.6.2. Having obtained the necessary data, this was then examined to further identify all interests noted against the title in each case. A site/area visit was then carried out to check that the desktop information corresponded with physical features on the ground.

8.6.3. Where required, WPL also wrote to the proprietors of other registered land to request information on their land interests under cover of an introductory letter. In the case of unregistered land, introductory letters were sent to the proprietors of the adjoining land and to the nearest farm settlements in relation to the land, requesting contact and seeking clarification of the extent of land interests. In some cases, introductory letters were hand delivered, and the Scheme discussed in person.

8.6.4. In some instances site notices were erected to aid land ownership enquiries.

8.6.5. In addition to the above, WPL has carried out a search of utility equipment and apparatus within the PEIR (section 42 consultation) site boundary. Enquiries were made with statutory undertakers to ensure that those organisations which have plant above or beneath the ground that may be affected by the Scheme, were also included in the statutory consultation. Discussions regarding arrangements for the protection of assets, and where necessary, the inclusion of protective provisions within the DCO is ongoing.

8.6.6. Potential Category 3 interests were identified by holding meetings between members of the project team to discuss the areas and potential receptors outside of the PEIR (section 42 consultation) site boundary that may be

significantly affected by the physical effects of the Scheme during construction and operation (for example, by noise, vibration or dust). Persons or organisations with private rights over land inside and outside of the PEIR (section 42 consultation) site boundary, who may potentially have their use of their property affected by construction or operation of the Scheme were also identified and noted.

- 8.6.7. Through this process, persons and organisations were identified to be included within the land interest category for section 42(1)(d) consultation; including landowners, lessees, tenants, occupiers, utility providers and those other persons who have an interest in land that may be affected by WPL's proposal for the WEC (including those with the power to sell the land or release the land, such as mortgagees), as well as any Category 3 persons who may be entitled to make a claim under particular compulsory purchase legislation related to the construction and use of the Scheme.
- 8.6.8. A list of those persons who were consulted pursuant to s42(1)(d) is provided in Appendix 5.
- 8.6.9. The s42(1)(d) list at Appendix 5 has a limited number of differences to the list of parties included within the Book of Reference (Document reference: 4.3) that has been submitted as part of the Application. These are identified and explained below:

PARTY NOT INCLUDED IN S42 CONSULTATION BUT APPEARING IN THE BOOK OF REFERENCE	REASON FOR THIS DIFFERENCE	ACTION TAKEN BY WPL
Owens Road Services Limited	Part of the land comprising the Power Station Complex Site has been occupied by this party on a short term licence basis. This occupation occurred at a later date following s42 consultation.	WPL has written to the occupier notifying them of the Scheme and explaining that the Application is being made. The letter notes the ability of the occupier to participate in Examination and confirms that they would be formally notified of any acceptance of the Application pursuant to s56 of the Planning Act 2008. The occupier also received a copy of the community update leaflet in January 2016.
Threadneedle Property Investments Limited	This land and building, adjoining the Power Station	The previous owners, being Bryn Lane Properties LLP, were consulted under s42,

PARTY NOT INCLUDED IN S42 CONSULTATION BUT APPEARING IN THE BOOK OF REFERENCE	REASON FOR THIS DIFFERENCE	ACTION TAKEN BY WPL
	Complex Site was sold at a later date following the s42 consultation.	we would therefore expect the Scheme to have been disclosed as part of the usual sale process. WPL has written to the new landowner notifying them of the Scheme and explaining that the Application is being made. The letter notes the ability of the new landowner to participate in Examination and confirms that they would be formally notified of any acceptance of the Application pursuant to s56 of the Planning Act 2008 The letter also contained a copy of the community update leaflet.
Lloyd Tyrell-Kenyon (6th Baron Kenyon of Gredington)	WPL has continued to undertake diligent inquiry throughout the pre-submission phase of its Application. WPL identified at a later date following s42 consultation, that there was potentially an additional land interest held by a third party that related to the substratum mines and minerals for land parcels GC7, GC7A, GC7B, GC7C and GC7D. WPL has contacted the party, who has subsequently put WPL in contact with their land agent and it is still in the	WPL has written to the party notifying them of the Scheme and explaining that the Application is being made. The letter notes the ability of the potential landowner to participate in Examination and confirms that they would be formally notified of any acceptance of the Application pursuant to s56 of the Planning Act 2008

PARTY NOT INCLUDED IN S42 CONSULTATION BUT APPEARING IN THE BOOK OF REFERENCE	REASON FOR THIS DIFFERENCE	ACTION TAKEN BY WPL
	process of being confirmed as to whether this party does in fact hold this interest. Whilst this process is on-going, this party has been added to the Book of Reference on a precautionary basis.	
DEFRA	This party was included in the s42 consultation on a precautionary basis. However, following diligent inquiry, it is not considered to have an interest in land and therefore does not appear in the Book of Reference	Does not appear in the Book of Reference
The Coal Authority	This party was included in the s42 consultation on a precautionary basis. However, following diligent inquiry, it is not considered to have an interest in land and therefore does not appear in the Book of Reference	Does not appear in the Book of Reference
Department for Business Innovation and Skills	This party was included in the s42 consultation on a precautionary basis. However, following diligent inquiry, it is not considered to have an interest in land and therefore	Does not appear in the Book of Reference

PARTY NOT INCLUDED IN S42 CONSULTATION BUT APPEARING IN THE BOOK OF REFERENCE	REASON FOR THIS DIFFERENCE	ACTION TAKEN BY WPL
	does not appear in the Book of Reference	
Santander UK Plc	This party was included in the s42 consultation on a precautionary basis. However, following diligent inquiry, it is not considered to have an interest in land and therefore does not appear in the Book of Reference	Does not appear in the Book of Reference
Bryn Lane Properties LLP	This party was included in the s42 consultation as at that time it was the registered owner of land adjoining the Power Station Complex Site, and had an interest in the Order Land. However, following diligent inquiry, WPL is aware that their interest in the adjoining land has been sold (to Threadneedle Property Investments Limited (see above)). It is therefore not considered to have an interest in land and does therefore not appear in the Book of Reference	Does not appear in the Book of Reference
Bank of Scotland Plc	This party was included in the s42	Does not appear in the Book of Reference

PARTY NOT INCLUDED IN S42 CONSULTATION BUT APPEARING IN THE BOOK OF REFERENCE	REASON FOR THIS DIFFERENCE	ACTION TAKEN BY WPL
	consultation as at that time they were the mortgagee of the land owned by Bryn Lane Properties LLP (see above) adjoining the Power Station Complex Site, and had an interest in the Order Land. However, following diligent enquiry, WPL are aware they no longer had an interest in the land as the adjoining land has been sold (to Threadneedle Property Investments Limited (see above)). It is therefore not considered to have an interest in land and does therefore not appear in the Book of Reference	
TDG UK Limited	This party was included in the s42 consultation on a precautionary basis. However, following diligent inquiry, it is not considered to have an interest in land and therefore does not appear in the Book of Reference	Does not appear in the Book of Reference

- 8.6.10. Further information in respect to compulsory acquisition is set out in the Statement of Reasons (Document reference: 4.1).
- 8.6.11. WPL issued section 42(1)(d) consultees with on the above letter and enclosures dated 10 July 2014. WPL's schedule of section 42 (1)(a) consultees is provided in Appendix 5. The letter informed them of the consultation, the process for providing feedback and the date by which feedback needed to be provided. These consultees were sent notice copy of the section 48 notice of consultation, provided in Appendix 6, and the following documents:
- Red line plan (PEIR site boundary)
 - The preferred site layout plan for the Power Station Complex
 - A plan of the AGI Site at Maelor Gas Works, required for the Gas Connection
 - A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) on CD
 - A PEIR Non-Technical Summary (provided in English and Welsh)
- 8.6.12. A summary of the feedback received is provided in Chapter 13 of this report. The detailed feedback provided by these consultees, WPL's response and resulting changes to the proposal is tabulated in Appendix 29 of this report.

9. Statutory Consultation: consultation in accordance with section 47 of the Planning Act 2008

9.1. Introduction

9.1.1. This chapter sets out how WPL undertook statutory consultation in accordance with section 47 of the PA 2008.

9.1.2. Section 47 of the PA 2008 requires promoters of NSIPs to:

- Prepare a SoCC setting out how the community will be consulted
- Consult local authorities containing its proposals on the content of the SoCC
- Give the local authorities 28 days to provide comments and have regard of the comments received from the local authorities
- Make the SoCC available for inspection to local people
- Publish a notice stating where and when the SoCC can be inspected
- Consult in accordance with this SoCC.

9.2. Statement of Community Consultation³

9.2.1. Section 47 (1) of the PA 2008 defines what a SoCC is:

The applicant must prepare a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land.

9.2.2. So, in summary, a SoCC sets out how the promoter of an NSIP intends to statutorily (legally) consult the community living in the vicinity of its proposal and also other interested parties.

9.2.3. Section 47(2) of the PA 2008 requires that the promoter of an NSIP consult those local authorities within section 43(1) i.e. the local authority(s) in whose area the land is located – in this case WCBC. The local authority has 28 days in which to provide its comments on the SoCC. Section 47(5) of the PA 2008 requires the promoter to have regard to any response received during this 28-day period.

9.2.4. The land on which the Scheme is proposed is entirely within WCBC's local authority boundary. Accordingly it was statutorily consulted on the content of the SoCC (Part 1 - the SoCC itself and Part 2 - The SoCC notice). Ahead of this, WPL submitted its draft SoCC to PINS for its comments on 23 March 2014. PINS carried out a factual check against the requirements for consultation. PINS' factual check is provided in Appendix 12.

³ The SoCC is included at Appendix 11 of this Consultation Report, which comprises Part 1 (the SoCC itself – also labelled as “*Report to Inform the Statement of Community Consultation produced in accordance with s47(6) of the Planning Act 2008*”) and Part 2 (the SoCC notice – also set out as published in Appendix 13 of this Consultation Report

9.2.5. WPL consulted WCBC on its draft SoCC (Part 1 - the SoCC itself and Part 2 - The SoCC notice) between 8 April 2014 and 6 May 2014. To inform WCBC's comments on the SoCC, WPL provided copies of the Scoping Report for the project. The Scoping Report set out WPL's initial assessment of the likely significant effects and the assessment proposed for the project. The letter accompanying the draft SoCC setting out the statutory consultation period is provided in Appendix 8 of this report. The draft SoCC is provided in Appendix 9. The response from Wrexham County Borough Council is provided in Appendix 10. The final SoCC is provided in Appendix 11. Set out below are the WCBC's comments, WPL's responses and resulting changes to the draft SoCC.

9.2.6. WCBC returned the following comments on 6 May 2014:

Table 3: Wrexham County Borough Council's comments on the draft SoCC

Comment	WPL's response	Amendment to SoCC
Correction 4.2 should read 'located on land adjoining the Wrexham Industrial Estate and has'	Noted.	SoCC corrected
Whilst [the officer] appreciate[s] that the Electrical Connection does not form part of the DCO, the consultation documentation should provide information to clarify to consultees, proposals relating to this aspect. What would be the likely extent of works to the existing local 132kV electricity distribution network? Are other lines/connectors being upgraded in connection with the Energy Centre?	WPL made it clear in its consultation documentation, including the SoCC that the Electrical Connection would be provided by SPEN, through upgrades to its network and that these works do not form part of its Application. Where necessary, WPL explained to stakeholders how the Electrical Connection could be provided by SPEN, including a presentation (Appendix 23) to Bangor on Dee Community Council. The presentation was also later posted to WRAPS group's website.	No amendment required. (However, the anticipated Electricity Connection is included in the assessment of cumulative environmental effects in the ES).
In regards to the initial non-statutory consultation it was not considered to be adequate or effective. Many people were not consulted. The statutory consultation needs to be	WPL undertook non-statutory consultation in accordance with a consultation plan agreed with Wrexham County Borough	No amendment required - the draft SoCC already set out comprehensive and verifiable methods of engaging with consultees including

comprehensive and verifiable.	Council. The SoCC built on the approach used in the consultation plan and refined the methods where appropriate. Also, as dialogue had been opened with consultees and they had registered an interest in the project directly with WPL, WPL contacted them at the launch of statutory consultation.	directly mailing copies of the project leaflet to 2,771 addresses
Detailed designs should be provided during the consultation period to enable consultees to fully consider the implications of the proposal.	WPL committed in the SoCC to provide documentation supporting the consultation available in a number of formats and location, including hardcopy inspection copies at the selected deposit locations and online. This included the PEIR and PEIR NTS, which appended a series of plans and diagrams.	No amendment required - the draft SoCC already committed to the publication of WPL's PEIR and PEIR NTS at the launch of consultation
A public exhibition should also be held in Isycoed given the proximity to the proposed Wrexham Energy Centre. The exhibitions should be well publicised and early in the consultation process.	WPL held an event in Isycoed Village Hall. The exhibition dates were held early in the consultation period and were clearly publicised in the project leaflet, website, advertising in the local press, posters, email communications and a press release (see Chapter 11).	The SoCC included provision for an event in Isycoed Village Hall and provided details of the event.
With regard to presentations during the consultation period to Community Councils, 'if required' should be replaced with 'additional presentations will be offered to Community Councils'.	Acknowledged.	WPL amended its SoCC accordingly.
The 2km area around the proposed Energy Centre and the Gas Connection would include Marchwiell Community Council, Sesswick Community Council and	This comment related to a list of community councils provided in the SoCC.	SoCC amended to reflect the list of the community councils stated (also see Appendix 5 regarding section 42 consultation).

Willington/Worthenbury C.C in addition to the Community Councils referred to in the draft SoCC (Abenbury C.C, Bangor-on Dee C.C, Holt C.C and Isycoed C.C.) The parishes within Cheshire West and Chester falling within the consultation Zone should also be included.		
The Project leaflet is welcomed but it needs to be distributed effectively. The non-statutory consultation was not comprehensive and many people were not consulted. The distribution needs to be comprehensive and verifiable.	WPL undertook non-statutory consultation in accordance with a consultation plan agreed with Wrexham County Borough Council. At the statutory consultation stage, WPL issued the leaflet via a mailing house using Royal Mail postal data to 2,771 home and business addresses.	No amendment required - WPL had already committed to using direct mail to raise awareness of its proposals.
The SoCC] needs to fully consider 'hard to reach groups' and the issue of Feedback. As referred to in the draft consultation document the consultation should adhere to National Principles outlined within Participation Cymru which provides the framework for public engagement.	WPL ensured its statutory consultation met the objectives of Participation Cymru's National Principles for Public Engagement in Wales. Table 5 sets out the principles and what WPL did.	No amendment required - the draft SoCC set out how WPL would engage with hard to reach groups. At the launch of consultation, WPL contacted organisations representing hard to reach groups.
The means of communicating with 'hard to reach' groups needs to be clearly set out bearing in mind the barriers for different people. The challenges need to be clearly identified-these could include, no access to transport, no computers, physical disability or sensory impairment, language barriers etc and how will these issues and many others can be overcome. There needs to be a clear understanding of the community. As referred to previously you can discuss the above with Anna Miller who works for Wrexham County Borough Council. E-mail anna.miller@wrexham.gov.uk	WPL sought and was provided with a list of organisations which engaged with hard to reach groups, it contacted these groups to ensure that they and their members were aware of the consultation. As intended, the non-statutory stage of consultation raised awareness of WPL's proposal for the WEC and initiated dialogue that was continued into Statutory Consultation.	n/a

The timetable for the project is very strict and advance publicity of the consultation exercise will be required, so people do not miss out on the opportunity of making any comments on the proposal.	WPL provided notice of the statutory consultation through a number of channels (See chapter 10).	No amendment required - The draft SoCC already committed to promoting the consultation through a number of channels
It may be beneficial to write to Community Councils who were involved in the non-statutory consultation, who through the deletion of the proposed new Electrical Connection will not now be involved in the consultation process. This would ensure clarity in explaining the latest revisions to the scheme and in particular the works to an existing overhead line, which they could communicate to residents/businesses in their areas.	WPL wrote to the previously contacted Community Councils, who were approached in the context of the Previous Scheme and its electrical connection, notifying them of statutory consultation on the current Scheme.	No amendment required.
The website should also clearly communicate the revised scheme regarding the proposed existing Electrical Connection.	The project websites' 'Design' page sets out that the Electrical Connection will be provided by SPEN.	No amendment required.
The NFU should be added to the list of consultees given the extent of agricultural land which will be affected in providing the Gas Connection.	The NFU was consulted.	No amendment required.
With the reduction in the size of The Wrexham Energy Centre was any consideration given to a site closer to the connection point?	The site of the WEC was chosen for its proximity to both the existing local electrical distribution network and a spur of the gas NTS at Maelor Gas Works.	No amendment required.

- 9.2.7. Section 47 (6) of the PA 2008 requires that, once the SoCC has been prepared, a notice is published in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the land.
- 9.2.8. WPL published its notice of the SoCC (Part 2 - The SoCC notice) on 5 July 2014 in the Wrexham Leader. Copies of the notice as placed are provided in Appendix 13 of this report.
- 9.2.9. Also, as required by section 46, a hard copy of the SoCC (Part 1 - the SoCC itself and Part 2 - The SoCC notice) was provided for inspection at:

- Wrexham County Borough Council, The Guildhall, Wrexham, Clwyd, LL11 1AY
- Redwither Tower, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham, LL13 9XT

9.2.10. Section 47 (7) of the PA 2008 requires that the promoter of an NSIP consults the community in accordance with its SoCC. This report explains how WPL has met the commitments in its SoCC.

10. Statutory consultation in accordance with section 47 of the Planning Act 2008

10.1. Introduction

10.1.1. The following chapters of this report set out how WPL consulted the community on its proposal for the WEC and responded to the feedback received.

