
Appendix 4.3

Response to Scoping Opinion and Consultation

Date	Topic	Consultee/Comment	Location within the ES
13 February 2020	Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions	NCC Regeneration/Planning Guidance for best practice in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model Procedures for the Management of Land Contamination (CLR11) • Reference to the EA Guidance contaminated land, groundwater protection and pollution prevention. • Details of pollution prevention measures including firewater containment. 	Chapter 5 provides details of guidance used and assessments of impacts relating to contaminated land, groundwater conditions and pollution prevention measures. Chapter 6 provided details of the drainage strategy for the proposed development.
29 th July 2019	Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Flood Risk	NRW Environmental data request	Incorporated into the Baseline Environment section of Chapter 6.
January 2020	Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Flood Risk	NRW Confirmation on hydrological/tidal model update availability with respect to revised climate change scenarios circa 2018	Update not available. No action required
13 February 2020	Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Flood Risk	NRW Scope of proposed Flood Consequences Assessment Appropriateness of 40yr assessment (clarification from LPA)	A supporting FCA is presented in Appendix 6.1. Sensitivity test of extended development lifespan to 75yrs included in Chapter 6.
13 February 2020	Ecology and Biodiversity	NCC Ecology The impact of additional lighting should be assessed in terms of ecology and the character and appearance of the site.	Commitments to retaining the existing dark corridor flight lines have been made as part of the Uskmouth Conversion.

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13 February 2020	Ecology and Biodiversity	<p>NRW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air quality impacts on ecologically designated sites. • Protected species status, assessment of significant impacts, mitigation. • Future management and monitoring. • Need for biodiversity net benefits from the development. 	<p>The modelling of air quality has informed this assessment in the ES and HRA (Appendix 7.11).</p> <p>Chapter 7 contains details of survey results (provided in appendices) and summarised in the main text with the assessment of effects.</p> <p>Commitments are made in relation to an ongoing management with biodiversity objectives and a monitoring strategy for habitats, species status and management outcomes.</p> <p>The creation and enhancement of habitats around the Uskmouth Conversion Project are summarised in the Additional Mitigation/Monitoring section of Chapter 7</p>
17 June 2020	Ecology and Biodiversity	<p>Sali Palmer Monmouthshire County Council</p> <p>Pre-application ecology comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitivity of site location and proximity of internationally important populations and assemblages of fauna species. • Need for an Ecological Impact Assessment (EclA), Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA), Bat Roost Appraisal and other targeted species surveys. • Robust implementation of avoidance, mitigation, compensation hierarchy. • Need for long term habitat management to be considered. • Need for Habitat Regulations Assessment covering estuarine habitats, birds, fish and otter. 	<p>Recognised in baseline survey reports (Appendices 7.1 to 7.10) and shadow Habitat Regulations Assessment shadow HRA (Appendix 7.11).</p> <p>Preliminary Ecological Appraisal covered the wider power station property and is summarised in Chapter 7.</p> <p>Details of mitigation and future management of habitats for biodiversity is referenced in the</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement for ecological enhancements to provide biodiversity net gain, in line with Planning Policy Wales (ed 10) and local planning policy GP5, and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. Enhancements to be shown on a plan. 	<p>Additional Mitigation/Monitoring section of Chapter 7</p> <p>A shadow Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) report has been prepared for the Uskmouth Conversion Project and is presented in Appendix 7.11.</p> <p>An Ecological Enhancement Plan (Figure 7.4) has been prepared for the habitat creation in part of the currently operational coal stockyard.</p>
20 December 2019	Landscape and Visual	<p>NCC Regeneration/Planning Selection of viewpoints</p>	Agreed candidate viewpoints which are assessed in Chapter 8.
13 February 2020	Landscape and Visual	<p>NCC Regeneration/Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope of LVIA Advice re: level changes Proposals for mitigation Opportunities to link with the 'Living Levels' and reference to relevant guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living Levels Landscape Character Assessment 2017 Gwent Levels Green Infrastructure (GI) Strategy 2017 	<p>Landscape character and visual impacts are assessed and reported in Chapter 8.</p> <p>Mitigation measures are proposed that would strengthen character and be in keeping with the scrub and woodland character in the vicinity.</p> <p>The Living Levels Landscape Character Assessment and Gwent levels GI Strategy have informed this assessment.</p>
13 February 2020	Historic Environment	<p>NCC Regeneration/Planning No comments received</p>	Chapter 9 contains an assessment of Historic Environment

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1 st July 2019	Traffic and Transport	NCC Highways Pre-application advice from Traffic, Transport & Development Officer - Officer advised that a Transport Assessment should be prepared.	The transport assessment is Appendix 10.1
19 th December 2019	Traffic and Transport	NCC Highways Meeting with Senior Traffic, Transport and Development Officer and Principal Planning Officer. Traffic and Transport Officer recognised access route and generally satisfied if no net increase in previous HGV movements. Traffic and Transport Officer satisfied with scope of assessment.	Traffic and transport effects are assessed and reported in Chapter 10.
13 February 2020	Noise and Vibration	NCC Regeneration/Planning Questioned the potential for construction traffic noise effects to be significant	Construction traffic noise effects are screened out of the assessment that is reported in Chapter 11
13 February 2020	Air Quality	NCC Regeneration/Planning Questioned the potential for construction air quality effects to be significant	Construction air quality effects are screened out of the assessment that is reported in Chapter 12
13 February 2020	Climate Change	NCC Regeneration/Planning No comments received	Chapter 13 contains an assessment of Climate Change
17 June 2019	Human Health	NCC Regeneration/Planning Potential for contamination on site that would pose a risk to human health.	Chapter 5 contains an assessment of potential impacts on human health associated with land contamination.