

LATE SCOPING CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Consultation bodies have 28 days to respond with any comments, stating either the information that they consider should be included in the ES or that they do not have any comments.

Any responses received after the deadline will not be considered within the scoping opinion but are forwarded to the applicant for consideration in accordance with the policy set out in Advice Note 7: Environmental Impact Assessment, Screening and Scoping.

The following EIA scoping consultation responses were received after the consultation deadline specified under legislation and therefore did not form part of the Secretary of State's scoping opinion.



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10 JUL 2013

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Dear Jill,

**INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2009
SI 2263 (AS AMMENDED) (THE EIA REGULATIONS)
RE: HIRWAUN POWER STATION
APPLICATION REFERENCE: 130603_EN010059_1748484
OPERATOR: HIRWAUN POWER LTD, 49 YORK PLACE,
EDINBURGH, EH1 3JD
ADDRESS: SITE LOCATED 1.3KM SOUTH WEST OF RHIGOS,
1.4KM EAST OF HIRWAUN, 1.8KM NORTH OF PENDERYN
AND 5KM EAST OF ABERDARE**

We have consulted our technical advisors within Public Health Wales as well as PHE CRCE – Wales, and our comments are based on the information contained within the application documentation.

Hirwaun Power Ltd has asked the Planning Inspectorate for its opinion on the information to be provided in an Environmental Statement relating to the proposal for a nationally significant

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infrastructure project of a 299MWe natural gas fuelled power station, electrical connection and gas pipeline at Hirwaun Industrial Estate, near Rhigos and Hirwaun, South East Wales. The request for assessment of the environmental opinion is a precursor to an intensive and detailed independent impact of the proposed development.

The appendix outlines generic considerations that we advise are addressed by all promoters when they are preparing environmental statements for nationally significant infrastructure projects. You will notice that we have adopted the same framework as Public Health England. In terms of detail to be included in environmental statements, we recognise that the differing nature of projects is such that their impacts will vary. Our view is that the assessments undertaken to inform the environmental statement should be proportionate to the potential impacts of the proposal. Where a promoter determines that it is not necessary to undertake detailed assessment(s) (e.g. undertake qualitative rather than quantitative assessments), if the rationale for this is fully explained and justified within the application documents, the Public Health England considers this to be an acceptable approach.

Specific Comments Relating To Submitted Documentation.

The Welsh Government regards the inclusion of a Health impact Assessment within the scoping and environmental assessments as a best practice requirement. The applicant is therefore advised that any subsequent application for a Development Consent Order must include a detailed Health Impact Assessment as part of supporting documentation.

It is noted that section 5.1 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report (Cumulative Assessment) outlines the intention to take into account the potential cumulative impact the plan will have on local air quality and sensitive receptors. The applicant is advised that any other sources of local air pollution (existing or planned) should be included in the assessment and in any air dispersion modelling undertaken as part of the application process.

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Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Interim Director of Specialised and Tertiary Services

cc. Nicola John, Director of Public Health Cwm Taf Health
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