

Latest Wylfa Newydd power station plans published for consultation

-- People across North Wales are being asked to give their views on the latest proposals for Wylfa Newydd, a new multi-billion pound power station on Anglesey --

Gloucester, UK, 24 May, 2017 --- Horizon Nuclear Power's third formal consultation starts today, 24 May, and finishes on 22 June, giving people the chance to have their say on updates to the project.

The company is presenting a more compact power station design. It is also suggesting where and how it can best manage the impacts from construction and bring long term benefits to the community.

Key project updates and changes described in the consultation include:

- reduction in the area taken up by the main power station, with more buildings and facilities shared between the twin reactors
- a single, carefully managed, temporary workers accommodation campus at the construction site
- appointing a Welsh Language and Culture Coordinator to ensure protection and enhancement of language and culture remains at the heart of Horizon's development
- support for the development of an Employment and Skills Service to signpost people from across the region to jobs available at Wylfa Newydd
- support for a capital investment programme for all five secondary schools on the island to improve science and technology facilities and help promote the take up of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects
- funding to support a capital investment programme for the provision of new build affordable housing, initially focusing on increasing housing stock around the power station and in nearby Amlwch
- establishing a tourism fund to support marketing initiatives and skills and training for those in the tourist sector.

Duncan Hawthorne, Chief Executive Officer for Horizon, said: "In this third stage of consultation we're focusing on the areas that have changed or where there are new proposals.

"To make this project the best it can be it must be investable, constructable, and deliver a world-leading operating power station. Wylfa Newydd must also be a welcome addition to the community which Anglesey and the wider region can be proud of.

"The changes we're proposing will enable us to streamline our construction schedule, reduce the number of construction workers we need to bring in and temporarily house, and cut the number of development sites we need.

“Alongside this we remain absolutely committed to being a good neighbour to the North Anglesey communities which will host the power station. This includes creating opportunities for local companies and long term high quality careers in North Wales, particularly for young people currently in education. We look forward to hearing people’s views on these latest plans as we finalise our application.”

The single temporary workers accommodation campus reduces the number of accommodation buildings across the North of Anglesey. Built in phases, it would initially create around 2,500 beds and could provide a maximum of 4,000 beds if needed. Horizon is also combining its permanent essential off-site support buildings, including a garage and back-up control facilities, into one location.

The company will share its updated plans at public exhibitions in village and town halls, hotels and community centres across the region. Information will, once again, be made available online as well as at local libraries and council offices. To make the consultation even more accessible, Horizon will also be visiting communities, workplaces and local events in a consultation bus, so people can meet members of the Wylfa Newydd team and discuss the latest plans.

Horizon’s events will be held on the following dates:

Public exhibitions		
Saturday 27 May	10am - 1pm	Llangefni Town Hall
Tuesday 30 May	1pm - 7pm	Llanfaethlu Village Hall
Wednesday 31 May	1pm - 7pm	The Valley Anglesey
Friday 2 June	1pm - 7pm	Cemaes Village Hall
Saturday 3 June	10am - 1pm	Amlwch Memorial Hall
Saturday 10 June	10am - 1pm	Rhosybol Community Centre, Yr Ysgol
Monday 19 June	1pm - 7pm	Cemaes Village Hall

Horizon’s consultation bus will be out and about at locations across North Wales on the following dates:

Consultation bus events		
Tuesday 6 June	4pm - 7pm	Douglas Inn Car Park, Treglele
Wednesday 7 June	4pm - 7pm	Holland Hotel Car Park, Llanfachraeth
Thursday 8 June	4pm - 7pm	Conway Quay
Monday 12 June	4pm - 7pm	Tesco Extra Car Park , Bangor
Tuesday 13 June	4pm - 7pm	Castle Square, Beaumaris

Wednesday 14 June	10am - 1pm	Lower Hill Street Car Park, Newry Street, Holyhead
Wednesday 14 June	4pm - 7pm	Holyhead Leisure Centre Car Park
Friday 16 June	4pm - 7pm	Castle Square, Caernarfon
Saturday 17 June	8am - 1pm	Anglesey Farmers' Market, Ysgol David Hughes, Menai Bridge
Tuesday 20 June	4pm - 7pm	Douglas Inn car park, Tregele

Information will also be available from Wednesday 24 May on the company's consultation website at www.horizonnuclearpower.com/consultation where comments can be submitted online. Horizon can also be contacted on 0800 954 9516 or by emailing wylfaenquiries@horizonnuclearpower.com.

Notes to editors:

- Horizon's development on Anglesey will represent a multibillion pound investment in North Wales, creating high-quality, long term employment opportunities and unlocking lasting economic and social benefits for the region.

About Horizon Nuclear Power

Horizon Nuclear Power was formed in 2009 to develop new nuclear power stations in the UK. It was acquired by Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501) of Japan in November 2012. The company is developing plans to build at least 5,400MW of new nuclear power generation plant at Wylfa on the Isle of Anglesey and Oldbury-on-Severn in South Gloucestershire. Its power station sites will employ 850 people each once operational with a construction workforce expected to peak at 9,000. For more information about Horizon, please visit www.horizonnuclearpower.com.

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