10.2. How WPL complied with its SoCC

10.2.1. This table sets out how WPL complied with its SoCC.

Table 3: How WPL complied with its SoCC

Table 4: Summary of how WPL has complied with commitments set out in the SoCC		
What WPL stated in its SoCC	Complied?	What WPL did:
Draft a consultation report	✓ (entire document)	Drafted this consultation report
Provide a full schedule of WCBC's comments on the SoCC and WPL's responses in the consultation report	✓ Page 45 (Table 3)	Full comments and responses have been provided in this report
Hold public exhibitions during its statutory consultation	✓ Page 58 Appendix 21	Comprehensive public exhibitions were held on three dates during the statutory consultation: - Monday 21 July 2014, 3pm to 8pm, Isycoed Village Hall, Isycoed Village, Bowling Bank, LL13 9RN - Tuesday 22 July 2014, 3pm to 8pm, Marchwiell Village Hall, Piercy Avenue, Marchwiell, LL13 0RH - Wednesday 23 July 2014, 3pm to 8pm, Atrium Suite, Redwither

		Tower, Redwither Business Park, LL13 9XT
Provide visualisation tools at public exhibitions to demonstrate how the WEC could look	✓ Appendix 21	Visualisations were provided, prepared by environmental consultants to industry standards
Publicise any changes to the indicative timetable on the project website	✓ n/a (no changes)	There were no changes to the timetable set out in the SoCC
Maintain the project website as the most up-to-date source of project information	✓ Appendix 16	The project website (www.wrexham-energy.com) has been maintained and regularly updated
Produce and distribute a project leaflet to all commercial and residential addresses in the consultation zone and all those who expressed an interest in the project	✓ Appendix 14 Appendix 15	A project leaflet was produced and distributed along with the covering letter in Appendix 15 It was posted through Royal Mail to 2,771 addresses
Give advance notice of the public exhibitions	✓ Appendix 17 Appendix 18 Appendix 20 Appendix 24 Appendix 25 Appendix 26	Advance notice was provided through a consultation launch email (Appendix 17) to all registered addresses, a project poster (Appendix 18) displayed in the venues listed in Appendix 20, and advertised in the Project Leaflet (Appendix 14) A consultation advert (Appendix 24) and press release (Appendix 25) was also produced. Press coverage is listed in Appendix 26
Ensure public exhibitions are bilingual	✓ Appendix 21	Exhibition boards were produced in both English and Welsh and Welsh speakers were present at each of the three exhibition events. The PEIR NTS was provided in Welsh and hosted on the project website which was

		also translated into Welsh
Offer additional presentations on the proposals to Community Councils and community groups where appropriate	✓ Page 60 (10.9.1 and 10.9.2.) Appendix 23	An additional presentation was given to Bangor-on-Dee Community Council on 21 July 2014 at Bangor-on-Dee Village Hall. The Presentation is included in Appendix 23. On 5 August 2014, WPL contacted Isycoed Community Council, Abenbury Community Council and Sesswick Community Council by letter to offer a presentation. No responses were received.
Issue a press release at the launch of statutory consultation and follow up press releases where appropriate	✓ Appendix 25 Appendix 26	A consultation press release (Appendix 25) was also produced. Press coverage is listed in Appendix 26
Provide copies of the project leaflet to elected representatives of areas affected by the proposals, and offer them meetings during the consultation period	✓ Appendix 14 Appendix 15	These were included in the wider community mailout of the project leaflet.
Display inspection copies of the documentation (including PIER, plans and diagrams, Stage One Consultation Feedback Report and supporting technical notes) at venues agreed with WCBC	✓ Page 60 to 61 (10.10.1.)	Hard copies of statutory consultation documentation were provided in two locations: • Wrexham County Borough Council, The Guildhall, Wrexham, Clwyd, LL11 1AY • Redwither Tower, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham, LL13 9XT The documentation provided included: • The PEIR

		• PEIR NTS • Project information leaflet • Red line plan (PEIR site boundary) • Plan of the AGI Site • SoCC • Section 48 Notice • Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report
Consider all comments received and amend design and assessment if considered appropriate	✓ Page 98(15.1.9.) Appendix 29 Appendix 30	Comments were considered and responses to individual comments are broken down in Appendices 29 and 30
Submit all comments received to PINS in an unattributed basis	✓ Appendix 29 Appendix 30	All feedback is included in the Consultation Report – see Appendices 29 & 30
Where necessary, provide large print materials for visually impaired members of the community	✓ n/a	No requests from those with additional needs were received
Undertake consultation in line with Participation Cymru's National Principles	✓ Page 54	WPL ensured its statutory consultation met the objectives of Participation Cymru's National Principles for Public Engagement in Wales
Summarise how the scheme has evolved to reflect consultation responses in the Consultation Report	✓ Page 98(15.1.9.)	A summary of how the project has evolved to reflect consultation responses is provided
Produce summaries of the following materials in Welsh at the statutory consultation stage: • Statement of Community Consultation • Project information leaflet • Project website • Exhibition display boards	✓ Page 54 (10.3.1.) Appendix 11 Appendix 14 Appendix 16 Appendix 21	WPL provided Welsh copies of all materials listed

National Principle for Public Engagement in Wales		How WPL met this goal
Preliminary Environment Information Report – Non-technical Summary (PEIR NTS)		
Take into account any consultations on any other NSIPs in the Wrexham area and plan consultation accordingly	✓ n/a	No other NSIPs in the Wrexham area were identified. However, WPL has closely monitored proposals for the North Wales Prison also on the Wrexham Industrial Estate
Notify those who have registered for project updates of the submission of its DCO application.	✓ n/a	This will happen upon submission of the DCO application

10.3. Participation Cymru: National Principles for Public Engagement in Wales

10.3.1. Wrexham County Borough Council requested in its comments on WPL's SoCC that consultation be undertaken in line with Participation Cymru's *National Principles for Public Engagement in Wales (March 2011)*. This identifies ten principles to guide public engagement undertaken by public sector organisations (WPL is not a public sector organisation). The principles are described on Participation Cymru's website (www.ParticipationCymru.org.uk) as '*...an overarching set of principles aimed at Public Service organisations across all sectors in Wales. They aim to sit above any specific standards that you may already be using e.g. Standards for Children and Young People, Social Services Improvement Agency standards and are intended to compliment them. They aim to offer a consistent approach and good standard for public engagement across Wales*'.

10.3.2. The principles and how WPL reflected them in its consultation are set out in the table below.

Table 5: National Principles for Public Engagement in Wales

1. Engagement is effectively designed to make a difference Engagement gives a real chance to influence policy, service design and delivery from an early stage.	WPL's consultation has been structured in phases that reflect the development of the WEC's design so as to affect the outcome of the design process. This report explains how the feedback received has been accounted for in the final form of the project.
2. Encourage and enable everyone affected to be involved, if they so choose The people affected by an issue or change are included in opportunities to engage as an individual or as part of a group or community, with their views both respected and valued.	As described in the sections below, WPL used a range of tools to reach those stakeholders living within its consultation zone but also the wider Wrexham area. This includes directly contacting consultees living in the consultation zone, re-engaging with those it has previously engaged with during non-statutory consultation and utilising local media and advertising.
3. Engagement is planned and delivered in a timely and appropriate way The engagement process is clear, communicated to everyone in a way that's easy to understand within a reasonable timescale, and the most suitable method/s for those involved is used.	WPL's SoCC, Section 47 notice and section 48 notice identified the timetable for consultation and WPL carried out its consultation within these timeframes. The consultation provided 42 days to submit a response.
4. Work with relevant partner organisations Organisations should communicate with each other and work together wherever possible to ensure that people's time is used effectively and efficiently.	WPL has consulted Wrexham County Borough Council on its draft SoCC and carried out statutory consultation accordingly. It has closely liaised with officers responsible for the WIE to make best use of their experience, knowledge and local connections.
5. The information provided will be jargon free, appropriate and understandable People are well placed to take part in the engagement process because they have easy access to relevant information that is tailored to meet their needs.	WPL's consultation was underpinned by the detailed technical information it provided in its PEIR. This detailed information was made accessible through the publication of a Non-Technical Summary. WPL published the Non-Technical summary in English and Welsh. Additionally, the materials developed for consultation and described in this section were designed around the content of the PEIR and summarised the projects key points.

6. Make it easier for people to take part People can engage easily because any barriers for different groups of people are identified and addressed.	WPL provided a number of ways in which consultees could participate in the consultation, accounting for specific barriers to participation. For example, for those with limited mobility, exhibition events were held at locations close to where the most effected stakeholders may live or work. For those who couldn't attend exhibition events, consultation material was provided on the project website and the project team could be contacted directly using the project <i>Freephone</i> line.
7. Enable people to take part effectively Engagement processes should try to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence of all participants.	WPL's consultation materials explained what was proposed and set out the likely significant effects of the WEC. At exhibition events, the project team was available to answer any questions consultees might have ahead of submitting written feedback.
8. Engagement is given the right resources and support to be effective Appropriate training, guidance and support are provided to enable all participants to effectively engage, including both community participants and staff.	WPL's community engagement team were specifically appointed to ensure that non-statutory consultation and statutory consultation were undertaken effectively and that the materials produced were accessible and easily understandable.
9. People are told the impact of their contribution Timely feedback is given to all participants about the views they expressed and the decisions or actions taken as a result; methods and form of feedback should take account of participants' preferences.	This full Consultation Report will be available to all stakeholders from acceptance. It will be published on www.Wrexham-Power.com and on PINS' website as part of the Application documents. This Consultation Report provides WPL's response to the feedback received and where the project has been changed as a result, so that those who responded to the consultation are able to track this through.
10. Learn and share lessons to improve the process of engagement People's experience of the process of engagement should be monitored and evaluated to measure its success in engaging people and the effectiveness of their participation; lessons should be shared and applied in future engagements.	While this principle applies more directly to public sector organisations, the joint venture is progressing two CCGT projects each of which is informing the approach taken to meeting the requirements set out in the PA 2008 . WPL continues to update PINS on its progress and the outcomes of its activity.

10.4. Welsh language materials

10.4.1. WPL is committed to providing materials in the Welsh language. WPL discussed and agreed the need for Welsh language consultation materials with WCBC and provided the following materials in English and in Welsh:

- PEIR NTS
- Project information booklet
- Project website
- Posters
- Display boards at public exhibition events
- Consultation adverts

10.4.2. WPL also consulted the Welsh Language Commissioner (See appendix 5)

10.4.3. In addition to providing materials in Welsh, Welsh speakers were present at each exhibition event.

10.5. Project information leaflet

10.5.1. On 11 July 2014, WPL circulated a project information leaflet to 2,771 home and business addresses in the consultation area defined in the SoCC.

10.5.2. The project information leaflet:

- Introduced the project
- Set out who WPL is
- Summarised the history of the project including the non-statutory consultation
- Explained that statutory consultation was underway
- Directed recipients to the project website for more detailed information
- Listed the time and dates of public exhibition events
- Listed locations and times at which hardcopies of statutory consultation documents were available to inspect
- Provided the contact details for WPL
- Included a cut out Freepost response form to supply statutory feedback.

10.5.3. The project leaflet was distributed by first class post to addresses in the consultation zone. The addresses were identified using the Royal Mail address database. Accompanying the leaflet was a covering letter explaining that statutory consultation was underway and that the project leaflet provided details of the proposal. A copy of the project information leaflet is provided in Appendix 14. A copy of the covering letter is provided in Appendix 15.

10.6. Project website

10.6.1. When WPL initially announced it was considering the WIE as a location for the WEC and launched non-statutory consultation it published a project website – www.Wrexham-Power.com.

10.6.2. The purpose of the project website is to act as the most up to date source of project information. The project website was updated and re-launched on 11 July 2014, ahead of statutory consultation, and:

- Introduced the project
- Explained who WPL is
- Summarised the history of the project including the voluntary non-statutory consultation
- Explained that statutory consultation was underway
- Listed the time and dates of public exhibition events
- Listed locations and times at which hardcopies of statutory consultation documents were available to inspect
- Provided the contact details for WPL
- Included an online feedback form through which statutory consultation responses could be supplied
- Provided a document library from which statutory consultation documents were available to download
- Included documents that supported the previous non-statutory consultation and engagement with the community.

10.6.3. Screen captures of the project website are provided in Appendix 16 of this report.

10.6.4. From the first publication of the SoCC on 5 July 2014 to the close of statutory consultation on 24 August 2014, a total of 463 visits were made to the project website. This resulted in 2,542 page views (the number of website pages that were viewed by visitors to the website).

10.6.5. The website address was promoted throughout the consultation and across each channel of communication including the following.

- The project information leaflet (Appendix 14)
- Exhibition boards (Appendix 21)
- Advertising (Appendix 24)
- An email announcing the launch of statutory consultation to 313 project update subscribers (Appendix 17)
- Verbally to stakeholders at exhibition events and during phone calls.

10.7. Posters

10.7.1. On 10 July 2014, an A4 and an A3 poster advertising WPL's statutory consultation were sent to 34 community organisations in the Wrexham areas of Isycoed, Marchwiell, and the WIE, with a letter requesting that it be

displayed for the benefit of the public. Circulation of the posters coincided with the publication of the SoCC. The posters provided the dates during which statutory consultation was being undertaken, dates and the location of public exhibition events at which members of the community could meet the project team, the project website address and contact information for WPL. A copy of the poster is provided in Appendix 18, a copy of the covering letter is provided in Appendix 19 and the list of organisations which were sent the poster and covering letter is provided in Appendix 20.

10.8. Public exhibition events

10.8.1. Public exhibition events were held on three dates during the statutory consultation:

- Monday 21 July 2014, 3pm to 8pm, Isycoed Village Hall, Isycoed Village, Bowling Bank, LL13 9RN
- Tuesday 22 July 2014, 3pm to 8pm, Marchwiell Village Hall, Piercy Avenue, Marchwiell, LL13 0RH
- Wednesday 23 July 2014, 3pm to 8pm, Atrium Suite, Redwither Tower, Redwither Business Park, LL13 9XT

10.8.2. The events were provided so that the project's section 47 and section 48 consultees (the community) could meet the project team and speak to them directly but were open to all those who might have an interest in WPL's proposal for the WEC.

10.8.3. The two of the three venues were those that had been chosen to host events during non-statutory consultation and would therefore be familiar to stakeholders. Wrexham County Borough Council affirmed that they were appropriate venues for the purposes of the consultation.

10.8.4. Isycoed Village Hall was chosen due to its location in the village to the east of the application site. Marchwiell Village Hall was chosen due to its location in the village of Marchwiell and frequent use as a centre of community activity. It was selected as a venue as many of those who participated in non-statutory consultation lived in the village or the wider area around it. Redwither Tower was chosen for its location at the centre of the Wrexham Industrial Estate.

10.8.5. Each event was run as a drop-in session so consultees could arrive at their convenience. The events were open between 3pm and 8pm each day. At each event representatives of WPL and its project team were available to take questions about the proposal for the WEC and explain how the project would proceed.

10.8.6. The exhibition display boards:

- Introduced the project
- Set out who WPL is
- Summarised the history of the project including the voluntary non-statutory consultation
- Explained that statutory consultation was underway
- Directed recipients to the project website for more detailed information
- Listed the time and dates of public exhibition events
- Listed locations and times at which hardcopies of statutory consultation documents were available to inspect
- Provided the contact details for WPL.

10.8.7. The exhibition boards are reproduced in Appendix 21 of this report.

10.8.8. Printed copies of consultation documents were provided for attendees to review. Copies of documentation available at each event included the following.

- The PEIR (available for review only and not to take away)
- PEIR NTS in English and Welsh (available to take away)
- Project information leaflet (available to take away)
- Red line plan (PEIR site boundary) (available to take away)
- Plan of the AGI Site (available to take away)
- SoCC (available to take away)
- Section 48 Notice (available to take away)
- Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report (available for review only and not to take away).

10.8.9. Attendees were encouraged by the project team to provide written feedback either at the event via printed feedback forms or in writing before the close of consultation. The feedback form included the project *Freepost* address and instructions on how to respond and to do so by the close of statutory consultation. A copy of the feedback form is provided in Appendix 22.

10.8.10. To keep a log of how many people were in attendance, attendees were asked to sign in at each event. A total 111 attendees attended the exhibition events.

10.9. Presentations

10.9.1. A presentation was given to Bangor on Dee Community Council on 21 July 2014 at Bangor on Dee village hall. The presentation explained the proposal and how SPEN could provide the Electrical Connection based on the findings of the joint WPL/SPEN feasibility report. An open discussion then followed. In total 24 individuals attended the presentation. A copy of the presentation is provided in Appendix 23 of this report.

10.9.2. On 5 August 2014, WPL contacted Isycoed Community Council, Abenbury Community Council and Sesswick Community Council by letter to offer a

presentation. No responses were received. Similarly, WPL wrote to selected WCBC councillors offering a presentation and no responses were received. A copy of the invitation letters is provided in Appendix 23.

10.10. Inspection documents

10.10.1. Hard copies of statutory consultation documentation were provided in two locations, available at the listed times:

- Wrexham County Borough Council, The Guildhall, Wrexham, Clwyd, LL11 1AY
- Redwither Tower, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham, LL13 9XT

10.10.2. These venues were chosen for their accessibility and familiarity to the local community.

10.10.3. The documentation provided included:

- The PEIR
- PEIR NTS
- Project information leaflet
- Red line plan (PEIR site boundary)
- Plan of the AGI Site
- SoCC
- Section 48 Notice
- Non-Statutory Consultation Feedback Report

10.11. PEIR Non-technical summary

10.11.1. The PEIR is a lengthy technical document, so to ensure that consultees could understand its content and provide meaningful feedback, WPL drafted and published a Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR (PEIR NTS).

