

**Wrexham Energy Centre
Statement of Community Consultation**

**Report to inform the Statement of Community Consultation produced in
accordance with Section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008**

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. Wrexham Power Limited (WPL) is proposing to construct, operate and maintain a new combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) power station with an electrical capacity of up to 299 megawatts (MWe) at the Wrexham Industrial Estate. The project will include an integral gas connection.
- 1.2. Known as the Wrexham Energy Centre (WEC), the project is designated as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). NSIPs are large projects that support the national economy and vital services, and meet specific individual criteria set out in the Planning Act 2008.
- 1.3. In this case, Section 15 of the Planning Act 2008 states that any onshore generation station with capacity of over 50 megawatts (MW) is considered an NSIP.
- 1.4. The Planning Act 2008 requires that proposers of NSIP projects apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the development, and the Localism Act 2011 confers responsibility to examine DCO applications to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). WPL will therefore submit a DCO application to PINS. The decision on whether or not to grant a DCO is taken by the Secretary of State.
- 1.5. Consulting the community living in the vicinity of proposed NSIP projects forms an integral element of the DCO consenting process.
- 1.6. This document is presented in two parts. Part 1 explains WPL's proposals for the WEC and the context in which the company is statutorily consulting the community on its proposed design. Part 2 sets out WPL's Statement of Community Consultation notice, which explains how it will statutorily consult the community on its proposals.

2. Wrexham Power Limited

- 2.1. WPL is a joint venture partnership between Glenfinnan, a property investment and development company with extensive energy sector experience, and St. Modwen, the UK's leading regeneration specialists. As WPL, the companies combine Glenfinnan's extensive knowledge of the UK energy market and St. Modwen's regeneration expertise. The partnership is currently progressing a number of power generation projects across the UK.

3. Development of a detailed design

- 3.1. WPL has developed detailed designs for the WEC. These designs have been informed by comprehensive technical and environmental studies and assessments, as well as by feedback received in response to an initial non-statutory consultation stage which was undertaken with local stakeholders between 11 June 2012 and 5 August 2012 on proposals for a CCGT power station with a nominal generating capacity of up to 1,200 MWe.
- 3.2. Since the initial non-statutory consultation, the WEC's generating capacity has been reduced to remove the requirement for a new 400kV overhead line electrical connection. WPL now proposes a CCGT power station that will have a capacity of up to 299MWe
- 3.3. A CCGT power station with a nominal generating capacity of up to 299MWe would:
 - Create up to 800 construction jobs and up to 30 fulltime jobs
 - Improve resilience and quality of electrical supply to the Wrexham Industrial Estate
 - Provide the potential for the Wrexham Industrial Estate to benefit from excess heat generated by the WEC.

4. Wrexham Energy Centre's components

- 4.1 The proposed WEC will have two main parts that are to be included in the DCO:
 - The power station complex, including the CCGT power station and a facility for combined heat and power supply to the Wrexham Industrial Estate; and
 - The integral gas connection.
- 4.2 The electrical connection element in relation to the WEC is described below in Section 7. This element will not form part of the DCO submission.

5. Wrexham Energy Centre power station complex

- 5.1. The WEC's power station complex is the name given to the buildings that collectively make up the CCGT power station it does not include the WEC's integral gas connection. The power station complex comprises of:
 - Turbine halls that house gas turbines that spin the generators to produce power
 - Heat recovery steam generators that use steam to generate additional power

- Stacks that disperse emissions including water vapour and CO₂
- An air cooled condenser to return steam generated by the plant to water
- A substation and electrical transformers used for power conversion and distribution/transmission
- Demineralised water plants and storage tanks to treat water for use
- Buildings used for administration, maintenance and general purposes.

5.2. The power station complex is located at Wrexham Industrial Estate and is on land allocated for a major employment use, which has obtained a planning permission for a 47,534 sq m (500,000 sq ft) high bay warehouse and office. The site was previously the site of the former Owen Corning's factory.