10.11.2. The PEIR NTS follows the same structure as the PEIR and summarises the information set out in the PEIR, covering:

- The decision-making background
- Site and surroundings
- The proposed development
- Site selection, alternatives and design evolution
- Environmental effects (socio-economic, traffic and transport, air quality, noise and vibration, landscape and visual, ecology, cultural heritage, ground conditions, the water environment, waste and cumulative effects)

10.11.3. The PEIR NTS explained that more detailed information, including supporting appendices, was provided in the PEIR.

10.12. Advertising

- 10.12.1. In addition to publishing statutory notices giving notice of planned statutory consultation, WPL placed adverts in local newspapers to promote the statutory consultation and the dates of public exhibition events. The adverts summarised that consultation was underway, gave dates of the exhibition events and contact details for WPL.
- 10.12.2. In addition to the section 48 notices that were released and the publication of the SoCC notice, statutory consultation was also advertised in the following media on the dates given:
- 16 July 2014 - Wrexham Daily Post
 - 18 July 2014 - Wrexham Leader
- 10.12.3. A copy of this advertisement is provided in Appendix 24 of this report.

10.13. Media coverage

- 10.13.1. To further publicise statutory consultation, WPL issued a press release to local media on 15 July 2014 including:
- Wrexham Leader
 - BBC News Wales
 - Chester Chronicle
 - Wrexham.com
 - Wrexham Daily Post
- 10.13.2. The press release set out details of the statutory consultation period, the dates and locations of the exhibition events and contact details for WPL. Coverage of WPL's events appeared in:
- Wrexham Leader
 - BBC News Wales
 - Wrexham Daily Post
- 10.13.3. A copy of the press release is provided in Appendix 25 of this report. Copies of the resulting press coverage are provided in Appendix 26.

10.14. Contacting and providing feedback to WPL

- 10.14.1. WPL provided a variety of channels for consultees to contact the project team and submit statutory consultation feedback:
- *Freephone* contact number – 0800 319 6185, staffed between 9am and 5:30pm, with a voicemail for out of hours calls
 - E-mail address – info@Wrexham-Power.com
 - *Freepost* address – Wrexham Power Limited, Local Dialogue, FREEPOST NAT3717, London, SE1 2BR

- online feedback form provided on www.Wrexham-Power.com
- hard copy *Freepost* form available at exhibition events
- cut-out *Freepost* form provided in project information leaflet

10.14.2. A summary of the feedback received through these channels is provided in the following chapter, chapter 14, of this report *Summary of feedback received in response to consultation in accordance with section 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008*.

11. Duty to publicise in accordance with section 48 of the Planning Act 2008

11.1. Introduction

11.1.1. Section 48 of the PA 2008 requires that applicants for a DCO publicise their application in the prescribed manner (see Regulation 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure Regulations 2009). This section sets out how WPL met this requirement.

11.2. Published notices

11.2.1. WPL produced and published a section 48 notice as follows:

- 4 July 2014 - London Gazette (public record)
- 5 July 2014 - Wrexham Leader (circulation 30,266) and the Daily Telegraph (circulation 523,048)
- 12 July 2014 - Wrexham Leader

11.2.2. The notice outlined the proposals, the consultation process and how to obtain further information. It also set out how to respond to the consultation and the deadline for responses. Copies of the section 48 notice as placed are provided in Appendix 27 of this report.

11.3. Notification under Regulation 11 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009

11.3.1. Regulation 11 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 requires that notice be given to consultees that the proposed development requires environmental impact assessment (EIA).

11.3.2. As required, the prescribed consultees and the relevant local authorities were also sent a copy of the section 48 Notice on the 9 July 2014 (see Appendix 5). A copy of the letter is provided in Appendix 28 of this report.

12. Summary of feedback received in response to consultation in accordance with section 42 of the Planning Act 2008

12.1. Introduction

- 12.1.1. This chapter provides summaries of the feedback received from those bodies and organisations consulted in accordance with section 42 of the PA 2008. It also summarises how WPL has taken account of these responses and explains any changes to the proposals that have been made as a consequence. **Full responses to the consultation from section 42 consultees together with WPL's response are provided in Appendix 29 of this report.**

12.2. Summary of feedback received

- 12.2.1. The table below summarises key points made in the responses received from those consulted in accordance with S42 of the PA 2008. The following organisations/individuals responded to the consultation:

- Isycoed Community Council
- Sesswick Community Council
- Wrexham County Borough Council
- Cheshire West and Chester Council
- Denbighshire County Council
- Health and Safety Executive
- Ministry of Defence
- WPD Property Investments Ltd
- Equality and Human Rights Commission
- Forge Property Consultants on behalf of PIL016
- BNP Paribas Real Estate UK obo Royal Mail Plc
- Wales and West Utilities
- PIL001
- PIL002
- PIL009
- PIL010
- PIL011
- PIL012
- PIL013
- Canal and River Trust
- National Grid
- Public Health England
- Environment Agency
- NATS
- Civil Aviation Authority
- Coal Authority
- Natural England
- Welsh Government

- Railway Heritage Trust
- Network Rail
- Highways Agency
- National Grid Property
- National Grid Plant Protection
- Clwydian and Dee Valley Range

12.2.2. The remaining section 42 consultees did not respond to the consultation (see Appendix 5),

Table 6: Key points made in s42 consultation responses

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
Isycoed Community Council	Stated that the extent of current formal consultation to be flawed as the Application no longer contains the Electrical Connection.	As the promoter of any works that may be required in order to deliver the Electrical Connection, SPEN will consult as appropriate on its proposals at the relevant time.	No change required.
	Believes a new site appraisal should be carried out as requirements are no longer for a 1,200MWe power station.	The site of the WEC was chosen for its proximity to both the existing local electrical distribution network and a spur of the gas NTS at Maelor Gas Works. WIE still represents an appropriate site for the Scheme. WPL's consideration of alternative sites is explained in chapter 3, Site selection, alternatives and design evolution, of the ES (Document reference: 6.2) and the Planning Statement (Document reference: 5.2).	No change proposed.
	Objects to the statement that the proposals will reduce the area's reliance on imported energy, stating that the North West already has a	Noted, however, the Wrexham area specifically is a net importer of electricity.	No change proposed.

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
	significant excess of supply over demand for electricity. Information provided on noise and emissions are enough to allay the fears of residents. Questions the number of jobs to be created citing lower numbers of employment opportunities created at facilities of a similar capacity.	Noted. Employment figures are set out and assessed in the socio-economic assessment chapter of the ES.	No change proposed. No change proposed.
Sesswick Community Council	Questions whether SPEN can make connections to the current power lines The consultation process should start again from the beginning. States that electricity demand in Wales represents 20% of supply capacity and the North West has a surplus of power.	As the promoter of any works that may be required in order to deliver the Electrical Connection, SPEN will consult as appropriate on its proposals at the relevant time. The statutory consultation has fully consulted on the current Scheme as explained in more detail in this consultation report. Noted, however, the Wrexham area specifically is a net importer of electricity.	No change required. No change required. No change required.

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
	Information provided by WPL has lacked sufficient detail, an example being the lack of information on the height of the chimneys and their emissions. Concerned at a lack of clear information about the project and its potential link to locally proposed fracking. If the power station is built and requires gas then opposition to fracking would be overruled. There is little or no need for the proposals and there are outstanding matters to be discussed before a final decision is made on the proposals.	Maximum stack height is identified clearly in the PEIR. WPL has made it clear that its proposals do not involve or rely upon local fracking. The general need for the proposals is affirmed in National Policy Statements, as described in the Planning Statement (Document reference: 5.2) that accompanies the DCO submission. Following acceptance of the Application a full examination into the Application will be conducted by the Examining Authority.	No change required. No change required. No change required.
Wrexham County Borough Council	Landscape: WCBC believe there is still scope to mitigate effects further to reduce the scheme's visual impact.	Ongoing dialogue with WCBC's landscape officer. Landscape and visual effects of the Scheme are assessed in chapter 10 of the ES (Document reference: 6.2)	The Power Station Complex location and orientation has been refined to be as close to the south-west corner of the Site to integrate it with adjacent industrial estate structures and increase the

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
	An assessment of visual effect upon visitors to the AONB is needed for completeness. Setting out of best practice for minimising disturbance and loss of landscape features needed. Assessment of visual effects does not discuss whether a plume from the chimneys would be evident and the effect this would have on the visibility of the development. Trees: A BS55837 Arboricultural Impact Assessment will be required. Transport: A detailed Transport Statement, which includes anticipated daily vehicle movements and AM/PM peak hour movements for both the construction phase and when the facility becomes operational should be submitted.	Included in the landscape and visual effects chapter of the ES (Document reference: 6.2) Included in the landscape and visual effects chapter of the ES (Document reference: 6.2) There is no visible plume during operation. Further information included in the landscape and visual effects chapter of the ES (Document reference: 6.2) An Arboricultural Impact Assessment, including tree protection plan has been completed (Document reference: 6.2, Appendix 10.8). Undertaken and reported in the transport chapter of the ES (Document reference: 6.2).	distance from Isycoed to the east. No change required. Retention of existing landscape features such as ponds and vegetation where feasible. No change required. No change required. No change required.

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	Detailed information on proposed staff numbers/shift patterns and layout plans for onsite parking needs to be provided including details of maximum size of HGVs likely to be visiting the site Environmental Protection: The consultation document does not provide noise data or assessments, or dispersion modelling data on air quality. This is expected to be included in an Environmental Impact Statement.	Undertaken and reported in the transport chapter of the ES (Document reference: 6.2). Undertaken and report in the noise and air quality chapters of the ES.	No change required. No change required.
Cheshire West and Chester Council	CWAC requests that Lane End Farm (NGR 342880 349530) and Crewe Hill (342070 352720) be included in the residential receptors included in the Environmental Impact Assessment The Landscape Officer also stated the following points to consider: -View and visual amenity experienced by residents, recreational users (including visitors and tourists) and road users.	These receptors have been included in the air quality chapter of the ES, chapter 8 (Document reference: 6.2). Taken into account in the landscape and visual effects chapter of the ES (Document reference: 6.2).	No change required. No change required.

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	-The design of the power station should consider appropriate architectural styles, proportions, materials and landscaping that are sympathetic to its urban-rural fringe location. -The siting of new pylons, as far as practicable, should seek to avoid a negative impact on historic buildings and viewpoints.	Noted Noted. As the promoter of any works that may be required in order to deliver the Electrical Connection, SPEN will consult as appropriate on its proposals at the relevant time.	DCO Requirement is proposed to ensure that the detailed elevational treatment of the Power Station Complex which will be subject to approval by the Local Planning Authority (LPA). No change required.
Denbighshire County Council	No comments to make at this stage.	-	-
Health and Safety Executive	The proposed site does not fall within any of the HSE's Hazardous Installation Consultation Zones. However they urge the developer to ensure that the proposed power station does not fall under any Major Accident Hazard Pipelines Consultation Zones. They also advise that the developer check whether Hazardous Substances Consent is required and that the development complies with	Noted. The proposals do not fall under any Major Accident Hazard Pipelines Consultation Zones. The amount of gas stored at the Power Station Complex will not exceed the threshold set out in the Regulations therefore a	No change required. No change required.

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
	the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989 and the Electricity, Safety, Continuity and Quality Regulations 2002 Acts.	Hazardous Substances consent is not required for the Power Station Complex.	
Ministry of Defence	The MoD advises that it has no safeguarding objections to the proposals.	Noted.	No change required
WPD Property Investments Ltd	Western Power Distribution declined to comment, as the proposals are located in an area they do not cover.	Noted	No change required.
Equality and Human Rights Commission	EHRC stated that although it lacks the resources to respond to all consultations, it will respond where it may consider there to be pertinent matters to address.	Noted	No change required.
Forge Property Consultants on behalf PIL016	Their client has objections based on the following: Approximately one third of the land at [REDACTED] would be subject to severance under current proposals, affecting the movement of livestock, and ability to harvest arable crops. A loss of Single Farm Payment.	WPL will work with the landowner to ensure that disruption to his use and enjoyment of the land is minimised and, where unavoidable, subject to normal compensation provisions. Any loss of income due from the Basic Payment Scheme will be compensated, subject to mitigation.	No change required. No change required.

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
	Disruption to water supplies and drainage.	WPL will work with the landowner to ensure disruption to private water supplies and drainage is minimised, and where possible avoided. WPL will work with the statutory undertakers to ensure disruption to utility services is minimised, and where possible avoided.	No change required.
	Disruption to a local shooting event due to the effect of the works on the bird's cover and the logistics of the shoot.	Once the gas pipeline is in place the land will be restored and established agricultural and sporting activities will be able to resume unimpeded.	No change required.
	Concerns over disruption to the electricity and gas mains that run under the proposed works area.	WPL is consulting with the relevant statutory undertakers and the draft DCO contains protective provisions to protect the activities of statutory undertakers with equipment in the area of the Scheme.	No change required.
	Concerns that remnants of the decommissioned MoD buildings on the proposed works area will be unearthed causing additional stone and concrete to affect farming operations.	Taken into account and included in the Ground Conditions chapter, chapter 13) of the ES (Document Reference: 6.2). WPL has confirmed to the landowner that it will reinstate land in accordance	No change required.

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
		to industry standards.	

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
BNP Paribas Real Estate UK obo Royal Mail Plc	Confirming receipt of section 42 letter dated 10 th July 2014 and confirming that Royal Mail intends to make a single representation (if required at the Relevant representations stage, after the full ES is available.	Noted.	No change required.
Wales and West Utilities	Confirming receipt of section 42 letter and enclosures dated 10 July 2014, and confirming that conversations between WPL and the WWU site manager at Maelor have already taken place. Requiring clarification of any proposed freehold acquisition of the freehold of WWU owned land for WEC AGI. Requesting confirmation that the location of existing services, including gas, have been considered and noted when designing the route of the WEC Gas Connection.	Noted. WPL are in ongoing discussions with WWU regarding WPL's preferred site for the location of the AGI Site. These discussions include arrangements for the freehold or leasehold acquisition of the preferred site for the AGI Site. WPL are aware of the location of equipment and apparatus owned and operated by the relevant statutory undertakers, including that owned and operated by WWU. The design of the Gas Connection Route seeks to	No change required No change required Draft protective provisions issued to WWU.

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
		minimise disruption to existing utility services, where possible. WPL is consulting with the relevant statutory undertakers and the draft DCO contains protective provisions to protect the activities of statutory undertakers with equipment in the area of the Scheme.	No change required.
	Consideration be given to the access arrangements to the proposed WEC AGI site at Maelor gasworks.	WPL has considered access to the proposed AGI Site throughout the design and environmental assessment process. Satisfactory access to/from the gas AGI Site from/to the public highway has been included in the Application.	No change required.
	Confirmation that the Maelor gasworks access road is owned by National Grid.	Comment noted.	No change required.

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
PIL001	Concern regarding ability of existing SPEN network to take further electrical load.	The Grid Connection Statement (Document reference: 8.1) explains the anticipated requirements for the Electrical Connection. It also explains where WPL is in the process regarding securing an Electrical Connection for the Scheme. WPL can confirm that an application for an electrical connection has been submitted to SPEN. As the promoter of any works that may be required in order to deliver the Electrical Connection, SPEN will consult as appropriate on its proposals at the relevant time.	No change required.
	Proposed site has planning consent on part only, the rest is green belt fact!	The Power Station Complex Site is allocated for large scale employment use under policy E3 of the WCBC UDP (dated February 2005). Furthermore the Site also has planning consent for construction of 24,303 sq m for industrial/warehouse use. No part of the site is located in the Green Belt	No change required.
	The Power Station Complex site too far from Gas Connection, undue	The Power Station Complex is located approximately 2.5km from	No change required.

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
	upset to wildlife. No amount of landscaping will disguise the enormity of the development. Query need case for the scheme Plant not needed as Wrexham area not a high consumer of electricity No information on proposed future use of remainder of the site. Concern over further CCGT development.	the Gas Connection point to the NTS. The design and likely environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Gas Connection have been assessed and presented in the ES submitted with the Application (Document reference: 6.2). An illustrative landscape masterplan is provided in Document reference: 2.9.1 The WEC will meet the UK's strategic need for new sources of power generation, as identified in National Policy Statements considered in the Planning Statement that accompanies the Application. WPL's Application is for consent to construct and operate a CCGT power station of up to 299MWe only. Any future use of any remaining part of the Power Station Complex Site, would require further planning consents including appropriate consultation at that time.	No change required. No change required.

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
	Concern that the plant will emit odorous smell Visualisations at consultation misleading and perspective/scale wrong Concern over in-combination/cumulative noise levels Internal roads will cause noise. WPL will not supply electricity to the WIE	The WEC will not produce an odour. All visualisations were carried out by environmental consultants to industry standards and have been verified. The standards are set out in Appendix 10.1 of the ES (Document Reference 6.4.5) Noise assessments and mitigation measures are described in the Noise and vibration chapter, chapter 9, of the ES (Document Reference: 6.2). The final design will need to comply with the figures used in the assessment and will be provided for in the environmental permit for the Power Station Complex. The WEC will supply the electricity it generates into the local distribution network that supplies the WIE. Excess electricity will be fed into the National Grid via Legacy Substation.	No change required. No change required. No change required No change required.

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
	WPL will not own or run the site, just a PR company.	WPL is the applicant for the Scheme and will be named as the undertaker in the draft Order (Document reference: 3.1). In order to construct and operate a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, funding and other issues will need to be carefully considered and WPL is in no different position to any other project promoter in this regard. WPL is committed to the Scheme and to the local and national benefits that the Scheme will bring including local employment.	No change required.
	There will be no local employment generated	WPL has committed to, within Requirement 14 of the draft Order (Document reference: 3.1), to promote local economic benefit from the development including invitation to tender from companies within the County Borough of Wrexham, to use local people and local businesses, where appropriate, in relation to the construction of the development and a strategy for	No change required.

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
	Concern over local house prices	the provision of training opportunities for local companies or local people who are employed to work on the development. The conclusions of the ES demonstrate that there would be no likely significant effects on any residential receptors associated with the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Scheme.	No change required.
	Access for non-intrusive survey work will not be granted	Comment Noted.	No change required.

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
PIL002	PIL001	See above.	See above.
PIL009	Comments regarding the Gas Connection: Request that WPL liaise closely with their appointed agents Rostons with regards to exact location. Ideally pipe not to run through the middle of fields, ideally follow boundaries of fields. Request that should negotiations be entered in to, that a lift and shift clause be included in the contract, so that the pipe can be moved should any development take place. Note that a working relationship can be obtained if the above comments are taken on board when preparing the final application.	WPL are liaising with Rostons. Noted. WPL has designed an appropriate Gas Connection Route taking account of ecological and physical constraints including minimising the loss of existing hedgerows. Final routing of the Gas Connection Route will be undertaken prior to construction. Noted. Noted.	No change required. No change required. No change required. No change required.
PIL010	Responded making the same points as PIL009.	See above	See above

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
PIL011	Responded making the same points as PIL009.	See above	See above
PIL012	Responded making the same points as PIL009, but also: Object to the proposals due to strain created in relationship with local homeowners.	See above Noted	See above No change required.
PIL013	Responded making the same points as PIL009.	See above	See above
PIL014	See above - responded with PIL013	See above	See above
Birch Sites Limited, National Grid Property, National Grid Electricity Transmission, National Grid Gas	Identifies pipeline FM04 - Shocklach - Maelor as being in close proximity to the Order Limits and sets out easements possessed by National Grid and protective provisions. National Grid formally objects to the proposals due to the proximity of National Grid apparatus in the vicinity of the proposed site, pending contact from WPL to ensure National Grid's apparatus are unaffected by any of the proposed works.	WPL are aware of the location of equipment and apparatus owned and operated by the relevant statutory undertakers, including that owned and operated by National Grid Gas Plc. WPL is consulting with the relevant statutory undertakers including National Grid Gas Plc and the draft DCO contains protective provisions to protect the activities of statutory undertakers with equipment in the area of the Scheme.	No change required.
Canal and River Trust	Confirmation of receipt of s42 consultation letter dated 10 July. CRT does not wish to make comment on this project.	Comment noted.	No change required.

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
Public Health England	PHE is broadly satisfied with the submitted documentation. Some assessments, for example land contamination, risks to ground or surface waters and a remediation strategy are yet to be completed and PHE will comment further once completed. The current documentation does not consider risks of EMFs to the national grid. PHE would also like SPEN's Electrical Connection to be assessed as part of this study to understand the cumulative impact of the development. A summary list of the potential public health impacts should be provided. This should include a summary of mitigation measures, conclusions and residual impacts relating to human health.	Comment noted. No grid enhancements are proposed in England as a consequence of the current project. Future requirements for EMF studies would be for SPEN to consider. The cumulative effects of the Scheme with other relevant developments including the Electrical Connection are set out in cumulative effects section of the relevant topic chapters of the ES (Document reference 6.2). WPL's ES (Document reference 6.2.) sets out in detail the likely significant effects of the WEC and WPL's proposed mitigation measures.	No change required. No change required. No change required.
Environment Agency	Lists sites that the WEC may have likely significant effects upon.	Noted. The sites the EA has listed have been assessed in the ES	No change required.

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
	Expects the Natural Resources Wales should respond and that no further consultation is required.	(Document reference: 6.2)	
NATS	Responded with its response to the Scoping Opinion consultation submitted on 1 April 2014. No impacts anticipated from this development and as such has no comments to make.	Comment noted.	No change required.
Civil Aviation Authority	Check any safeguarding maps lodged with relevant planning authorities to identify any aerodrome specific safeguarding issues. Set out criteria for lighting aerodrome obstructions and cranes and confirmed that the WEC does not require lighting. Assumed that the plant will not routinely, or in emergencies flare gas, if it will, further discussion is required around safe guarding. Set out criteria for charting structures greater than 300ft in height. Consult the MOD on military aviation	Comment noted. Comment noted. There is no ability to flare. Noted. WPL has consulted the MOD.	No change required. No change required. No change required. No change required. No change required.

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
	matters. Consult local emergency services in respect of their air services.	See Appendix 5. WPL has consulted local resilience forums. See Appendix 5.	No change required.
Coal Authority	No comments to make at this stage.	Noted.	No change required.
Natural England	No detailed comments to make on the PEIR but the ES should be include all necessary information on the impacts of the WEC on air quality.	The air quality chapter, chapter 8, of the ES fulfils this requirement (Document reference: 6.2)	No change required.
Welsh Government	Writing in response to a consultation on a proposed 132kV line. The proposed development should be in accordance with the policies set out in the Welsh Government's Planning Policy Wales. There is no impact on national agricultural interest.	WPL clarified in a phone call with the Welsh Government that they had misunderstood and its comments related to the proposals for the WEC, a CGGT power station with a generating capacity of up to 299MWe. Noted. The Planning Statement (Document reference: 5.2) sets out relevant Welsh policy considerations including PPW and the Scheme's compliance with the same. Noted and described in the ES (Document reference 6.2). Agreed. WPL considers this policy in chapter 16 of the ES	No change required. No change required. No change required.

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
	Encouraged to see Best and Most Versatile agricultural land policy considered at this stage. The current red-line boundary avoids the need to disturb provisional agricultural land classification (ALC) grade 2 agricultural land to the south of Wrexham. Clarified the types of soil described in specific sections of the PEIR.	(Document reference: 6.2). Noted and reflected in the ES (Document reference: 6.2). Comment noted. Comment noted.	No change required. No change required. No change required.
Railway Heritage Trust	No comments to make as the project does not affect listed railway buildings.	Comment noted.	No change required.
Network Rail	Appears that the Electrical Connection will cross a railway line and that an easement will have to be agreed before an Application is submitted.	Grid Connection application submitted to SPEN. As the promoter of any works that may be required in order to deliver the Electrical Connection, SPEN will consult as appropriate on its proposals at the relevant time.	No change required.
Natural Resources Wales	We consider that the level of information to date is generally satisfactory; however, further information will be required within the Environmental Statement, once the final design has been proposed.	Comment noted. WPL has prepared and submitted an ES as part of the Application (Document reference 6.2.)	No change required.

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
Highways Agency	Due to distance of the Highways Agency's Strategic and Trunk road network, no comment is necessary until the 'proposals are 'firmed' up	Comment noted.	No change required.
National Grid Property	Holding response received, stating WPL would be contacted in 7 days.	-	-
National Grid Plant Protection	Schedule of protective provisions required of third parties	WPL are aware of the location of equipment and apparatus owned and operated by the relevant statutory undertakers, including that owned and operated by National Grid Gas Plc. WPL is consulting with the relevant statutory undertakers including National Grid Gas Plc and the draft DCO contains protective provisions to protect the activities of statutory undertakers with equipment in the area of the Scheme.	No change required.
Clwydian and Dee Valley Range	Notes that the site is 11km outside the AONB The site will be visible in distance views from the higher ground of the west of the AONB The ES should give greater weight to the consideration of the impacts on	Comment noted. Please refer to the Landscape & Visual chapter, chapter 10, of the ES (Document reference: 6.2)	No change required. No change required.

Organisation or body	Summary of statutory consultation response	WPL's response	How the project has changed
	the AONB than the PEIR does.		

13. Summary of feedback received in response to consultation in accordance with section 47 of the Planning Act 2008

13.1. Introduction

13.1.1. This section of the report summarises the feedback received from the local community in response to the section 47 consultation, and the wider public in response to the section 48 publicity. It should be noted that respondents did not distinguish whether they were responding under section 47 or section 48, so this section records the feedback on a combined basis.

13.2. Section 47 and 48 consultation feedback

13.2.1. For the purpose of summarising the overall response to consultation in this section, WPL has categorised feedback by topic.

13.3. Anonymity

13.3.1. The feedback provided by individuals (i.e. not on behalf of organisations they are employed by or represent) is recorded on an unattributed basis in this report. To assist PINS with the examination of WPL's Application, the named individuals are referenced by a unique number e.g. WEC001. Where a response has been made on behalf of an organisation, the name of that organisation has been given, (e.g. Wrexham County Borough Council).

13.4. Breakdown of responses received

13.4.1. During the course of statutory consultation with the community, the responses received broke down as follows:

- 19 completed feedback forms
- 60 e-mails and letters
- 10 phone calls

13.4.2. The above does not include press and sales enquiries.

13.5. Summary of feedback received

13.5.1. The table below summarises the feedback received by subject area, the frequency of this response and WPL's response.

Table 7: Summary of points in s47 and s48 consultation responses

Topic	Number of comments	WPL's response	How the project has changed
The development is not required given other generation in the area, for example Connah's Quay Power Station	31	The WEC will meet the UK's strategic need for new sources of power generation, as identified in National Policy Statements which are outlined in the Planning Statement (Document reference: 5.2) that accompanies the Application.	No change required.
Concerns about noise levels emitted by the proposed WEC	29	The WEC will use gas and steam turbines as part of the generating process. These turbines will generate noise but will be enclosed in acoustically attenuated buildings. Noise assessments and mitigation measures are described in the ES (Document Reference 6.2) and will be provided for in the environmental permit for the Power Station Complex.	No change required.
Concerns about the emissions generated by the proposed WEC and potential impacts to the air	28	Effects on air quality and emissions from the WEC are considered in the air quality chapter, chapter 8, of the ES (Document reference: 6.2). This concludes that all residential, commercial and industrial properties and ecological receptors are likely to remain unaffected by dust throughout the construction period. The effect of traffic emissions during the construction and operational phases of the development are anticipated to be neutral resulting in no significant effects. None of the air quality objectives for human health or ecology will be exceeded as a result of the stack emissions. On that basis the effect of stack emissions is considered to be not significant. Air quality assessments and mitigation measures are described in the ES.	No change required.
The site on the WIE is not appropriate for this development	27	WPL's consideration of alternative sites is explained in chapter 3 of the ES (Document reference 6.2) and the Planning Statement (Document reference 5.2).	No change required.
Query around the estimated number of jobs created, specifically that similar power stations employ less people	27	The socio-economic chapter in the ES provides assessment of the job creation related to the WEC. Socio-economic assessment is provided in chapter 6 the ES (Document reference: 6.2)	No change required.
Concerns about the visual impact of the development on neighbouring villages	16	The Landscape & Visual chapter, chapter 10, of the ES (Document reference 6.2) provides an assessment of potential visual impact of the WEC and an illustrative landscape masterplan (Document reference: 2.9.1) has been submitted as part of the Application. The Power Station Complex is located in the south-west corner of the site to integrate it with adjacent industrial estate structures and increase the distance from Isycoed to the east.	No change required.

Concerns raised about the height of the stacks/chimneys despite reductions in the generating capacity of the WEC	13	The generating capacity of a CCGT power station does not determine the stack height on its own. Stack heights reflect the topography of the land and are determined to ensure the dispersal of emissions according to rules and regulations which are regulated under an Environmental Permit. The stack height has been confirmed as up to 50m.	No change required.
Concerns that the project will require the initially proposed 400kV pylons	12	WPL has confirmed that as a result of reducing the generating capacity to up to 299 MWe that the WEC can connect to the distribution network. The Grid Connection Statement (Document reference: 8.1) explains the anticipated requirements for the Electrical Connection. It also explains where WPL is in the process regarding securing an Electrical Connection for the Scheme. WPL can confirm that an application for an electrical connection has been submitted to SPEN. As the promoter of any works that may be required in order to deliver the Electrical Connection, SPEN will consult as appropriate on its proposals at the relevant time.	No change required.
Concerns that SPEN will not deliver the upgrades to their network as described	11	A Grid Connection application has been submitted to SPEN. SPEN will apply for consent for any works associated with the Electrical Connection through the appropriate lawful consenting regime at the time, including undertaking any environmental assessment and consultation that may be required.	No change required.
General support for the project and WPL's chosen site for the WEC	9	WPL welcomes and notes support for the project.	No change required
Concern that the WEC will harm local wildlife	7	Chapter 11 of the ES (Document reference: 6.2) sets out the likely significant effects of the WEC and how WPL propose to mitigate them	No change required.
Welcome the decision to progress the 299MWe CCGT design as it will remove the need for 400kV Electrical Connection	5	Noted.	No change required.
Concerns that the WEC will decrease property values in the area around the site	4	The conclusions of the ES demonstrate that there would be no likely significant effects on any residential receptors associated with the construction, operation or decommissioning of the Scheme.	No change required..
General comment that it would be Preferable to focus on building renewable energy generation	3	As explained in the Planning Statement (Document reference: 5.2) that accompanies the Application, National Policy Statements confirm the urgent national need for new gas and renewable energy generation capacity in tandem.	No change required.

		Additionally, the urgent need for energy generation, including gas fired generating stations, is explained in NPS EN-1, the Gas Generation Strategy (DECC, 2012) and the National Infrastructure Plan (HM Treasury, 2014).	
General opposition expressed to the proposals	2	Comment noted.	No change required..
Concerns about potential pollution to the rivers	2	The Water Environment chapter, chapter 14, in the ES (Document reference 6.2) provides an assessment of water elements of the Scheme. The WEC will not abstract water from, or discharge water into, rivers.	No change required.
Concerns about potential smells emitted from the proposed power station	2	The WEC will not generate an odour or smell. The emissions of the WEC will be regulated under an Environmental Permit. Air quality assessments reviewed and finalised. Please see Air quality chapter of the ES, chapter 8 (Document reference: 6.2).	No change required.
Concern that the WEC will impact listed buildings or other heritage sites	1	The Cultural Heritage chapter, chapter 12, of the ES (Document reference 6.2). There is no likely significant effect on cultural heritage assets.	No change required.
Concern around gas leaking from the plant and harming the area	1	The WEC will comply with all regulation relating to Hazardous Substances including gas. The Health and Safety chapter of the ES, chapter 17 addresses this matter (Document reference: 6.2).	No change required.
Comment regarding potential impacts on the environment of the Gas Connection.	1	The WEC's Gas Connection has been routed to avoided sensitive sites. While there will be some temporary disturbance to the local environment while the pipeline is constructed. Once it is completed it will be buried and any disturbed areas will be made good.	No change required.
Comment on potential traffic issues during construction	1	The Traffic and Transport chapter, chapter 7, of the ES (Document reference: 6.2.) assesses the effects of constructing the WEC. The traffic and transport management for the WEC during construction will be managed by a CTMP which is a DCO requirement.	No change required.
Specific request for compensation for all property owners who would potentially lose value in their homes due to the proposed power station	1	The conclusions of the ES demonstrate that there would be no likely significant effects on any residential receptors associated with the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Scheme.	No change required.

13.5.2. Each individual verbatim response is provided in Appendix 30 of this report and WPL's response is provided alongside the points raised.

13.6. Discussions at exhibition events

- 13.6.1. Throughout statutory consultation in accordance with section 47 of the PA 2008, consultees were encouraged to supply written feedback. Many consultees who attended the three-day public exhibition chose not to submit a feedback form but expressed an opinion on the project. These comments broadly followed themes of the responses provided in written feedback forms.
- 13.6.2. In summary this included suggestions that the region was well supplied with power, obviating the need for a new power station, and a concern that the project might require a 400kV connection.

14. Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity

14.1 Introduction

14.1.1 Section 49 of the PA 2008, requires applicants to have regard of relevant responses made by a person under section 42, in response to section 47 consultation and in response to section 48 publicity.

14.1.2 Taking account of responses

14.1.3 This report records how WPL has taken each response under sections 42, 47 and 48 of the PA 2008 into account. WPL has responded to the individual points raised and, where a change to the Scheme has been made, recorded it against that point.

15. Conclusion

- 15.1.1. WPL has undertaken statutory consultation on the WEC in accordance with sections 42, 47 and 48 of the PA 2008, prior to submitting the Application.
- 15.1.2. WPL identified at an early stage that its proposal for the WEC was a development for which an EIA is required, and accordingly prepared and published a PEIR, enabling consultees to provide informed feedback on the likely significant environmental effects of the Scheme.
- 15.1.3. WPL identified and consulted statutory consultees as required by section 42 of the PA 2008. These consultees were provided with consultation materials, including the PEIR and supporting documents including plans, enabling them to provide informed feedback on the Scheme.
- 15.1.4. In accordance with section 47 of the PA 2008, WPL clearly set out how it would consult the community living in the vicinity of the proposed Scheme by drafting a SoCC, consulting WCBC on its content, providing a copy to PINS for comment, publishing it and then consulting in the manner set out. These consultees were provided with consultation materials, including the PEIR NTS (available in English and Welsh), enabling them to provide informed feedback on the likely significant environmental effects of the Scheme.
- 15.1.5. WPL publicised the Application by publishing notices in the prescribed form in accordance with section 48 of the PA 2008. The notices were published as follows:
 - 4 July 2014 - London Gazette (public record)
 - 5 July 2014 - Wrexham Leader (circulation 30,266)
 - 5 July 2014 - Daily Telegraph (circulation 523,048)
 - 12 July 2014 - Wrexham Leader (circulation 30,266)
- 15.1.6. Statutory consultation took place over 42 days between 14 July 2014 to 24 August 2014, exceeding the requirement for at least a 28-day consultation period as required under the PA 2008.
- 15.1.7. Post statutory consultation, following clarification on what constitutes associated development in Wales, in January 2016 WPL notified stakeholders living within its consultation zone that it would be submitting a planning application, under the TCPA 1990 for the Gas Connection to WCBC. This engagement is provided in Appendix 32 of this report.
- 15.1.8. The Power Station Complex Site still constitutes an NSIP and all previous consultations remain valid. WPL has remained open to feedback on its proposal for the WEC and discussions have continued throughout the pre-application process. This is further supported by the additional update provided to the community and other stakeholders provided in January 2016.