6. Wrexham Energy Centre's integral gas connection

- 6.1. To supply the fuel required by the WEC to generate electricity, a connection to the national gas transmission network is required.
- 6.2. The nearest connection point is on a pipeline close to the Maelor Gas Works, south of the Wrexham Industrial Estate.
- 6.3. The integral gas connection will be a buried pipeline measuring approximately 3km in length. This pipeline will travel east, south and south west from the WEC's power station complex to its connection close to the Maelor Gas Works.
- 6.4. An Above Ground Installation (AGI) for controlling the supply and pressure of gas from the national transmission system to the WEC will be built near the gas connection point, at the existing Maelor Gas Works site.
- 6.5. The WEC's gas connection pipeline and AGI are an integral element of the proposed CCGT power station and is to be included in the DCO submission.

7. Electrical connection

- 7.1. The WEC will also need to be connected to the local electricity distribution network, however, this does not form part of the WEC's DCO submission.
- 7.2. It is possible to connect the WEC to SP Energy Networks' local 132kV electricity distribution network through an upgrade of the existing

network including the replacement of existing overhead lines and construction of new underground cables in certain locations. These works would be carried out either under permitted development rights, through planning permission under the Town and Country Planning Act or by an application or exemption under s37 of the Electricity Act 1989.

- 7.3. WPL will assess the likely environmental impacts of the electrical connection within the cumulative assessment for the WEC and will be set out in the Environmental Statement (ES). Information on how the WEC's electrical connection can be made will be provided during statutory consultation.

8. Assessing the affects of the Wrexham Energy Centre

- 8.1. Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009, as amended by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2012, classifies WPL's proposals for the WEC as a development requiring environmental impact assessment.
- 8.2. To allow for full and meaningful consultation WPL will produce a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). The PEIR will outline the significant anticipated environmental effects of the proposals and potential mitigation measures. The PEIR will be made available at the start of statutory consultation at document display locations listed in this document (Section 15), the project website (www.Wrexham-Power.com) and at public exhibition events.

9. The Planning Inspectorate

- 9.1. The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) is the government delegated agency responsible for managing the examination process for NSIPs. It was granted this power on 1 April 2012, under provisions made in the Localism Act 2011.
- 9.2. PINS will receive WPL's DCO application, undertake a thorough public examination of its content and then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. It is the Secretary of State who will ultimately decide the application.
- 9.3. The determination process comprises six distinct stages:
- Pre-application
 - Acceptance
 - Pre-examination

- Examination
- Decision
- Post-decision

- 9.4. PINS provides information about each stage on its website - infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/application-process. A summary of each stage is provided below.
- 9.5. At the *pre-application stage*, developers undertake statutory consultation with stakeholders, including the local community, after which they finalise their plans and submit a DCO application to PINS. WPL is currently at this stage.
- 9.6. At the *acceptance stage*, PINS will review WPL's DCO application to ensure that all necessary documents have been supplied and that sufficient consultation has been undertaken in accordance with Sections 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48 and 49 of the Planning Act 2008. It will then make a decision on whether to accept the application for detailed examination.
- 9.7. At the *pre-examination stage*, all those who may have an interest in the proposals will be invited to register to participate in the examination stage. During this time, the PINS will set a date for a Preliminary Meeting, marking the start of the examination stage, where a timetable for the examination of the DCO application will be agreed.
- 9.8. At the *examination stage*, PINS will ask for further written comments from anyone who has registered an interest in the project. It will also hold one or more public hearings at which registered interested parties can make further comments in person. These will inform the final recommendation made by PINS to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change.
- 9.9. At the *decision stage*, PINS will have three months to make its recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. The Secretary of State will then have a further three months to make a final decision on WPL's proposals.
- 9.10. After a decision has been made, there will be an opportunity to challenge the Secretary of State's decision for up to six weeks.
- 9.11. It can take up to 16 months from the acceptance of the application to the Secretary of State making his or her decision.
- 9.12. PINS makes its recommendations in accordance with the relevant National Policy Statements (NPSs). NPSs set out and explain Government Policy on their respective subjects and also set out the criteria against which NSIPs will be assessed. In this instance, the

relevant energy NPSs are:

- EN-1 Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy
- EN-2 Fossil Fuel Electricity Generating Infrastructure NPS
- EN-4 Gas Supply Infrastructure and Gas and Oil Pipelines NPS

9.13. The relevant Welsh Government Technical Advice Notes (TANs) will also be taken into account. This includes:

- Technical Advice Note 5: Nature Conservation and Planning (2009)
- Technical Advice Note 11: Noise (1997)
- Technical Advice Note 12: Design (2009)
- Technical Advice Note 15: Development and Flood Risk (2004)
- Technical Advice Note 18: Transport (2007)
- Technical Advice Note 22: Sustainable Buildings (2010).

9.14. For more information about PINS, visit

Infrastructure.PlanningPortal.gov.uk.

10. The importance of pre-application consultation

10.1. Meaningful pre-application consultation with the community – those who live or work in the vicinity of the proposals - brings benefits with it. Promoters of NSIP projects can benefit from the community's detailed knowledge of the local area and account for this when developing their proposals. Importantly it allows the community to scrutinise the proposals ahead of submission, aiding the production of proposals that are, where appropriate, sympathetic to their suggestions. Developers are required to demonstrate how all suggestions made have been considered and how the proposals have evolved as a consequence.

11. Non-statutory consultation to date

11.1. Ahead of statutory consultation commencing, WPL undertook an initial stage of voluntary non-statutory consultation on proposals for a CCGT power station with a nominal generating capacity of up to 1,200 MWe. This non-statutory stage of consultation took place between 11 June 2012 and 5 August 2012.

11.2. Where applications are larger or more complex, applicants are encouraged to go beyond statutory requirements of the Planning Act 2008, therefore WPL committed to carrying out an initial stage of voluntary consultation.

11.3. This initial stage of voluntary non-statutory consultation introduced the

proposals and sought initial feedback on broad elements of the project, namely:

- WPL's preferred site for the power station complex (Kingmoor Park South) as well as two sites that were considered but found to be less suitable (Kingmoor Park North and the former Firestone Factory site)
- Two initial corridors within which a 400kV overhead line electrical connection to the national electricity transmission system via National Grid's Legacy substation could potentially be made; and
- Two corridors within which a gas connection could be made to the national gas transmission system near the Maelor Gas Works.

11.4. Through this stage of consultation it was found that, with reference to the preferred Kingmoor Park South site, there was a preference amongst respondents for taller elements of the power station complex to be located as far towards Bryn Lane as possible. Some consultees suggested that other sites on the Wrexham Industrial Estate be considered, including the former Firestone Factory site, on which planning consent has been granted for a 'super prison' for completion in 2017.

11.5. It was found that there was a preference amongst respondents for the southern electrical connection corridor. However, since the close of active consultation, and after the publication of the Stage One Feedback Report (December 2012), a number of local residents submitted feedback either favouring the northern electrical connection corridor or objecting in principle to the southern electrical connection corridor.

11.6. Following this voluntary non-statutory consultation it was evident that the electrical connection element of the project was of greatest concern amongst local residents. In light of this feedback, WPL has considered and assessed alternative options for the WEC and is now proposing a reduced generating capacity CCGT power station and has identified how to use the existing electricity distribution network to facilitate its connection.

11.7. Overall, there were no strong opinions given on the route of the gas connection.

11.8. WPL's Stage One Feedback Report summarises the approach to non-statutory consultation, the activities undertaken, the feedback received and WPL's initial response at the time. The report can be downloaded from our document library on www.Wrexham-Power.com.