- 15.1.9. In summary, as explained above, WPL in 2013 took the decision to progress with the current Scheme as the consultation feedback on the Previous Scheme had indicated that the 1,200MWe, capacity power station and the proposed 400 kV electrical connection caused deep concerns locally. As such, consultation on the Current Scheme has raised significantly fewer issues and objections. Those that have been raised have been dealt with as summarised in tables 6 and 7 and above and have not, in general, required changes to the Scheme itself. However the ES has been adapted to take on board various points raised, as has the DCO including its Schedule 2 requirements.
- 15.1.10. This consultation report has been prepared in accordance and submitted to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change through PINS, acting as the examining authority.

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1. Overview

- 1.1 This report describes and summarises the informal (non-statutory) pre-application consultation carried out by Wrexham Power Limited (WPL) in respect of its proposals to develop and operate the Wrexham Energy Centre (WEC), a combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) power station with a nominal generating capacity of up to 1,200 MWe (megawatts electrical output) on the Wrexham Industrial Estate, and including the WEC's connections to the national electricity and gas transmission systems.
- 1.2 WPL is a joint venture company between St. Modwen, the UK's leading regeneration specialist and Glenfinnan. Both companies have extensive experience in the development and regeneration of sites throughout the country and also have extensive experience in the energy market.
- 1.3 The WEC is designated as a "nationally significant infrastructure project" under the Planning Act 2008, as it has a proposed capacity in excess of 50 MWe. In accordance with the Planning Act 2008, WPL is required to apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) from the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. The Planning Inspectorate has been given the remit of examining, on behalf of the Secretary of State, applications for nationally significant infrastructure projects. Accordingly, WPL has registered the project and will submit its application for a DCO in respect of the WEC to the Planning Inspectorate, who will examine and consider the application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State. This process, including the manner in which consultation should be undertaken, is prescribed in the Planning Act 2008.
- 1.4 The consultation described in this report precedes the formal consultation that will be undertaken in accordance with Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008. Therefore, this report describes and summarises the non-statutory consultation exercise that WPL carried out, being an informal, introductory stage of consultation. However, WPL will have regard to the feedback supplied and will amend its proposals where appropriate.
- 1.5 The informal, non-statutory stage of consultation took place over eight weeks, commencing on Monday 11 June 2012 and closing on Sunday 5 August 2012. However, all of the feedback received up to the publication of this report is summarised within this report. This feedback is being considered by WPL and its initial responses are summarised in this report. The influence on the project of the feedback received will be explained at the next stage of consultation.

- 1.6 This informal, non-statutory consultation has been undertaken in line with a published Consultation Plan (Appendix 1), agreed with Wrexham County Borough Council. In accordance with this plan, feedback at the informal stage of consultation was requested on:
- the location for the WEC;
 - two further sites considered by WPL;
 - two corridors, through which an electrical connection could be made to National Grid's Legacy Substation; located 1.3km west of Rhostyllen;
 - two corridors in which a connection could be made from the national gas network, providing the fuel for the WEC; and
 - the overall project.
- 1.7 Over the course of consultation, 134 individuals visited exhibition events, 1,467 visits were made to the project website, 60 feedback forms were returned to the WPL team, 42 emails were received, 19 consultation phone calls were logged and meetings were held with key individuals, community councils and organisations.
- 1.8 Through this consultation activity, it has been established at this early stage that:
- the visual and environmental effects of the WEC need to be considered carefully in the design and environmental assessment of the project;
 - some consultees prefer other potential sites for the WEC, predominantly the former Firestone Factory site. This preference comes particularly from the villages of Isycoed and Holt and the area around them;
 - from those expressing a preference, there is a clear preference for an electrical connection to be made within the South Corridor (one of two options proposed)
 - the visual and environmental effect of the proposed electrical connection need to be considered carefully in the design and environmental assessment of the project;
 - there is a slight preference for a gas connection to be made within the East Corridor (one of two options proposed);
 - there appears to be less interest in the gas connection element of the proposals than the WEC itself and its electrical connection; and,
 - the potential commercial and energy supply benefits of the WEC are acknowledged by businesses on the Wrexham Industrial Estate and more widely.
- 1.9 In summary, it was found that there is broad support for the WEC particularly from businesses on the Wrexham Industrial Estate, but also more widely. There are concerns around the visual and environmental effects of the WEC from residents of Isycoed/Bowling Bank and Holt as well as along the electrical connection route corridors. Amongst the wider community there is a clear preference for routeing the electrical connection through the South Corridor.

- 1.10 Full details of the consultation undertaken, the feedback received and WPL's initial response are provided in the body of this report.

2. Background to the project

Introduction

- 2.1 This section summarises the background to the Wrexham Energy Centre project.

The national need for stable and secure power

- 2.2 The UK faces a significant challenge in meeting growing demand for power across the UK. At the same time it has to replace ageing nuclear power stations as well as coal and oil-fired power stations that do not comply with EU emissions directive, the Large Combustion Plant Directive. This states that all non-compliant plants will have to close after either 20,000 hours of generation after 1 January 2008 or, at the latest, 31 December 2015. The first plants to close under these rules will cease generation in spring 2013 at which point they will have reached their maximum hours. This demonstrates that the generation is required, as the plants will have reached their maximum hours nearly three years early.
- 2.3 At present it is anticipated that, if new power generation is not built, the UK will experience shortfalls in supply from winter 2014 onwards. The growing reliance on wind power also leaves the national supply of electricity vulnerable to the UK's variable climate.

The regional need for stable and secure power

- 2.4 The Wrexham area is a net importer of power, meaning that it consumes more power than it produces. Providing a power station on the Wrexham Industrial Estate would help to address this imbalance and improve the security of supply in the county borough area, including the Wrexham Industrial Estate, one of Europe's largest industrial estates.

The Wrexham Energy Centre

- 2.5 WPL proposes to apply for a DCO to build and operate the WEC, a CCGT power station with a nominal generating capacity of up to 1,200 MWe (megawatt electrical) on the Wrexham Industrial Estate in North Wales. It is proposed that the application would also include the WEC's connections to the national electricity and gas transmission systems.
- 2.6 CCGT power stations use gas and steam to generate power. Gas and compressed air are combusted and fed into a turbine, which drives a generator to create electricity. The heat generated by this process is captured to generate steam. This steam is fed, under pressure, into a steam turbine that generates additional electricity. This allows a CCGT power station to be extremely efficient when compared to a traditional gas, coal or oil-fired power station.

2.7 Furthermore the WEC will:

- contribute to replacing 22GW of lost generation nationally;
- provide a reliable and flexible source of power that can be brought on and offline as and when required which will support renewables;
- create up to 50 direct, permanent jobs, and support further jobs indirectly through ongoing maintenance and supply contracts;
- create up to 1,200 temporary construction jobs;
- increase the security of electrical supply to the Wrexham Industrial Estate and its existing 300+ businesses, who between them employ over 7,000 people;
- seek to increase the competitiveness of the Wrexham Industrial Estate through measures such as a district heating system.

2.8 As the WEC's generating capacity will be in excess of 50 MWe, it is classed as a "nationally significant infrastructure project" (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008 and as such, a DCO from the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change is required.

2.9 After extensive due diligence and site search, WPL identified Kingmoor Park South, situated on the Wrexham Industrial Estate, as its preferred site for the WEC (this site is referred to as the "preferred Kingmoor Park South site" in this report). This brownfield site was formerly occupied by a fibreglass factory that was demolished in 2005. In addition, planning permission for a 500,000 sq ft high bay industrial and warehouse building on the site was granted in 2010. A plan of the preferred site is provided in Appendix 2. Before WPL makes a final decision on the site for the WEC, WPL requested feedback during the informal, non-statutory consultation described in this report on the preferred WEC site as well as two alternative sites identified by WPL. WPL is now considering all the feedback received on the sites before it makes its final site choice.

WEC's electrical connection

2.10 Following initial discussions with the National Grid, National Grid's Legacy Substation, 1.3km west of Rhostyllen, has been identified as the electrical connection point for the WEC. This substation has the capacity to take power from the WEC.

2.11 National Grid's Legacy Substation is located 10km west of the preferred WEC site, Kingmoor Park South. The connection is likely to take the form of a high voltage overhead power line, with its exact route to be determined through consultation and environmental field survey work. A map of the potential corridors through which this connection could be made is provided in Appendix 3.

WEC's gas connection

- 2.12 The WEC requires a connection from the national gas transmission network. A spur of this network terminates at the former Maelor Gas Works site (c. 3km south of the preferred WEC site at Kingmoor Park South). As with the electrical connection, the exact route of this connection will be determined through consultation and environmental field survey work. A map of the areas through which this connection could be made is provided in Appendix 4.

3. Planning the consultation

Introduction

- 3.1 This section explains how the approach to the informal, non-statutory consultation was developed to ensure the consultees were introduced to the proposals at the informal stage of consultation.

Producing a Consultation Plan

- 3.2 Prior to consultation commencing, a Consultation Plan (Appendix 1) was drafted and agreed with Wrexham County Borough Council (Wrexham CBC). This plan set out how WPL would introduce the project to consultees and seek feedback on the proposals that would aid the siting and design of the WEC and its associated connections to the national electricity and gas transmission networks.
- 3.3 The Consultation Plan will influence the form and content of a formal Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC), which is required under the Planning Act 2008, before commencement of the formal, statutory stage of consultation. The SOCC will be drafted by WPL and issued to Wrexham CBC for consultation before being finalised and published. The SOCC will set out how WPL will consult the local community in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008.

Consulting on Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP)

- 3.4 The proposed WEC is designated as a “Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project” under Section 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008, as its generating capacity is greater than 50 MWe. WPL is therefore required to apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) from the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. The application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, which will examine and consider the application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. This process, including the manner in which consultation should be undertaken, is prescribed in the Planning Act 2008.
- 3.5 The primary policy basis for decisions made by the Secretary of State is National Policy Statement EN1, which sets out the broad approach to meeting the UK’s energy requirements and sets out the UK government’s policy around fossil fuel electricity generating infrastructure.

- 3.6 The DCO application process is set out in the Planning Act 2008, which also details the manner in which consultation should be undertaken, with which parties, and how it should be publicised. Before commencement of the formal consultation process, WPL will identify all of the consultees necessary to comply with Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.
- 3.7 WPL has carried out informal, non-statutory consultation in advance of the prescribed process. Accordingly, the consultation recorded in this report is informal, non-statutory consultation that has been undertaken in the spirit of the process set out in the Planning Act 2008. By consulting informally, feedback can be gathered at an earlier stage in the project's design cycle.
- 3.8 Additionally, this preliminary round of the informal, non-statutory consultation has allowed WPL to consider the approach taken to consulting the community, identifying which methods have proved effective and those that could be altered and/or improved ahead of producing the SOCC.
- 3.9 Consultation has been undertaken with the local community informally but will be undertaken formally, as required by Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, at the next stage of consultation. This includes the production of a SOCC, setting out what will be consulted on and how the consultation will be undertaken.
- 3.10 In this instance the local community is defined as the community living within the core consultation zone and outer consultation zone (shown in Appendix 5).
- 3.11 Section 43 of the Planning Act 2008 sets out which local authorities should be consulted with in order to satisfy the duty to consult set out in Section 42 at the formal stage of consultation. At this informal stage of consultation, WPL fully briefed Wrexham County Borough Council (Wrexham CBC) on the proposals as well as agreeing the Consultation Plan with it. Consultation will be undertaken with the following additional local authorities at the formal stage of consultation:
- Chester
 - Flintshire
 - Denbighshire
 - Powys
 - Shropshire.
- 3.12 Section 44 of the Planning Act 2008 identifies three categories of consultee. 'Category 1' consultees are those persons who are a tenant or owner of land directly affected by NSIP proposals. 'Category 2' consultees are those persons who are interested in this land or have the power to sell, convey or release the land affected by the NSIP proposal. 'Category 3' consultees are those persons that could be entitled to claim under Compulsory Purchase Legislation or the Land Compensation Act. Through informal

consultation with the local community, a number of possible Section 44 consultees have already been engaged with ahead of formal consultation. At the formal stage of consultation, all these consultees will be identified and notified in the prescribed manner.

Consulting in stages

3.13 Consultation on the WEC has been devised to take place over two stages:

1. **Stage one** – informal, non-statutory consultation (and the subject of this report). This stage allows for the proposals to be introduced to the consultees at an early point, allowing feedback to be gathered on key elements of the proposal and to help inform the proposals going forward;
2. **Stage two** – formal, statutory consultation pursuant to Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008, as well as the published SOCC (this is expected to take place in the first half of 2013). Detailed proposals including, but not limited to, landscape and visual impact assessment, choice of site, the route corridors for the gas and electrical connections and environmental information will be available at this stage.

3.14 If necessary, depending on the feedback received from the second stage, a third stage of consultation may be held before WPL submits its application for a DCO to the Planning Inspectorate.

Proposed consultation over a wide area

3.15 The proposals for the WEC and its connections to the national electricity and gas networks span a broad geographical area. The Consultation Plan was drafted to account for this and proposed a number of communication methods to promote engagement with a dispersed community spread over a wide area.

3.16 The first step was to identify the area in which consultation would take place. For this purpose two zones were identified, comprising a core consultation zone and an outer consultation zone (Appendix 5).

3.17 The core consultation zone was drawn up around the location of the preferred WEC site and the proposed route corridors for the electricity and gas connection routes.

3.18 The core consultation zone captured those consultees who might consider that they would be directly affected by the project through their proximity to proposed elements of the WEC and/or its connections. This zone included villages such as Isycoed and Marchwiell, businesses and their employees on the Wrexham Industrial Estate and residents living in

the vicinity of National Grid's Legacy Substation, 1.3km west of Rhostyllen, into which the WEC's connection to the national electricity transmission network will be facilitated.

- 3.19 The outer consultation zone was defined as containing those stakeholders who might not be affected by the project, given their distance from the proposed WEC and route corridors, but who might still have an interest in the proposals.
- 3.20 The outer consultation zone extended to cover the town of Wrexham and villages located outside of the core consultation zone.

Proposed engagement with consultees

- 3.21 It was proposed that the most up-to-date information would be provided on a dedicated project website with an associated email address, from which project documentation could be downloaded. Consultees would also be able to call the project team using a Freephone number or write to the team using a Freepost address.
- 3.22 Direct communications materials are an effective way of notifying the community. For this reason, it was proposed that a project leaflet introducing the proposals and guiding recipients to further sources of information be produced and circulated to the core consultation zone.
- 3.23 It was also important to provide consultees with an opportunity to meet the project team in person. For this reason a series of public exhibition events were proposed at accessible and well known venues spread along the route of the proposals.
- 3.24 Using existing channels of communication with the community would allow the project team to further disseminate information. For this reason, presentations to community councils were offered. If requested, presentations would also be offered to civic or amenity groups. Alongside this, meetings with political representatives would be held, informing them of what was proposed in their respective wards and constituencies.
- 3.25 Inspection copies of project documentation such as technical notes would be produced and made available online, at exhibition events and on request.
- 3.26 Hard-to-reach groups are generally defined as being those individuals or groups who are marginalised, disadvantaged or socially excluded. WPL acknowledged that 'hard-to-reach' groups might require information in alternative formats. To accommodate this, WPL committed to making information available in alternative formats, if requested, in the Consultation Plan. No such requests were received.

- 3.27 Welsh language translations of the core consultation materials would also be made available and publicised, including, but not limited to, the project leaflet, the project website and the display boards used during the public exhibitions.

Proposed advertising of the consultation

- 3.28 Widely placed advertising of the consultation would ensure that stakeholders should be aware of the proposals and could therefore participate in the consultation process.
- 3.29 No one consultation tool or method guarantees that all stakeholders will be reached. The Consultation Plan thus provided that the consultation would be promoted through a range of other media channels. These included advertising in a locally circulated newspaper, press releases to other media, posters on community hall notice boards, direct mailshots, radio interviews, press briefings as well as a launch presentation to the members of the Wrexham CBC, who in turn could inform residents of their respective wards.

4. Carrying out the consultation

Introduction

- 4.1 This section details the approach taken to consulting stakeholders, how the informal, non-statutory consultation was undertaken and the channels provided to consultees to submit feedback.

What WPL consulted on

- 4.2 At this stage, the project proposals were only at a formative stage and therefore WPL's broad considerations around siting and design options were presented. Consultees were asked to provide feedback on:
- the general location of the WEC, including WPL's preferred site at Kingmoor Park South and alternatives at Kingmoor Park North and the former Firestone Factory site;
 - three indicative layouts for the WEC on the preferred Kingmoor Park South site;
 - two corridors (North and South) through which the electrical connection to National Grid's Legacy Substation could be made;
 - two corridors (East and West) through which the gas connection could be made to the national transmission system.
- 4.3 The project team will consider the feedback supplied by consultees and assess these representations while developing the detailed design. This design will be shown at the next stage of consultation.

Preliminary discussions with Wrexham County Borough Council

- 4.4 Prior to commencing the consultation process, WPL had carried out detailed analysis of the energy provision in the UK to identify locations for the construction of gas-fired power stations. Wrexham was identified as a location and Wrexham Industrial Estate as a suitable area due to its proximity to both electrical and gas connection points as well as being a large and important employment zone for the area.
- 4.5 Since late 2009, WPL has engaged with officers and members of Wrexham CBC to explain and outline the proposals and discuss the potential of developing a gas-fired power station on the Wrexham Industrial Estate. Summaries of those meetings are outlined below.