12. Refining the consultation methods

- 12.1. Following discussions with Wrexham County Borough Council (WCBC), WPL agreed and published an initial Consultation Plan for the initial stage of voluntary non-statutory consultation. The Consultation Plan, which can be downloaded at www.Wrexham-Power.com, has informed and provided the basis of this Statement of Community Consultation.
- 12.2. Undertaking initial voluntary non-statutory consultation has provided WPL with in-depth understanding of the consultation methods that worked well locally and those that could benefit from refinement or supplementary engagement measures. Statutory consultation will be comprehensive and verifiable, and documented in a Consultation Report as required by the Planning Act 2008.
- 12.3. In addition to publishing its Statement of Community Consultation in a locally circulating newspaper, as required by Section 47 (6) of the Planning Act 2008, WPL will communicate directly to residential and commercial addresses identified within the Consultation Zone.
- 12.4. During statutory consultation, WPL will hold public exhibition events at which the local community will be able to view and comment on the proposals and meet the WPL team. The locations of these events will be selected to reflect the areas in which project infrastructure is proposed. Consideration will also be given to each venue's convenience, accessibility, and timings of events.
- 12.5. Initial layout and elevation plans have now been produced for the WEC's power station complex. Visualisation tools will be used to demonstrate how the WEC could look. These will be provided at the public exhibition events.

13. Environmental Scoping

- 13.1. WPL submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report to PINS in November 2012. Scoping is carried out at an early stage of the environmental impact assessment process and is designed to ensure that the environmental studies consider all the relevant factors and provide all the relevant information required to assess the potential significant effects of the proposed development.
- 13.2. Following the refinement of the proposals to a CCGT power station with an electrical capacity of up to 299 megawatts (MWe), a revised scoping report was submitted to PINS March 2014 to ensure that the scope of the environmental assessment remains appropriate and robust. PINS' Scoping Opinion was published on May 2014.
- 13.3. WPL's Scoping Report, and PINS' Scoping Opinion, can be viewed at www.Wrexham-Power.com.

14. Statutory consultation under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008

- 14.1. The Planning Act 2008 aims to ensure that full and effective consultation is carried out with communities that could be affected by an NSIP development, to ensure that their views are taken into account as far as practicable. Section 47 of the Act sets out the legislative requirements for consultation with the public.
- 14.2. To facilitate community engagement, a Statement of Community Consultation is required that sets out what will be done to consult the community on the proposals.
- 14.3. This Statement of Community Consultation has been prepared in consultation with WCBC, which has experience in undertaking consultation exercises and has advised on the most appropriate methods to employ to ensure that as many community stakeholders as possible are reached in the local area.
- 14.4. Before issuing the draft Statement of Community Consultation to WCBC for its statutory review, an early draft of the document was issued to WCBC to provide its initial comments on 1 April 2014. The purpose of this initial review was to familiarise WCBC with the document.
- 14.5. WCBC was statutorily consulted on WPL's draft Statement of Community Consultation between 8 April 2014 and 6 May 2014 and responded on 6 May 2014. Amendments to this Statement of Community Consultation include confirming an exhibition event will be held in Isycoed Village and adding neighbouring parish councils in Cheshire as Section 47 consultees.
- 14.6. A full schedule of comments and WPL's responses will be provided in WPL's Consultation Report as required by the Planning Act 2008.

15. Indicative Timetable

- 15.1. Set out below is an indicative timetable, although this could be subject to change. Any changes to the timetable will be publicised on the project website at www.Wrexham-Power.com
- 14 July 2014 to 24 August 2014 – Statutory consultation (28 days).
 - Winter 2014 – submission of DCO application to PINS
 - Spring 2015 to winter 2015/16 – PINS considers DCO application

- Spring to summer 2016 – recommendation from the PINS to the Secretary of State and the Secretary of State’s decision.

15.2. WPL will explain this timetable and the DCO consenting process clearly in all relevant consultation materials and at the public events.

16. Consultation Area

16.1. The Planning Act 2008 stipulates that applicants must consult with ‘people living in the vicinity of the land’. The WEC proposals are likely to generate a great deal of interest from the community following the initial voluntary non-statutory consultation. This Statement of Community Consultation has been drafted to allow for consultation with all those who might have an interest in, or might be affected by, WPL's proposals. WPL has therefore defined a set consultation area; the Consultation Zone. Comments and suggestions from outside this zone are also welcome and will be given equal weighting.

16.2. The Consultation Zone comprises those areas closest to the proposals for which a DCO is being sought, for example, if they contain or abut proposed infrastructure. WPL has identified a 2km area around the proposed infrastructure that constitutes the Consultation Zone. Given the location of the Consultation Zone, WPL has identified that the following community councils that are included within this zone:

- Abenbury Community Council
- Bangor on Dee Community Council
- Holt Community Council
- Isycoed Community Council
- Marchwiel Community Council
- Willington and Worthenbury Community Council.