- 4.6 26 November 2009 – representatives of WPL met with Wrexham CBC officers. At that meeting the power station concept and the associated electrical and gas connections, the potential requirement for a carbon dioxide pipeline as well as the potential for a heat network for adjoining occupiers were outlined. There was a discussion on potential sites that were large enough to accommodate such a development. A council planning officer confirmed that in principle the proposal would be acceptable to the Local Planning Authority but on the basis of a single user only for the whole site, and not a dual user, so as to comply with Policy E3 of the UDP.
- 4.7 11 June 2010 – representatives of WPL took three officers from Wrexham County Borough Council on a tour of Corby Power Station in Northamptonshire so that they could inspect a similar plant to that which is being proposed at Wrexham Industrial Estate.
- 4.8 9 September 2010 – WPL met Wrexham CBC officers together with the Leader of the Council and the Economic Development portfolio holder. In order to provide an understanding of the WEC concept, WPL presented using the Kingmoor Park North site, as it was the only available site large enough to accommodate the WEC proposal at the time. It was agreed that a presentation to a Council Member Workshop should be arranged to inform members of the proposals and to answer questions.
- 4.9 17 November 2010 – WPL presented the proposals to a Council Member Workshop. A copy of the presentation that was given is provided in Appendix 6. After the presentation was given questions were asked covering site selection, overhead power lines, carbon transport and visible smoke and vapour plumes.
- 4.10 Since November 2010 – further extensive due diligence has been carried out by WPL on the proposals. On the 3 February 2012 representatives of WPL took three officers from Wrexham County Borough Council on a tour of Severn Power Station in Newport, South Wales, so that they could inspect a recently completed plant, similar to that which is being proposed at Wrexham Industrial Estate. WPL worked with Wrexham CBC to develop and agree a Consultation Plan in order to launch the project. The Consultation Plan was agreed on 18 April 2012.

Launching the consultation

- 4.11 The informal stage of consultation was launched on Monday 11 June and closed on Sunday 5 August, a period of eight weeks.

Presentation to Wrexham County Borough Council

- 4.12 The informal, non-statutory consultation was launched at a presentation to members and officers of Wrexham CBC on Monday 11 June 2012. At this presentation, WPL introduced the proposals and provided details on how the consultation would be carried out. A letter

and project leaflet were sent to all councillors ahead of this presentation to give them background information regarding WPL's proposal and the content of the presentation.

4.13 Following the launch, local councillors were directly contacted for a telephone briefing on the proposals so any initial questions or clarification on the process could be answered. The following councillors spoke to a member of WPL:

- Cllr Mark Pritchard – Esclusham ward – 20 June 2012
- Cllr John Pritchard – Marchwiel ward – 20 June 2012
- Cllr Michael Morris – Holt ward – 26 June 2012

These councillors represented some of those wards closest to WPL's preferred Kingmoor Park South site and the proposed corridors through which a connection to the national electricity and gas transmission networks could be made.

Notifying the Planning Inspectorate (PINS)

4.14 WPL notified the Planning Inspectorate of its intention to consult on its proposals on 15 June 2012.

Project documentation

4.15 To support the consultation and provide consultees with the information they required to make informed decisions, the following documents were made available at the public consultation events. In addition, all consultation documentation was uploaded and available on the project website – www.Wrexham-Power.com as well as at exhibition events:

- Consultation Plan, which set out the approach to consulting the community;
- Project Summary, a summary of the proposals;
- Site plans, showing the preferred WEC site at Kingmoor Park South and the two alternative site options on the Wrexham Industrial Estate;
- Project Needs Case, an explanation of why the WEC is required;
- Strategic Options Report, a report on the options considered for the site of the proposals;
- Sustainability Technote, an explanation of how the project would respond to sustainable development policy;
- Ecology Technote, an explanation of the environmental policy and physical constraints considered in siting the WEC;
- Landscape Technote, a report setting out the landscape and visual considerations to be taken in siting the WEC and its connections;
- Historical Technote, an explanation of how the historical and archaeological character of the area is to be taken into account in the siting of the WEC and its connections;

- Planning Technote, a report summarising relevant national and local planning policies that are being considered in bringing the proposed WEC forward;
- Constraints Map, a map of environmental constraints such as flood plains, protected conservation sites that have been considered in selecting the preferred WEC site and route corridors for the electrical and gas connections;
- Plans of three indicative power station layouts, which demonstrated how the WEC's main buildings and plant could be orientated on the preferred site;
- Electrical Connection Corridor Plan, a plan showing the two corridors in which an electrical connection to National Grid's Legacy Substation, 1.3km west of Rhostyllen, could be made;
- Gas Connection Corridor Plan for the two corridors in which a gas connection to a spur of the national transmission network could be made, close to the former Maelor Gas Works;
- The Holford Rules, a guidance document on siting and design of overhead lines devised by Lord Holford and reviewed by National Grid;
- Electromagnetic Fields Booklet, a booklet produced by the Energy Networks Association, providing facts and information on electromagnetic fields; and,
- EU Large Combustion Plant Directive, the European Union Directive which seeks to reduce sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides and is predominantly responsible for the closure of a number of non-compliant coal-fired and oil-fired power stations.

Welsh language materials

4.16 In summary, the Consultation Plan states that:

- summaries of the Statement of Community Consultation, each feedback report, the final consultation report, the project website, the project leaflet, exhibition boards and other consultation materials would be provided in Welsh; and,
- bilingual staff would be available at consultation events.

4.17 This commitment to providing key materials in Welsh was fulfilled during the informal consultation stage. Exhibition boards, the project leaflet, the project website, sign-in sheets, adverts and posters were provided in Welsh and English and a Welsh-speaking member of the team was present at each consultation event. A summary of this feedback report is also available in Welsh.

Consulting over a wide area

4.18 It is one of WPL's core objectives to ensure that the local community is provided with an opportunity to participate in each stage of consultation. No single communication method will reach everyone, so the Consultation Plan proposed a number of methods for reaching stakeholders and the local community living in and around Wrexham Industrial Estate and

the electricity and gas corridors, including the surrounding villages and isolated hamlets. These comprised:

- a project website
- a project leaflet
- media coverage
- a touring public exhibition
- presentations and meetings
- inspection copies
- approaches for hard to reach groups.

4.19 These methods are considered in turn below.

Project website

4.20 A bilingual project website (www.Wrexham-Power.com) was created. The website provides a summary of the project and how visitors could participate in the consultation. The website also includes a library from which copies of supporting project documents, plans and maps could be downloaded. In total, this website attracted 1,467 visitors between 11 June 2012 and 5 August 2012. Screenshots of the website are included in Appendix 7.

Project leaflet

4.21 A bilingual project leaflet was produced and hand-delivered to properties within the core consultation zone. A copy of this leaflet is provided in Appendix 8. In total, 6,000 were hand-delivered to addresses in the core consultation zone.

4.22 The leaflet introduced the project and pointed recipients to where they could find further information, how they could contact the team, the dates for the exhibition events and a Freepost response form that could be used to provide initial feedback. Four completed Freepost response forms were returned. The points they raised and WPL's initial responses are included in Appendix 33.

4.23 The project leaflet was hand-delivered by a distribution company to the core consultation zone. The distribution company undertook checks into its delivery, including asking some recipients to confirm they had received materials by signing a receipt. An example of this receipt is included in Appendix 20. While the majority of residents received the leaflet, some told WPL that they had not. However, the project leaflet was one of many methods of promoting the consultation, none of which functioned in isolation. On 12 and 13 June 2012, a member of the WPL project team also called, door to door, on those residents living in the immediate vicinity of the preferred WEC site, Kingmoor Park South, on Bryn Lane and along the B5130 in Isycoed, to reinforce local awareness of the consultation and ensure a copy of the project leaflet had been delivered. If a resident was not at home, a project leaflet was left

at the address. Project leaflets were also sent to all businesses on the Wrexham Industrial Estate.

- 4.24 The public consultation event publicity was also provided to the editor of the Isycoed Newsletter, a voluntarily-produced community publication. The Isycoed newsletter carried these details, and was hand-delivered around the village of Isycoed in the week commencing 25 June 2012.

Publicity

- 4.25 The consultation was publicised through a range of media channels, including:

- Letters were sent on 8 June 2012, to arrive on 11 June 2012, to key community groups, businesses, councillors and organisations notifying them of the consultation launch and public events (a schedule of those written to is included in Appendix 9 and a copy of the letter is provided in Appendix 10);
- A bilingual advertisement was placed in the locally-circulated Wrexham Leader on Thursday 14 June 2012 (provided in Appendix 11);
- A press release promoting the start of the consultation period (provided in Appendix 12) was issued to local media and led to articles in the local press, radio, BBC North Wales website, amongst others. WPL was contacted directly by journalists for comment and journalists also attended the consultation events;
- A press briefing was given to the Wrexham Leader on 15 June 2012, resulting in articles on its website. A radio interview was given to Heart FM, a popular local radio station on 2 July 2012. Details of the project and consultation were provided including that public exhibition events were taking place. These details were then broadcast that day as a part of a news bulletin update. Additionally, journalists attended the exhibition event on 2 July 2012 and took photographs of the event;
- Bilingual posters were posted to each of the exhibition venues on 25 June 2012 (provided in Appendix 13);
- A further press release was provided prior to the start of the public exhibition week providing details of the locations and the times of the event. A copy of the press release and an example press cutting is attached in Appendix 14; and,
- The Isycoed Newsletter carried details of the consultation and dates of the public exhibition events.

Public exhibitions

- 4.26 Public exhibition events were held across five days in venues that were in close proximity to the Wrexham Industrial Estate or the WEC's infrastructure connections. Events took place between 2pm and 8pm on the following days and locations:

- Monday 2 July 2012 – Marchwiel Community Hall, Piercy Avenue, LL13 0RH

- Tuesday 3 July 2012 – Rhostyllen Parish Hall, Vicarage Hill, LL14 4AR;
- Wednesday 4 July 2012 – Atrium Suite, Redwither Tower, Wrexham Industrial Estate, LL13 9XT;
- Thursday 5 July 2012 – Stiwt Theatre, Broad Street, Rhosllanerchrugog, LL14 1RB; and,
- Friday 6 July 2012 – Parciau Community Centre, Bellevue Road, LL13 7NH.

4.27 A map showing the location of the five venues is provided in Appendix 15.

4.28 A total of 120 consultees signed in to exhibition events and a headcount of 134 was taken.

4.29 A breakfast event was also held for local businesses and key stakeholders on Wednesday 4 July 2012 at Redwither Tower at the Wrexham Industrial Estate. This was to allow businesses on the Wrexham Industrial Estate an opportunity to discuss the plans with the project team. Local ward councillors, Welsh Assembly Members and Members of Parliament were also invited to this event.

4.30 At each of the events listed above, attendees could view a series of bilingual exhibition boards that detailed the proposals and explained the context in which the project was being brought forward, allowing consultees to provide informed feedback. In summary, the exhibition boards:

- welcomed attendees and introduced the day's event and WPL;
- explained what the WEC was;
- set out why new generation is required;
- explained how the WEC would function;
- described what a similar CCGT looks like;
- set out the benefits that could be brought to Wrexham and the Wrexham Industrial Estate;
- detailed WPL's preferred site and invited comments on other sites considered;
- demonstrated how the WEC could be orientated on the preferred site;
- mapped areas in which the gas and electrical connections could be made;
- explained how feedback could be submitted and the role of PINS; and,
- set out the next steps and timeline for the project.

4.31 Copies of the exhibition boards are provided in Appendix 16.

4.32 Printouts of the supporting documentation and plans were made available and members of the project team were on hand, including a Welsh speaker, to answer questions. At each event, attendees could complete a feedback form in English or in Welsh or return a completed form via the project's freepost address. Those who completed the feedback form at the event could post a copy into a ballot box available at each event. A copy of the English feedback form is provided in Appendix 17. A copy of the Welsh feedback form is provided in Appendix 18.

Presentations and meetings

4.33 Presentations, which included a Question and Answer session, were given to the following community councils, which are located within the core consultation zone and who had meetings scheduled during the consultation period:

- Abenbury Community Council – Wednesday 11 July 2012;
- Isycoed Community Council – Tuesday 17 July 2012; and,
- Sesswick Community Council – Thursday 19 July 2012.

4.34 These presentations were arranged with community councillors or the relevant council clerk and their purpose was to provide a further channel of information to the community as well as providing an opportunity to focus on project issues that affected their locality. The presentation introduced WPL, the national energy scene, the WEC, the benefits it could bring to Wrexham, how the WEC could function, key elements of the proposed design and appearance, the consultation that was underway and the expected timeline for the delivery of the proposals.

4.35 In addition to the engagement with community councils, meetings and presentations to introduce the project and explain the purpose of the consultation, were held with key individuals, elected representatives, and businesses, as set out chronologically below:

- The Planning Inspectorate – Friday 15 June 2012;
- Kellogg's – Friday 6 July 2012;
- Ian Lucas MP – Friday 12 July 2012;
- Prysmian Cables – Friday 20 July 2012;
- Lesley Griffiths AM – Friday 20 July 2012;
- Cllr Neil Rogers, Wrexham Council Leader – Wednesday 5 September 2012;
- Susan Elan Jones MP – Wednesday 12 September 2012;
- Countryside Council for Wales and the Environment Agency – 26 September 2012;
- Presentation to businesses on the Wrexham Industrial Estate on energy supply and usage – 27 September 2012;
- Ian Lucas MP, Lesley Griffiths AM, representatives of Yale College and representatives of Glyndwr University, regarding potential future vocational training and employment – 27 September 2012;
- National Trust Erddig – 27 September 2012;
- AST Plastics, a significant power user with expansion plans – 28 September 2012; and,
- Ken Skates AM – 28 September 2012.

Inspection copies

- 4.36 Consultation documentation was provided on the project website, www.Wrexham-Power.com, and at the public exhibition events. As WPL was not undertaking formal consultation, a formal notice of deposit locations was not produced, however information was provided on the website and could be issued in paper format on request. At the formal stage of consultation, deposit locations will be agreed with WPL and advertised in the manner prescribed in the Planning Act 2008.

Hard-to-reach groups

- 4.37 In addition to acknowledging the need to engage proactively with those groups and individuals who traditionally fall within the definition of 'hard-to-reach', WPL recognises that those living in more isolated rural areas could also be considered 'hard-to-reach' due to their separation from the wider community. WPL therefore expressly sought a distribution company with experience of delivering information to isolated properties. Despite this, while the majority of consultees received the project information leaflet, some told WPL they had not. WPL will therefore review its approach to leaflet distribution to seek to reduce this. The team remains open to presenting to groups who may require information in a different manner and will take Wrexham CBC's advice on such initiatives.

Feedback

- 4.38 During the consultation period, consultees were invited to provide written feedback using feedback forms which were available at the public exhibition events and could also be filled in online through the project website. A total of 25 paper feedback forms was submitted at the events with a further 35 online feedback forms completed, either on a laptop available at the events or after the events.
- 4.39 Feedback could also be submitted via:
- a Freepost address
 - a Freephone project number
 - a project email address.
- 4.40 The feedback received during the public exhibition events was recorded and immediate questions posed to the team were answered. Written feedback and questions have been addressed in this feedback report.

4.41 WPL provided the following freepost address:

Wrexham Power Limited
Local Dialogue LLP
FREEPOST NAT3717
London
SE1 2BR

4.42 Consultees could also call 0800 319 6185, Monday to Friday between 9:00am and 5:30pm and speak to a member of the project team, or email info@Wrexham-Power.com with their feedback.

4.43 The feedback received during the consultation period, and further feedback received to the end of September 2012, is summarised in this report. WPL's initial responses to the questions posed are provided in this report.

5. Summary of feedback

Introduction

- 5.1 This section summarises the key areas on which feedback was received and WPL's initial response. The responses to individually submitted feedback can be found in the appendices of this report (Appendices 21 to 34).

Breakdown of feedback received

- 5.2 The table below details how feedback responses were received by WPL and the total numbers received.

Method of feedback	Total
Feedback forms (paper copy)	25
Feedback forms (online)	35
Phone calls	19
Emails (including letters submitted as attachments)	42

Recording and analysing feedback

- 5.3 The feedback received by the project team has been considered by WPL. Emailed feedback and completed feedback forms have been kept on file, phone conversations have been logged and verbal feedback supplied at exhibition events has been recorded in note form. The summary of the verbal exhibition feedback and WPL's initial response can be found in Appendix 32.
- 5.4 WPL has taken account of the frequency of comments made by consultees on the following elements of the proposed WEC and its connections:
- the choice of site
 - the orientation of the power station infrastructure on the preferred Kingmoor Park South site
 - the selection of a route corridor for the electrical connection to National Grid's Legacy Substation, 1.3km west of Rhostyllen
 - the selection of a route corridor for the connection to the national gas transmission network.

- 5.5 WPL will take account of the feedback submitted by consultees on the WEC and its associated connections.
- 5.6 The responses provided by WPL are initial ones and it continues to review, and have regard to, the responses received from consultees in developing the design of the WEC and its associated connections.

Main topics of feedback received

- 5.7 The table below summarises the main topics of the feedback received via completed feedback forms, logged phone calls and emails and provides WPL's initial responses. WPL's responses to individual feedback can be found in the appendices of this report.