The consultation zone also includes the nearby parishes of:

- Church Shocklach Parish Council
- Shocklach Oviatt Parish Council

16.3. The residents and businesses within the Consultation Zone, Community Councils and Parish Councils identified above are therefore considered relevant community consultees as they could be affected by WPL's DCO application.

16.4. The project might be of interest to those who are not directly affected by the proposals or may not live, or be based, within the Consultation Zone. The communication of WPL's consultation activity has been designed so that it will raise awareness of the proposals amongst a significantly larger audience than just those living or working in the Consultation Zone

by, for example, utilising local and regional media including news websites and newspapers as well as building on the interest and awareness generated by the initial voluntary non-statutory consultation. This includes placing advertisements in newspapers that circulate inside as well as outside of the proposed Consultation Zone as well as generating press coverage on news websites that serve the North Wales region.

16.5. WPL will consult those living or working in the Consultation Zone using multiple methods of communication. The consultation will not be reliant on any one method, rather, they will work together to ensure consultees are provided with various opportunities to participate. These include:

- A **consultation website** on which all relevant supporting documents will be made available. The website, www.Wrexham-Power.com, will serve as the most up to date source of project information.
- A **project leaflet** detailing the proposed scheme will be produced and distributed to all residential and commercial addresses in the Consultation Zone, identified using Royal Mail address data [2,771 addressees]. It will include a feedback form, provide contact details for WPL and include details on where further information can be found (www.Wrexham-Power.com). This will also be made available to take away from exhibition events, meetings and will also be sent to identified consultees and all those who have registered an interest in the project.
- **Public exhibitions** will be held at accessible venues located within the vicinity of the project, with a focus on those communities closest to the WEC's power station complex and its integral gas connection. Members of the community will be given advance notice of the exhibitions and will be able to view supporting project documents, display boards detailing the proposals, and other supporting visual materials at each event. The events will allow members of the public to speak directly to members of the WPL team, ask questions, and suggest changes which could improve the scheme. There will also be the opportunity to provide written suggestions and comments. Each event will provide comprehensive information on the overall proposals. The public exhibitions will be bilingual. The event details are provided below:

Venue	Time and date
Isycoed Village Hall, Isycoed, Bowling Bank, LL13 9RN	3pm to 8pm Monday 21 July 2014

Marchwiel Village Hall, Piercy Avenue, Marchwiel, LL13 0RH	3pm to 8pm Tuesday 22 July 2014
The Atrium Suite, Redwither Tower, Redwither Business Park, LL13 9XT	3pm to 8pm Wednesday 23 July 2014

- A **presentation** was given to WCBC ahead of launching the revised proposals on 4 March 2014. Additional presentations will be offered to Community Councils that contain proposed infrastructure, and other community groups, where appropriate.
- **Local media** will be issued a press release at the launch of statutory consultation and follow up press releases will be issued where appropriate.
- WPL will write to and provide copies of the project leaflet to elected representatives of areas affected by the proposals, such as ward councillors, Welsh Assembly Members and Members of Parliament, offering **meetings** during the consultation period.
- **Inspection copies** of documentation will be displayed at venues agreed with WCBC. The information to be made available will include, but not be limited to, the PEIR (including its Non-technical Summary), plans and diagrams of the proposals, the Stage One Consultation Feedback Report and supporting technical notes. This information will also be made available on the project's website - www.Wrexham-Power.com - in a Library section.

Display Location	Opening hours
Contact Wrexham, 16 Lord Street, Wrexham, LL11 1LG	8:30am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday
Redwither Tower, Redwither Business Park, LL13 9XT	8am to 6pm Monday to Friday

17. Responding to the consultation

17.1. All comments and suggestions made will be considered by WPL and, if appropriate, reflected in the design and assessment of the proposals,

although engineering and operational requirements will not always allow this. Responses can be provided through the following channels:

- A freepost address for written responses: Wrexham Power Limited, Local Dialogue, FREEPOST NAT3717, London SE1 2BR
- A Freephone project information line staffed during working hours: 0800 319 6185
- A project email address: info@Wrexham-Power.com
- Feedback forms available at public events
- An online comment form hosted on the project website.