Main topic	Frequency	WPL's initial response
Preference of routeing the electrical connection through the South Corridor, due to the presence of an existing 132kV overhead line, over a new connection in the North Corridor.	17	WPL will have regard of feedback received on each of the corridor options for the electrical connection. The South Corridor affords the opportunity to run an electrical connection alongside the existing 132kV overhead line.
Visual effect of the electrical connection to National Grid's Legacy substation.	15	The visual effects of the proposals will be considered in the landscape and visual assessment, the results of which will be consulted on at the next stage of consultation.
Health concerns around electromagnetic fields (EMF).	15	The design will meet the requirements of the Health Protection Agency, UK government and International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) guidelines.
Environmental effect of the WEC.	14	An environmental impact assessment will be undertaken which will include air quality and emissions analysis. The power station can only begin operation with an Environmental Permit that regulates the emissions of the power station.
Support for the WEC and the preferred Kingmoor Park South	12	The WEC and its site have drawn support from local businesses and members of the community.

site.		
The selection of sites other than preferred Kingmoor Park South for the WEC, including the former Firestone Factory site and locations not on the Wrexham Industrial Estate.	12	The Firestone site has greater ecological sensitivities than the preferred site and is adjacent to the Pentre Maelor residential neighbourhood. These points have been taken into account when choosing the preferred power station site. However, WPL will have regard to consultation responses on all three sites before WPL makes its site choice. A site selection report will be provided in the Environmental Statement.
Visual effect of the WEC due to building massing.	11	The existing buildings on the Wrexham Industrial Estate, the industrial allocation in the UDP and the extant planning consent for a 500,000 sq ft high bay industrial/warehouse building on the preferred site set a visual precedent for the WEC. If there is a visual impact, this will be mitigated through design.
Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) and its role given national uncertainty around its adoption.	10	At present, carbon capture technology has yet to be made commercially viable but there is a requirement to set land aside for future carbon capture and storage (CCS) equipment. Carbon would not be stored at the power station site, rather it would be transferred from the CCS equipment by underground pipeline to a storage facility, potentially under the Irish Sea. The obligation to demonstrate Carbon Capture Readiness (CCR) on power stations with a capacity of more than 300 MWe is determined by DECC as set out in a Guidance Note which can be found in the project library on WPL's website – www.Wrexham-Power.com. In accordance with the Guidance Note, WPL will set aside 4 hectares (10 acres) for this purpose.
The potential effect	9	At this early stage, this effect cannot be

of the WEC and its associated connections to the national electricity and gas connections on local property values.		accurately gauged as detailed designs have yet to be produced. However the preferred Kingmoor Park South site's location on the Wrexham Industrial Estate provides the appropriate industrial visual and physical setting for the WEC, especially when considering an existing consent for a 500,000 sq ft high bay warehouse already exists for the site. WPL will take into consideration the location of local property when routeing the electrical connection.
Preservation of Rights of Way.	4	An environmental impact assessment including a landscape and visual impact assessment and an assessment of the impact, if any, on Rights of Way, will be undertaken.
Expanding the district heating system to the wider area.	3	The viability and potential extent of a district heating system is being investigated as part of the detailed analysis of the proposals being carried out.

Feedback on WPL's preferred site, Kingmoor Park South

- 5.8 WPL's preferred site for the WEC is Kingmoor Park South, Bryn Lane, the site of a former fiberglass factory. There is presently consent on this site for a 500,000 sq ft high bay industrial warehouse/distribution centre.
- 5.9 The preferred site, along with Kingmoor Park North (adjacent to Kingmoor Park South) and the former Firestone Factory site, were considered as potential locations for the WEC and therefore WPL asked for feedback on these locations.
- 5.10 Consultees were asked for their general comments on each of these sites. In wider discussions with key stakeholders, the preferred Kingmoor Park South site was found to be the most suitable location for the WEC. However, in a small number of cases, consultees suggested another site as being their preference. Of the 60 completed paper and online feedback forms submitted to WPL, only eight (13%) recorded a preferred site for the WEC. Of these eight, three recorded a specific preference for Kingmoor Park South, one recorded a specific preference for Kingmoor Park North and four recorded a preference for the former Firestone Factory site. Additionally, four respondents suggested other locations outside of the Wrexham area. A summary of comments on the preferred Kingmoor Park South site and

WPL's initial response can be found in Appendix 21. A table of the comments received on the other sites examined by WPL is provided in Appendix 22.

- 5.11 It should be noted that, in discussion with residents of the village of Isycoed, there is a preference for the WEC to be located on the former Firestone Factory site, adjacent to the village of Pentre Maelor. This is primarily due to concerns around views of the WEC and its electrical connection from properties along the B5130, from Isycoed and from individual farmsteads to the northeast and east of the village and from the village of Holt.
- 5.12 Some consultees also suggested that WPL consider alternative locations where electrical transmission infrastructure already exists, but which are not on the Wrexham Industrial Estate, namely Connah's Quay and Deeside.

Preference of WEC infrastructure orientation at Kingmoor Park South

- 5.13 The feedback forms asked consultees for their preference on how future WEC infrastructure could be orientated on the preferred Kingmoor Park South site to inform the design of the WEC layout to be presented at formal consultation.
- 5.14 This infrastructure includes:
- heat recovery generators and stacks
 - turbine halls
 - transformers/substation
 - a demineralised water plant
 - water storage tanks
 - land set aside for carbon capture infrastructure
 - workshop and stores
 - a maintenance laydown area
 - a control and administrative building.
- 5.15 Three indicative layouts were provided, showing how the above infrastructure could be combined on the site. Plans presenting these layouts are provided in Appendix 20. The table below lists the layout orientation preference recorded by consultees in feedback forms and where mentioned in other written correspondence as well as a summary of the main themes of comments on each site. A table of comments received on these sites and WPL's initial response is provided in Appendix 23.

Layout	No. of preferences	Summary of comments
East/west layout	6	Overall less visual effect on surrounding area Closer proximity to the Wrexham

		Industrial Estate
North/south layout	2	Less visual effect on residents to the northeast of the site
Northeast/southeast layout	3	n/a

5.16 The east/west layout is the most preferred layout in the written feedback received. This option locates the taller, and therefore more likely to be visible, infrastructure towards the Kingmoor Park South site's boundary with Bryn Road and Wrexham Industrial Estate.

5.17 General comments supplied on the site layouts include:

- the final layout of the site should consider wind direction
- steps should be taken to lessen the view of the proposed power station onto properties to the northeast of the site
- that a sufficient buffer area be created to the east of the site, between the WEC and existing properties.

Preference between the North and South corridors for the electrical connection

5.18 Consultees were asked to provide feedback on the location in which a high voltage overhead line connection to National Grid's Legacy Substation, 1.3km west of Rhostyllen, could be made. Two corridors were identified, a North Corridor and a South Corridor. The North Corridor passes through an area where there is no existing electricity transmission infrastructure, while the South Corridor mainly follows the route of an existing 132kV overhead line. The preferences from the corridors supplied in written feedback are provided below and are also provided in Appendix 24.

Corridor Option	No. of preferences
North Corridor	1
South Corridor	17

5.19 Consultees were also asked for comments on the North Corridor and the South Corridor. The main themes and preferences are provided below. A full summary of individual responses can be found in Appendix 25.

Comment	WPL's initial response
Protecting undeveloped land by running a new connection alongside the route of an existing 132kV connection to the Wrexham Industrial Estate.	The South Corridor provides an opportunity to develop an electrical connection mainly along the route of the connection currently supplying the Wrexham Industrial Estate.

Visual impact of the electrical connection be lessened or that undergrounding be considered.	An environmental impact assessment and a landscape and visual impact assessment will be undertaken to assess the impact of the WEC and any new infrastructure. While it is appreciated that an underground connection may be considered a popular option, the cost of doing so would render the project commercially unviable. It would also present operational obstacles when it comes to maintaining the connection and fault checking. Undergrounding causes greater environmental and ecological harm due to the need to excavate a corridor with a width of between 30 to 40m. This could be wider to account for physical constraints such as roads or watercourses.
Health concerns around electromagnetic fields.	The design will meet the requirements of the Health Protection Agency, UK government and International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) guidelines.

Preference between the East and West corridors for the gas connection

5.20 Consultees were asked to indicate their preference between two options for the route of a gas pipeline connection to the former Maelor Gasworks, the East Corridor and West Corridor. The responses are summarised below and summary of the main comments received around the sites is provided. This table is also provided in Appendix 26.

Corridor Option	No. of preferences	Summary of feedback
Eastern Route	4	Seems to be the least disruptive.
Western Route	3	Impacts least on residents. Provides better access to the Maelor Gasworks.

		The route of the gas pipeline passes through an area of former mining works so care should be taken.
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- 5.21 Overall, there is a marginal preference for the Eastern Route over the Western Route. The individual feedback on these sites and WPL's initial response can be found in Appendix 27.

The overall project and general feedback

- 5.22 Consultees were asked 'Which element of the project most interests you?' in the feedback form. The table below shows that consultees were most interested in the power station and its electrical connection (Appendix 28).

Element of the proposals	Preference
The power station	12
The electrical connection	12
The gas connection	5

- 5.23 WPL's response to general project comments submitted via the feedback form is provided in Appendix 29.

Logged phone calls

- 5.24 A total of 19 phone calls relating to the consultation were received. A log of these phone calls and WPL's initial response is provided in Appendix 30.

Emailed feedback

- 5.25 A total of 42 emails providing consultation feedback were received. These emails and WPL's response to individual points are provided in Appendix 31.
- 5.26 At its meeting on 17 July 2012, Isycoed Community Council submitted a list of questions to WPL. WPL's initial response to these questions is given in Appendix 33.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 Over the course of consultation, 134 individuals visited exhibition events, 1,467 visits were made to the project website, 60 feedback forms were returned to the WPL team, 42 emails were received, 19 consultation phone calls were logged and meetings were held with key individuals, community councils and organisations.
- 6.2 Through this consultation activity, it has been established at this early stage that:
- the visual and environmental effects of the WEC need to be considered carefully in the design and environmental assessment of the project;
 - some consultees prefer other potential sites for the WEC, predominantly the former Firestone Factory site. This preference comes particularly from the villages of Isycoed and Holt and the area around them;
 - from those expressing a preference, there is a clear preference for an electrical connection to be made within the South Corridor (one of two options proposed);
 - the visual and environmental effect of the proposed electrical connection needs to be considered carefully in the design and environmental assessment of the project;
 - there is a slight preference for a gas connection to be made within the East Corridor (one of two options proposed);
 - there appears to be less interest in the gas connection element of the proposals than the WEC itself and its electrical connection; and,
 - the potential commercial and energy supply benefits of the WEC are acknowledged by businesses on the Wrexham Industrial Estate and more widely.
- 6.3 The design of the WEC and its connections is being considered in light of the above and how WPL has had regard to this feedback will be explained at the following formal stage of consultation.
- 6.4 Generally, there is support for the project amongst local businesses and residents and an appreciation of the economic benefits it will bring. However, the effect of the WEC on individual businesses is being discussed with the relevant parties.
- 6.5 The majority of concerns received have emanated from those living in proximity to the preferred WEC site, Kingmoor Park South, and within the electrical connection route corridors identified.
- 6.6 The next phase of the project will see detailed designs produced and consulted around in accordance with Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008.

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5.1 Consultation Report

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1. Crynodeb Adroddiad Ymgynghori

1.1. Cyflwyniad

- 1.1.1. Disgrifia'r crynodeb hwn yr ymgynghoriadau a gynhaliwyd gan Wrexham Power Limited (WPL) ynghylch ei gynigion ar gyfer ar gyfer Canolfan Ynni Wrecsam (WEC), canlyniadau'r ddau gyfnod ymgynghori a'r newidiadau a wnaed i ddyluniad WEC. Adroddiad Ymgynghori WPL (Cyfeirnod Dogfen5.1) acmae ei atodiadau ategol yn ymhelaethu ar y pwyntiau a wneir yn y crynodeb hwn.
- 1.1.2. Yn y tabl isod ceir crynodeb o'r gweithgarwch allweddol a wnaed gan WPL yn rhan o-r ymgynghori anstatudol a statudol. Ymhelaethir yn llawn ar hyn yn Adroddiad Ymgynghori WPL (cyfeirnod dogfen 5.1).

Tabl 1: Crynodeb cronolegol o weithgarwch WPL

Tabl 1: Cronoleg y gweithgarwch ymgynghori a gynhaliwyd hyd yn hyn	
Dyddiad(au)	Gweithgarwch
Mai 2012	Cynllun ymgynghori anstatudol y cyunwyd arno gyda CBSW
11 Mehefin – 5 Awst 2012	Yr ymgynghori anstatudol a gynhaliwyd
23 Mawrth 2016	Rhyddhau SoCC i'r Arolygiaeth Gynllunio
8 Ebrill 2014	Datganiad drafft Ymgynghori Cymunedol (SoCC) iwedi ei anfon i Gyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Wrecsam (CBSW)
6 Mai 2014	Yr ymgynghori ar y SoCC drafft wedi ei gwblhau
4 Gorffennaf 2014	Hysbysiad Adran 48 wedi ei gyhoeddi yn y London Gazette
5 Gorffennaf 2014	Hysbysiad Adran 48 wedi ei gyhoeddi yn y Telegraph
5 Gorffennaf 2014 a 12 Gorffennaf 2014	Cyhoeddi hysbysiad Adran 48 yn lleol (ddwywaith) iyn y Wrexham Leader
5 Gorffennaf 2014	Cyhoeddi hysbysiad SoCC yn lleol a threfnu bod copïau caled ar gael mewn lleoliadau arolygu
10 Gorffennaf 2014	Anfionwyd posteri yn hysbysebu'r ymgynghori statudol i sefydliadau cymunedol
11 Gorffennaf 2014	Diweddarwyd gwefan y prosiect a'i hail-lansio gyda PEIR a gwybodaeth ymgynghori ategol
11 Gorffennaf 2014	Ysgrifennwyd at ymgynghoreion Adran 42 a rhoddwyd rhybudd iddynt am yr ymgynghori, gan lansio ymgynghori statudol

11 Gorffennaf 2014	Ysgrifennwyd at ymgynghoreion Adran 47 a rhoddwyd rhybudd iddynt am yr ymgynghori, gan lansio ymgynghori statudol
14 Gorffennaf 2014	Yr ymgynghori statudol yn dechrau'n ffurfiol
21 Gorffennaf 2014	Rhoi cyflwyniad i Gyngor Cymunedol Bangor-is-y-Coed
21 Gorffennaf 2014, 22 Gorffennaf 2014 a 23 Gorffennaf 2014	Cynhaliwyd digwyddiadau arddangos ymgynghori adran 47
24 Awst 2014	Ymgynghoriad statudol wedi ei gwblhau
20 Ionawr 2016	Diweddarwyd taflen a anfonwyd i'r gymuned a'r rhanddeiliaid sy'n esbonio y cyflwynir cais cynllunio i CBSW ar gyfer y Cyswllt Nwy.

1.2. **WPL a WEC**

- 1.2.1. Menter ar y cyd yw WPL rhwng St Modwen a Glenfinnan Properties, a sefydlwyd gyda'r bwriad o hyrwyddo WEC.
- 1.2.2. Mae WEC yn Orsaf Ynni Tyrbinau Nwy Cylch Cyfun (CCGT) gyda chapasiti o hyd at 299MWe (megawatt trydan) ac mae cynigion WPL' yn cynnwys Cyswllt Nwy WEC. Lleolir WEC ar Ystâd Ddiwydiannol Wrecsam (WIE) sydd, o ran tir, yn un o'r ystadau diwydiannol mwyaf yn Ewrop. Yr enw a ddewisir i WEC yw Kingmoor Park South, ar ymyl ogledd-ddwyreiniol WIE yn Bryn Lane. Mae gan y safle hwn ganiatâd cynllunio ar gyfer warws bae uchel ac adeilad swyddfa o faint cyfanswm 47,534 m².

1.3. **Ymgynghoriad anstatudol WPL**

- 1.3.1. Cyn cynnal ymgynghori statudol yn unol â PA 2008, cynhaliodd WPL ymgynghoriad anstatudol i gyflwyno'r cynigio i randdeiliaid cymunedol.
- 1.3.2. Yn dilyn trafodaethau cychwynnol gyda Chyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Wrecsam (CBSW) tua diwedd 2010. Datblygodd WPL y cysyniad ar gyfer y WEC, ac fe'i cyflwynwyd i'r gymuned leol a rhanddeiliaid perthnasol eraill yn ystod ymgynghoriad anstatudol.
- 1.3.3. Cynhaliwyd ymgynghori anstatudol rhwng 11 Mehefin 2012 a 5 Awst 2012, iyn unol â Chynllun Ymgynghori a luniwyd ac y cytunwyd arno â CBSW.