17.2. It should be noted that once a DCO application has been submitted and accepted for Examination all comments should be made directly to PINS and interested parties must register either in writing to PINS or via its website.

17.3. All responses submitted to WPL as part of its consultation process will inform PINS' examination of the proposals. Therefore, all comments received during the statutory consultation will be submitted to the PINS on an unattributed basis. To aid this process, consultees will be encouraged to supply written feedback rather than, for example, verbal feedback.

17.4. The consultation will account for 'hard-to-reach' groups. Where necessary, it may be necessary to communicate, in a slightly different way, to groups with additional needs, for example, by providing large print materials to visually impaired members of the community. Guidance has been sought from WCBC on these groups and their details have been provided to ensure inclusion in statutory consultation. It was recommended that WPL undertake consultation in line with Participation Cymru's National Principles. The National Principles provide a guiding framework for public engagement. Formal consultation will be undertaken in line with the National Principles and how this has been achieved will be explained in WPL's Consultation Report.

17.5. All of the comments and suggestions received by WPL will be given consideration in finalising the design of the scheme and the DCO application. The way in which the scheme has evolved to reflect consultation responses will be summarised in a Consultation Report to be submitted with the DCO application.

18. Welsh Language

18.1. WPL's proposals are located in a potential Welsh speaking area and WCBC is working to promote the language. As such, WPL will produce summaries of the following project materials in Welsh at the statutory

consultation stage:

- Statement of Community Consultation
- Project information leaflet
- Project website
- Exhibition display boards
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report – Non-technical Summary (PEIR NTS)

19. Other relevant consultations

19.1. WPL will take into account any consultations on other NSIPs in the Wrexham area and plan its consultation accordingly. For example, WPL recognises that consultees could suffer from ‘consultation fatigue’ if public events for different projects are planned for the same days.

19.2. At present, WPL is unaware of any proposals or events that would conflict with its consultation.

20. Further Information

20.1. Further information on the WEC and WPL can be found at www.Wrexham-Power.com, emailing: info@Wrexham-Power.com, by calling 0800 319 6185 or writing to Wrexham Power Limited, Local Dialogue, Freepost NAT3717, London, SE1 2BR.

20.2. WPL will notify those who have registered for project updates of the submission of its DCO application. If you wish to receive updates, please contact the project team using the details above.

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Wrexham Energy Centre and Connections

**Section 47(6) Planning Act 2008
Statement of Community Consultation**

July 2014

**Wrexham Energy Centre
Section 47 Planning Act 2008
Notice as to where and when the Statement of Community Consultation for the
Wrexham Energy Centre can be inspected**

Introduction

Wrexham Power Limited (WPL) is proposing to construct, operate and maintain a combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) power station with an electrical capacity of up to 299 megawatts (MWe) at the Wrexham Industrial Estate. The project will include an integral gas connection,

Known as the Wrexham Energy Centre (WEC), the project is designated as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008 and therefore requires a Development Consent Order (DCO) from the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change.

WPL has published a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. The SoCC sets out how WPL proposes to consult people living in the vicinity of the Wrexham Industrial Estate, about the WEC. The SoCC sets out how WPL will carry out statutory consultation with local communities between 14 July 2014 and 24 August 2014 (inclusive) on its proposals for the WEC. A full copy of the SoCC is provided on the project's document library at www.Wrexham-Power.com and the SoCC is also available at the locations set out below. WPL's consultation approach is summarised in this notice.

Wrexham Power Limited

WPL is a joint venture partnership between Glenfinnan, a property investment and development company with extensive energy sector experience, and St. Modwen, the UK's leading regeneration specialists. The partnership is currently progressing a number of power generation projects across the UK.

Environmental Information

WPL is required to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (the "EIA Regulations"). The EIA will consider the potential impacts, both positive and negative, of the WEC including air and water quality, noise, visual, traffic, local ecology, archaeology and heritage, socio-economics and cumulative impact.

To allow for full and meaningful consultation from 14 July 2014, WPL is publishing a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) in accordance with the EIA Regulations. The PEIR will present the initial assessment as to the likely significant environmental effects of the WEC and potential mitigation measures relating to any significant adverse effects. The PEIR will inform the Environmental Statement that is submitted as part of the application for a DCO for the WEC. The PEIR will be available at the inspection locations set out in this notice between 14 July 2014 and 14 August 2014 (inclusive) and copies will be provided to the relevant statutory consultees.

The planning process

The consenting process for DCO applications is set out in the Planning Act 2008.

The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) is the agency responsible for managing the examination process for NSIPs.

PINS will receive WPL's DCO application in late 2014, undertake a thorough public examination of its content and then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. The Government's policies in relation to projects such as the WEC are set out in National Policy Statements (NPSs). NPS EN-1 (Energy) states that "gas will continue to play an important role in the electricity sector – providing vital flexibility to support and increasing amount of low-carbon generation and to maintain security of supply." The need for the Project is established through the NPSs and is therefore not a topic for consultation.

The recommendation from PINS on WPL's application for a DCO will be made in line with the relevant NPSs relating to energy developments of this nature. It is the Secretary of State who will ultimately decide whether or not to make a DCO for the WEC.

Consulting the community

WPL will consult the community pursuant to the Planning Act 2008 between 14 July 2014 and 24 August 2014 (inclusive), a period of 32 days. During this time, the community will be invited to view illustrative designs and information, including the PEIR, on WPL's proposals for the WEC.

A full copy of the SoCC is now available on our website and is also now available at the below listed inspection locations. As set out in our SoCC, the following communication tools and methods will be used to notify the community of consultation:

Consultation website - www.Wrexham-Power.com will serve as the most up to date source of project information. Consultation documents, plans and supporting information will be provided in the website's document library.

Project leaflet - will be sent to residential and commercial addresses in a consultation zone that is set out in the SoCC. It will include a feedback form, provide contact details for WPL and include details on where further information can be found.

Public exhibitions - the community will be able to meet and question the project team at three public exhibition events and submit their feedback in person. An information display will explain the proposals and supporting documentation including plans, visualisations, the project leaflet, the SoCC and the PEIR will be made available. Events will be held at the following times and locations:

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

Local media - the community will be kept informed of the consultation through press releases and advertisements in local media

Presentations and meetings - presentations and meetings will be offered to community and parish councils and elected representatives.

Inspection of documents (including the SoCC)

WPL will make the consultation documents noted above available at the following locations between 14 July 2014 and 24 August 2014 (inclusive). The SoCC is available at the below locations as from today's date:

Display Location	Opening hours
Contact Wrexham, 16 Lord Street, Wrexham, LL11 1LG	8:30am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday
Redwither Tower, Redwither Business Park, LL13 9XT	8am to 6pm Monday to Friday

Submitting comments and suggestions

Those who wish to submit comments and suggestions on WPL's proposals will be able to do so through the following channels:

- By email: info@Wrexham-Power.com
- In writing: Wrexham Power Limited, Local Dialogue, FREEPOST NAT3717, London, SE1 2BR
- By telephone: 0800 319 6185
- In person at exhibition events, meetings and presentations both verbally and via feedback forms
- An online comment form hosted on the project website www.Wrexham-Power.com

Recording and considering comments and suggestions

WPL will have regard to the consultation responses received during consultation.

Written consultation responses submitted during the consultation period will be duly recorded. Received responses may be submitted to PINS within, or alongside, a Consultation Report.

Feedback submitted verbally via the Freephone telephone line will be logged and summarised. Similarly, verbal feedback supplied at exhibition events and meetings will be summarised by WPL and may be included in the Consultation Report.

WPL would welcome your views on the WEC on or before 24 August 2014. Please include your name and an address when providing a response.

Responses may be made public, subject to data protection laws.

Contact information

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Further information about WPL and the proposals for the WEC can be found at www.Wrexham-Power.com.

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