- 1.3.4. Yn dilyn yr ymgynghori anstatudol hwn, ar 30 Tachwedd 2012 cyflwynodd WPL adroddiad cwmpasu EIA (yr "Adroddiad Cwmpasu Blaenorol") i'r Ysgrifennydd Gwladol ("YG"). Roedd yr Adroddiad Cwmpasu Blaenorol yn ymwneud â'r effeithiau amgylcheddol tebgol allai godi o ganlyniad i'r Cynllun Blawnorol. Amlinellodd yr Adroddiad Cwmpasu Blaenorol ddull arfaethedig o gynnal yr EIA a darparu amlonelliad arfaethedig yr EIA a chynnwys yr ES. Roedd hyn yn cynnwys y materion yr ystyriai WPL y dylid eu hasesu yn rhan o'r EIA a'r effeithiau hynny nad oedd yn gofyn am asesu; mewn geiriau eraill, y rheini y gellid eu 'cwmpasu allan'. Cyhoeddwyd Barn Gwmpasu (y "Farn Gwmpasu Flaenorol") gan yr YG ym mis Ionawr 2013 a hwn yw Atodiad 5.1 i ES (Cyfeirnod Dogfen: 6.1-6.4) (atodir y ddogfen hon at ddibeinion cyfeirio yn unig, gan mai'r Farn Gwmpasu berthnasol ar gyfer y Cynllun yw un Mai 2014 (gweler isod)).
- 1.3.5. Am y rhesymau a esboniwyd ym Mhennod 3 ES, rhoddodd WPL wedyn y Cynllun Blaenorol o'r neilltu yn dilyn adborth ymgynghori gan wahanol ymgynghoreion statudol a'r gymuned leol. Ystyriodd WPL y byddai'r Cynllun prsennol yn arwain at wahanol effeithiau amgylcheddol o'u cymharu â'r Cynllun Blaenorol ac, o ganlyniad, rhoddodd WPL yr Adroddiad Cwmpasu Blaenorol a'r Farn Gwmpasu Flaenorol o'r neilltu a chyflwyno cais cwmpasu ar 19 Mawrth 2014 ynghylch y Cynllun (y 'Cais Cwmpasu') i'r YG. Cyhoeddwyd Barn Gwmpasu ynghylch y Cynllun (y "Farn Gwmpasu") gan yr YG ar 12 Mai 2014, gan gymryd i ystyriaeth y stlwadau a ddaeth i law gan gyrrff statudol ac ymgynghoreion eraill.
- 1.3.6. Mae'r Adroddid Ymgynghori hwn yn parhau i adrodd ar yr adborth a ddaeth i law ynn ystod ymgynghori anstatudol 2012, ac yn ystyried yr adborth hwn. er mwyn bod gan yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio a'r Ysgrifennydd Gwladol gofnod o'r un peth. Yn ystod ymgynghori anstatudol cyflwynodd WPL gynigion ar gyfer WEC gyda chapasiti cynhrchu o hyd at 1,200 MWe, wedi ei leoli ar WIE. Cyflwynodd WPL hefyd gynlluniau sy'n dangos y coridorau lle gellid darparu cyswllt 400 cilofolt (kv) WEC ar y pryd i'r system trosglwyddo trydan genedlaethol, a choridor lle gellid darparu'r Cyswllt Nwy â'r system drosglwyddo genedlaethol. Rhoddodd WPL hefyd fanyliom dewis safle Kingmoor Park South a safleoedd eraill a gafodd eu hystyried a'u gwrthod, yn enwedig hen safle ffatri Firestone a Kingmoor Park North. Cafodd yr ymgynghoreion hefyd gyfle i gynnig safleoedd eraill.
- 1.3.7. Yn ystod yr ymgynghori anstatudol, ymwelodd 134 o unigolion â digwyddiadau'r arddangosfa. Ymwelwyd 1,467 o weithiau â gwefan y prosiect website (www.Wrexham-Power.com), dychwelwyd 60 ffrflen adborth i dîm WPL, daeth 42 o e-byst i law, logiwyd 19 galwad ffôn a oedd yn gysylltiedig â'r ymgynghoriad a chynhaliwyd cyfarfodydd ag unigolion allweddol, cynghorau cymuned a sefydliadau.
- 1.3.8. Darperir adroddiad Ymgynghoriad Anstatudol WPL (Adrioddiad Adborth Cyfnod Un) yn Atodiad 1 Adroddiad Ymgynghori WPL (cyfeirnod dogfen 5.1) gan esbonio sut y cynhaliwyd yr ymgynghori gan ddarparu'r ymatebion a ddaeth i

law ynghyd ag ymateb WPL. I grynhoi, awgrymodd yr ymgynghoriad anstatudolt:

- i. Fod rhaid ystyried effeithiau gweledol ac amgylcheddol WEC yn ofalus yn nyluniad ac asesiad amgylcheddol y prosiect.
- ii. Roedd yn well gan rai ymgynghoreion safleoedd posibl eraill ar gyfer WEC, yn bennaf hen safle ffatri Firestone. Daeth y dewis hwn yn enwedig o bentrefi Is-y-coed a Holt a'r ardaloedd oddi amgylch.
- iii. Gan y rhheini a fynegai ddymuniad, roedd dymuniad clir am wneud Cyswllt Trydan oddi mewn i'r Coridor Deheuol (un o'r ddau opsiwn arfaethedig).
- iv. Roedd angen ystyried effeithiau gweledol ac amgylcheddol y Cyswllt Trydan arfaethedig yn ofalus yn nyluniad ac asesiad amgylcheddol y prosiect.
- v. Roedd rhywfaint o ffafriaeth i Gyswllt Nwy i'w wneud yn y Coridor Dwyreiniol (un o'r ddau opsiwn arfaethedig).
- vi. Roedd llai o ddiddordeb yn elfen Cyswllt Nwy y cynigion na WEC hithau a'i Chyswllt Trydan;
- vii. Cydnabuwyd manteision cyflenwad masnachol ac ynni WEC gan fusnesau ar Ystâd Ddiwydiannol Wreccsam ac yn ehangach.

1.3.9. Rhwng yr ymgynghoriadau anstatudol a statudol, parhaodd WPL i gael adborth gan y gymuned sy'n byw yng nghyffiniau ycoridoriau Cyswllt Trydan arfaethedig cychwynnol WEC, yn enwedig y rheini a oedd yn byw yn y coridor deheuol. Gwrthwynebodd yr adborth hwn yn bendant 400kV Gyswllt Trydan arfaethedig WEC a'r posibilrwydd y codid peilonau.

1.3.10. Fel y nodwyd uchod, adolygodd WPL yr adborth a ddaeth i law ar y cyd â'r dyluniad a'r asesiadau technegol a phenderfynwyd cyflwyno'r Cynllun presennol. Mae gan y Cynllun gapasiti cynhyrchu o hyd at 299MWe. Gellir cysylltu'r orsaf ynni tyrbinau cylch nwy cyfun hon, yn dibynnu ar bifer o ddiweddariadau, â rhwydwaith dosbarthu trydan presennol SPEN. O'r herwydd, y prif negeseuon y rhoddodd WPL sylw iddynt oedd y ceisiadau i leihau maint a graddfa'r Orsaf Ynni ei hun, a phe bai'n bosibl, dileu'r angen am gyswllt newydd 400kV a defnyddio'r system dosbarthu trydan leol brsenol.

1.4. **Datganiad Ymgynghori Cymunedol WPL¹**

¹ Ceir y Datganiad yn Atodiad 11 Adroddiad Ymgynghori WPL (cyfeirnod dogfen 5.1), lle ceir Rhan 1 (y Datganiad ei hun - a labelir hefyd yn "Adroddiad i Lunio'r Datganiad Ymgynghori Cymunedol a luniwyd yn unol â s47(6) o Ddeddf Gynllunio 2008") a Rhan 2 (yr hysbysiad SoCC – y nodwyd iddo gaelei gyhoeddi yn Atodiad 13 Adroddiad Ymgynghori WPL cyfeirnod dogfen 5.1)).

- 1.4.1. Cyn dechrau ar ymgynghori statudol, drafftiodd WPL Ddatganiad Ymgynghori Cymunedol (SoCC), gan ymgynghori am a'i gyhoeddi yn unol ag adran 47 PA 2008.
- 1.4.2. Ymgynghorodd WPL â CBSW ar gynnwys y SoCC rhwng 8 Ebrill 2014 a 6 Mai 2014 a chyhoeddodd ei hysbysiad SoCC ar 5 a 7 Gorffennaf 2014 yn ogystal â threfnu bpd copïau caled ar gael mewn mannau arolygu sy'n lleol i safle arfaethedig WEC Gweler Atodiad 13). Nodir y sylwadau a ddarparwyd gan CBSW a sut aeth WPL i'r afael â hwy ym mhennod 10 Ymgynghori Statudol: Ymgynghoriad yn unol ag adran 47 of the PA 2008.
- 1.5. **Ymgynghoriad statudol WPL**
 - 1.5.1. Cynhaliodd WPL ymgynghoriad statudol yn unol ag adannau 42, 47 a 48 o PA 2008 ynghylch ei gynigion ar gyfer WEC.
 - 1.5.2. Mae Safle Cyfadeilad yr Orsaf Ynni yn Brosiect Seilwaith o Arwyddocâd Cenedlaethol (NSIP) gan fod ganddo gapasiti cynhyrchu arfaethedig o fwy na 50MWe Yn unol â PA 2008, mae gofyn i WPL wneud cais am Orchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu (DCO) gan yr Ysgrifennydd Gwladol drios Ynni a'r Newid yn yr Hinsawdd. Mae'r Arolygiaeth Gynllunio (PINS) wedi cael y cylch gorchwyl o astudio, ar ran yr Ysgrifennydd Gwladol, geisiadau ar gyfer NSIP. Yn unol â hyn, mae WPL wedi cofrestru'r project gyda'r Arolygiaeth Gynllunio. Bydd yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio yn penodi'r Awdurdod Arholi a fydd yn astudio ac astudio'r Cais a gwneud argymhellion i'r Ysgrifennydd Gwladol. Eglurir y broses hon, gan gynnwys y modd y dylid cynnal ymgynghoriad yn PA 2008.
 - 1.5.3. Cyn cyflwyno cais, mae'n ddyletswydd statudol ar ymgeiswyr i ymgynghori ar y cais arfaethedig a'i hysbysu yn unol â PA 2008, a'r rheoliadau a wnaed oddi tano. Rhaid i ymgeiswyr hefyd ystyried unrhyw ganllawiau statudol a gyhoeddwyd o dan adran 50 o'r Ddeddf. Mae hyn yn cynnwys *Deddf Gynllunio 2008: Arweiniad ar y broses cyn gwneud caiss* (Awst 2014) a gyhoeddwyd gan yr Adran Cymunedau a Llywodraeth Leol.
 - 1.5.4. Cynhaliwyd ymgynghori statudol rhwng 14 Gorffennaf 2014 a 24 Awst 2014.
 - 1.5.5. Ysgrifennwyd at yr holl gyrff, sefydliadau ac unigolion hynny a gategoreiddiwyd yn ymgynghoreion o dan adrannau 42 (a), (b) a (d) o PA 2008 adeg lansio'r ymgynghori gan roi iddynt fanylion y cynigion. gan gynnwys Adroddiad Gwybodaeth Amgylcheddol Ragarweiniol (PEIR) gyda Chrynodeb Anhechnegol (yn Gymraeg a Saesneg) a chynlluniau a dogfennau ategol sy'n dangos y dyluniad safle sydd orau gan bobl ar gyfer WEC a'r Cyfyngiad Gorchymyn Caniatâd Datblygu arfaethedig - sef ffin ddrsaft safle'r cais. Darparwyd copi o'r PEIR ar CD ynghyd â chopïau o'r holl ddeunydd ymgynghori. Draftiwyd y deunyddiau hyn a'u cyhoeddi i sicrhau bod modd i ymgynghoreion roi adborth gwybodus ar gynigion WPL ar gyfer WEC.
 - 1.5.6. Hysbysebodd WPL y Cais arfaethedig trwy gyhoeddi hysbysiadau ar y ffurf osododedig yn unol ag adran 48 o PA 2008. Cyhoeddwyd yr hysbysiadau canlynol:

- 4 Gorffennaf 2014 - London Gazette (cofnod cyhoeddus)
- 5 Gorffennaf 2014 - Wrexham Leader (cylchrediad 30,266) a'r Daily Telegraph (cylchrediad 523,048)
- 12 Gorffennaf 2014 - Wrexham Leader (cylchrediad 30,266)

Nodwyd yr hysbysiadau ad 48 fel yr ymddangosasant yn y Wrexham Leader (y ddau ddyddiad) a'r Daily Telegraph a'r London Gazette yn Atodiad 28.

- 1.5.7. Ymgynghorwyd â'r gymuned sy'n byw yng mghyffiniau'r tir lle cynigir codi WEC yn unol ag adran 47 o PA 2008. Cynhaliwyd yr ymgynghori statudol hwn yn unol ag SoCC WPL, dogfen a luniwyd yn unol ag Adran 47 (1) o PA 2008. Yn ôl y gofyn, ymgynghorodd WPL â CGSW ar gynnwys yr SoCC ac mae wedi ystyried i'w hymatebion.
- 1.5.8. Hyrwyddwyd yr ymgynghori statudol trwy'r post Dosbarth Cyntaf trwy'r Post Brenhinol o daflen gwybodaeth prosiect i 2,771 o gyfeiriadau yng nghyffiniau safle WEC, gan hysbysebu yn y cyfryngau lleol, cyhoeddi datganiadau i'r wasg, dosbarthu poster a llythyrau i randdeiliaid a gofrstrodd ddiddordeb yn y prosiect adeg cyfnod gwirfoddol ansyatudol yr ymgynghori. Ategwyd yr ymgynghoriad gan wefan a oedd y ffynhonell gwybodaeth fwyaf cyfredol am y prosiect, tri digwyddiad arddangosgfa gyhoeddus, cyflwyniad i Gyngor Cymuned Bangor-is-y-Coed, ynghyd â deunyddiau aolygu copi caled.
- 1.5.9. Rhoddwyd manylion cyswllt WPL i bob ymgynghorai er mwyn sicrhau y gallent gysylltu â thîm y prosiect ar ffyrdd y gellid cyflwyno adborth trwyddynt. Roedd y rhain yn cynnwys *cyfeiriad* Rhadbost, cyfeiriad e-bost, papur a ffurflenni adborthn adborth ar-lein a rhif ffôn prosiect, wedi ei staffio o ddydd Llun i ddydd Gwener rhwng 9:00am a 5:30pm, gyda pheiriant ateb y tu allan i'r oriau hyn.
- 1.5.10. Disgrifir a dadansoddir yr adborth a ddaw i law yn Adroddiad Ymgynghori WPL (cyfeirnod dogfen 5.1). Cynhwysa hyn ymatebion gan bedwar o ymgynghoreion adran 42, ar ffurf llythyrau ac arweiniad ysgrifenedig, ac ymgynghoreion adran 47 (y gymuned) a roddwyd ar deaws 20 ffurflen adborth, 17 llythyr, 41 e-bost a 10 galwad ffôn a ddaeth i law yn ystod y cyfnod ymgynghori statudol.
- 1.5.11. I grynhoi, amgrymodd yr ymwneud ag ymgynghoreion adran 47:
 - i. Mewn trafodaeth â rhanddeiliaid croesawyd y penderfyniad i fwrw ymlaen gyda gorsaf ynni 299MWe yn hytrach nag un 1,200MWe;
 - ii. Mewn trafodaeth â rhanddeiliaid, croesawyd y penderfyniad i beidio â bwrw ymlaen â chysylltiad 400kV;
 - iii. O ganlyniad i sylw a gyflwynyd gan SPEN i ymgynghoriad yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio ar Adridiad Cwmpasu EIA WPL (Mawrth 2014 (cyfeirnod dogfen 6.4.1)), nad oedd yn adlewyrchu'r cyfarfodydd a'r trafodaethau a arweiniodd at astudiaeth dichonolrwydd yn cadarnhau y gellir gwneud

cysylltiad â'r rhwydwaith dosbarthu trydan lleol, roedd rhai rhanddeiliaid yn pryderu mai cysylltiad uniongyrchol 400kV â'r system trosglwyddo trydan genedlaethol i Isorsaf Etifeddiaeth y Grid Cenedlaethol fyddai'r unig ffordd ddichonadwy o allforio'r trydan a gynhyrchid gan WEC. Cadarnha WPL nad felly y bydd hi ac mae wedi cyflwyno'r cais cyswllt priodol.

iv. Roedd y sylwadau mwyaf cyffredin yn cynnwys:

- Nad oes angen gorsaf ynni ar ardal Wrecsam gan fod gorsafoedd ynni eraill yn bodoli yn yr ardal ehangach That the Wrexham area does not require a power station as there are other existing power stations in the wider region (31 sylw)
- Bydd WEC yn creu swm clywadwy oan fydd yn gweithredu (29 sylw)
- Bydd WEC yn effeithio ar ansawdd awyr yn lleol (28 sylw)

1.5.12. Ymhelaetha Adroddiad Ymgynghori WPL (cyfeirnod dogfen 5.1) a'i atodiadau ar yr adborth a ddaeth i law.

1.5.13. Mae'r marerion a godwyd gan ymgynghoreion 42 yn benodol i'w diddordeb neu eu rôl reoleiddiol ac ymdrinnir â'r rhain yn unigol yn Adroddiad Ymgynghori WPL (cyfeirnod dogfen 5.1).

1.5.14. I grynhoi, mae WPL wedi cymryd i ystyriaeth yr adborth a ddaeth i law, ar y cyd ag ystyriaethau dylunio a thechnegol eraill er mwyn llywio'r canlynol. Gan ddefnyddio'r adborth a roddwyd yn ystod yr ymgynghori statudol, mae WPL,:

- Wedi terfynu ei ddewis gynllun ar gyfer safle WEC
- Wedi daroaru ar gyfer sgrinio gweledol gan gynnwys plannu
- Wedi penderfynu'n derfynol ar lwybr y Cyswllt Nwy
- Wedi penderfynu'n derfynol ar leoliad a chyfeiriad Safle Uwchben y Tir y Cyswllt Nwy yng Ngwaith Nwy Maelor
- Wedi penderfynu'n derfynol ar drefniadau mynediad ar gyfer adeiladu a phan fydd yn gweithredu

1.5.15. Rhoddir manylion sut yr aeth WPL ati i gynnal ymgynghoriad statudol, yr ymatebion a ddaeth i law, a'r newidiadau yn y prosiect yn sgilhyntny yn Adroddiad Ymgynghori WPL (cyfeirnod dogfen 5.1).

1.5.16. Yn dilyn eglurhad ar yr hyn sy'n ddatblygiad cysylltiedig yng Nghymru, ym mis Ionawr rhoddodd WPL wybod i randdeiliaid a oedd yn byw y ei barth ymgynghori y byddai'n cyflwyno cais cynllunio ar r gyfer Cyswllt Nwy WEC i Gyngor Bwreistref Sirol Wrecsam. Ceir nodyn ar yr ymwneyd hwn yn Atodiad 32 Adroddiad Ymgynghori WPL (cyfeirnod dogfen 5.1). A note on this engagement is provided in Appendix 32 of WPL's Consultation Report (Document Reference 5.1).

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